



CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 4/23/2020

Attendees: Tracy Ayrhart, Central Texas Food Bank; Alison Bentley, United Way Success by 6; Greg Cumpton, Ray Marshall Center; Jessica Garay, Workforce Solutions Capital Area; Nancy Gilliam, CAN Community Council; Caitlin Hamrock, E³ Alliance; April Klein, Travis County; Brooke Martin, Integral Care; Jackie Nirenberg, Capital Metro; Adele Noel, Travis County Air Quality; Daniel O’hanlon, Austin Community College; Shavone Otero, Housingworks Austin;

Other Guests: Dr. Patrick Bixler and Dr. David W. Springer, UT Austin RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service at the LBJ School of Public Affairs

Staff in Attendance: Raul Alvarez, Carlos Soto, Jelina Tunstill

1. Welcome and Introductions: Raul Alvarez, CAN Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm, introduced himself and invited participants to introduce themselves and provide relevant updates. Members introduced themselves. United Way is working to share 2-1-1 data regarding community needs. E3 is in the process of determining the most effective way to share useful data that considers issues due to the disruptions to the school year resulting from the COVID crisis. Austin Housing Coalition is working on the Scorecard for the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint, and in collaboration with Community Powered Workshop to work on community engagement digitally. Road traffic has declined by approximately 40%. Air quality has been impacted: NOx emissions have reduced and ozone. Particulate matter has increased, though. These factors may affect respiratory health.

2. Update on Recommended Changes for 2020: Due to the impact of COVID, a decision was made to delay publication of the Dashboard until after the summer. Now partners are busy working on COVID-19 response, and stakeholders need more timely data. The Dashboard could serve as a snapshot of what things were like before COVID. The decision to split the Crime indicator into Violent Crime and Property Crime amounts to an administrative decision and does not require executive approval. Regarding the economic indicator proposal, after talking with the Executive Committee it was decided to table discussion of changing the Poverty Indicator so that conversation can focus on the response, needs, and challenges of the emerging crisis resulting from community spread of COVID-19.

3. Dashboard 2.0 Discussion: Instead of a 28-page, long-format report, the plan is to publish a series of focused reports, which themselves can be updated more regularly. These would include an indicator-focused discussion guide, a review of local efforts, a demographics overview, and an equity analysis, all centered on the CAN Dashboard and accessible online. This shift also makes the publication schedule more flexible, and the content timelier.

4. Guest Speakers Dr. Patrick Bixler and Dr. David Springer, UT RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service: Dr. Springer provided a brief background of the RGK Center. The Austin Area Sustainability Indicators (A²SI) is a hallmark example of the RGK’s work. Every other year the RGK Center collects original survey data from residents that live and work in the 6-county Greater Austin region. The data is integrated with secondary sources to create a story about the quality of life and sustainability for the Austin area. Dr. Springer continued with an overview of the A²SI website, discussing key indicators and the longitudinal nature of the data. The focus this year is Community & Climate resilience, featuring a report that highlights social vulnerability mapping in Austin. This report, and others on topics such as social capital and civic health are available on the [reports section](#) of the A²SI website. Next Bixler discussed the Data section, highlighting [dashboards from the Austin Area Community Survey](#) that take a closer look at economic, environmental, and social sustainability. Data is available for subcategories such as ethnicity, gender, income, age, etc. With last year’s survey, all the data was

made [publicly available for download](#). The Social Vulnerability Index section includes maps at the census block group level derived from 18 different variables. An example of the kinds of success that results from working closely with partners is how St Davids have integrated social connectedness into one of the pillars of their new Strategic Plan.

Discussion: The CAN Board and Executive Committee asked us to put together a crisis response dashboard that looks at other indicators beyond the often-cited cases and deaths. The idea is to have data available showing that, once the curve flattens and folks begin to feel like we are past the crisis, it is still a critical situation in terms of basic needs and health. Another item the Board and EC asked us to emphasize was getting information out to Limited English Proficient communities. They identified a need for compiling or creating more information in different languages and connecting to helpful resources. Leadership also discussed an accountability piece on the money flowing into our community because of government responses to the crisis. Workforce Solutions need data on what dislocated workers want to do going forward. Are they going right back to work where they came from (in the service industry, etc), because of the needs of immediate income? Are they going to be interested in moving into a career with more security, higher wages? Are they interested in continuing their education? Might want to include childcare or needs related to childcare as it is often a barrier to job access that is further complicated by the COVID crisis. Before the next meeting we will put together a preliminary list of peer cities to make comparisons with.

5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.