



## CAN Community Council Meeting Minutes, 6/18/2018

**Community Council Members in Attendance:** Thomas Martinez, Gloria Souhami, Laura Griebel, Eileen Schrandt, Caroline Reynolds, Ara Merjanian, Aletha Huston, Kirsha Haverlah, Myneeka Holloway, Carmen Luevanos

**Guests in attendance:** None

**CAN Staff:** Carlos Soto, Jelina Tunstill

**Call to order & announcements:** Laura called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. She opened the floor for introductions and announcements. Laura announced she is in the process of buying and selling a house. Kirsha announced that Austin Travis County kicked off a taskforce meeting where they discussed firearms and firearm surrenders for convicted domestic violence perpetrators. There were groups (Be Smart for Kids and Moms Demand Action) that were present and are actively working on decreasing the prevalence of gun violence in the community. Ara announced that he joined the Two-Gen Advisory Council with United Way. Ara and Laura will meet with United Way to express that Community Council is eager to support their Two-Gen work.

**Citizens Communication:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** There was not a quorum so the approval of 5/21/18 minutes will take place at the August meeting.

**Community Council Chair's Report:** Laura credited Ara for helping her use her time more wisely at the CAN Board of Directors meeting. At the last meeting Laura spoke about the committees and the work that each committee is doing. Laura reminded everyone that the CAN Board of Directors is an open meeting and encourage community council members to attend. Presentations that happened at the Board meeting included the Texas Disability Chamber of Commerce. They are about a year old and Laura hopes they get involved with Goodwill and the Mayor's Committees. The Austin LGBT Chamber of Commerce was added as a CAN Partner. There was another presentation on the opioid crisis specifically pertaining to youth. Vanessa Saria and Stephanie Rainbolt were the presenters. Vanessa's organization, Cardea, has a grant from the health and human services focused on young women age 13-17. Kirsha suggested that information for the Board Meetings and important events are sent out a few days before the event as a reminder.

Ara said the Dashboard Press Conference went well, had good media coverage, attendance, and he received follow up questions. He expressed this press conference was a little different, at past press conferences there was also a stage in the room. Next year will be the 10-year anniversary for the Dashboard and Ara said there is an opportunity to do something special regarding the Dashboard.

Returning to the topic of opioids, Kirsha is concerned that the opioid talk is happening in many different arenas. Gloria added that Youth Substance Abuse and Prevention Coalition and Cardea are the only two groups she is aware exist. The only person that's working on it that has funding is Vanessa, its concerning that as important this issue is, people aren't getting funding for it. Another concern is that people aren't connected and talking to each other. Laura believes that David Evans at Integral Care is leading some efforts and they have a new center with a really big focus on substance abuse. Ara said that CAN is hosting the Deliberative Dialogues on the opioid crisis this fall where people will be able to discuss the issue. Kirsha said that she wants her team to work on an asset map of resources. Laura said both the presentations mentioned that naloxone would be as readily available as the epi pen.

**Executive Director's Report:** Raul wasn't present to give his report but provided a handout.

**2018 Dashboard Presentation:** Jelina and Carlos presented the 2018 Dashboard. Carlos presented the demographic data for Austin which included that the population consists of 49% White 34% Hispanic 8% Black and 6% Asian, which means there is no outright majority. The older population in our community is 70% White and 47% of the youth in our community are Hispanic. 30% of all people in the 5 county MSA are low income. Jelina explained the baseline, targets, and trends.

The highlights in the “We are Safe Just and Engaged” section is that crime rate has gone down by 20% from 2012-2016. A big challenge in this section is the disproportionality in jail bookings because African Americans only make up 8% of the population but make up 22% of the people booked in jail.

The highlights in the “Our Basic Needs are Met” section include the decrease in poverty (from 18% in 2012 to 12% in 2016) and reduction in food insecurity (in 2012, 18% were food insecure and in 2016 15% were food insecure). The challenges are that the poverty rate for Hispanics and African Americans is twice as high as for Whites and, with regard to food security, that children are more food insecure than adults.

The highlights for the “We are Healthy” section include that health insurance rates improved by 33%. The challenge is that even though food access has improved, the obesity rate has remained unchanged.

The highlights for the “We Reach our Full Potential” unemployment is at the lowest it has been since the unemployment rate peaked in 2010. It also presents challenges because the workforce is more competitive and there is a disparity regarding the unemployment rate for African Americans when compared to Whites. For education graduation rates have surpassed 90% and achievement gaps have narrowed. When we look at postsecondary success we see that there remains a significant achievement gap.

Comments after the dashboard presentation included creating a one pager that’s specific to audience to which information is being presented, presenting at schools, and potentially training some community council members so that they can give dashboard presentations too.

#### **In-depth Committee Updates:**

**Thomas, Data Committee** – Hunter set up a website to comment or write suggestions on dashboard indicators. Aletha also added that it’s a place to post resources. It’s not intended for the public, but needs to be sent out to all community council members. The problem is that your email has to be registered before you can sign in and that is something Hunter controls.

**Eileen, Building a Person-Centered Community Committee** – There has not been a lot of movement. Because there is no meeting in July it will provide time to convene. Hunter worked on a literature review about Person Centered Communities. Ara and Eileen will do interviews and assessment. The goal is to find organizations that are implementing PCC traits and how are they training their staff. Hopefully that will all come together into a toolkit that we can share at the end of the year.

**Laura, Community Engagement Committee** – There was a lot of brainstorming. It is really cool because it captured a lot of what we talked about tonight. Our work is specifically geared towards getting the Child Poverty Report out to the people who need it the most. We talked about visiting organizations like One Voice where a lot of organizations attend. Another idea is to involve media whether it is Channel 6 (public access) or media serving communities of color. We will put together a spreadsheet of the options and bring it to the August meeting and have you all sign up.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

## Subsidized Childcare Presentation Report Out – 5/21 Presentations

- The program in Manor is focused and an excellent way to achieve results.
- Each AISD campus is different
- Family resource centers can provide comprehensive services
- Very segregated to Manor; based where the neediest families are
- What's happening with the families that leave AISD and go to charter schools?
- No oversight for people who homeschool
- Families with Voices- will they/ can they expand?
- Making sure there is quality childcare available for children and there is a great need
- This issue has been present for a long time
- Needs more funding
- There are other communities with less money doing more than we can do
- Austin has a lot of Rec centers but they aren't the community centers I would expect them to be
- Income : Cost of Housing
- It's hard to have a community when housing isn't stable