



CAN Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, 05/08/2015

Board Members in Attendance: Dominique Renee Bowman (Senior Development Officer, Huston-Tillotson University), Bill Clabby (Associate VP Global Initiatives, St. Edward's University), Wayne Cooper (Council Member, City of Pflugerville), Kelly Crook (Superintendent, Del Valle ISD), Jerry Davis (CEO, Goodwill of Central Texas), David Escamilla (Travis County Attorney, Community Justice Council), David Evans (CEO, Austin Travis County Integral Care), Christie Garbe (VP & Chief Strategy Officer, Central Health), Margaret Gomez (Commissioner, Travis County), Anne Harutunian (Chair, CAN Community Council), Patricia Hayes (Board Member, Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce), Ora Houston (Council Member, City of Austin), Peter Kretzchmar (VP Navigation Center & Business Development, United Way for Greater Austin), Jeremy Martin (Senior VP, Government Relations & Regional Infrastructure, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce), Sabino Renteria (Council Member, City of Austin), Erica Saenz (Assistant VP for Community & External Relations, University of Texas Austin), Eileen Schrandt (Chair-Elect, CAN Community Council), Brigid Shea (Commissioner, Travis County), Simone Talma Flowers (Executive Director, Interfaith Action of Central Texas), Ann Teich (Board Trustee, Austin ISD), Dan Warth (Board Member, Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce)

Proxies in Attendance: Mary Faria (Seton Healthcare Family), Mario Flores (Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce), Becky Pastner (St. David's Foundation), Matt Snapp (Austin Travis County Integral Care)

Staff in Attendance: Hannah Brown, Mary Dodd, and Kevin Paris

Call to Order and Introductions: Erica Saenz called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. Members introduced themselves and shared the following announcements. Bill Clabby announced that graduation for St. Edward's University will take place on Saturday, May 9.

Citizens Communication: none.

Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2015: Margaret Gomez made a motion to approve the minutes. David Escamilla seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Update on CAN Executive Director Search and Approval of Job Description: Erica Saenz provided the following update.

Austin Travis County Integral Care has agreed to run the process through their Human Resources department. The Executive Committee revised the job description for the Executive Director. There are two changes: relocated strategic leadership roles to top of job description and added phrase that ATCIC serves as fiscal agent and employer of record. Upon board approval, position will be posted through ATCIC HR process. Board Members are encouraged to distribute the position through their networks. The final three candidates will be brought before the Board by the Executive Committee for consideration. The Executive Committee's goal is to have the Executive Director in place by September 1. Board members noted a few grammatical changes needed: add "-" to Huston-Tillotson, add "of Commerce" to Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber, add "of" to Interfaith Action of Central Texas, and capitalize "interfaith". Motion to approve by Margaret Gomez. Second by Ann Teich. The description was approved unanimously. The updated and approved version will be distributed to Board members electronically.

Updates from CAN Chair: Erica Saenz provided the following updates:

- *Cultural Competence Leader Training:* Three sessions have been completed. The first session focused on individual cultural competence. The second and third sessions focused on creating culturally competent organizations. The final session will be on May 15th. Around forty people participated in the training. All resources will be shared on the CAN website and with the CAN Board. ATCIC and the Austin Police Department will be sharing at the May 15th training.
- *Regional Policy Summit:* CAN is working with numerous regional partners to plan a summit that will focus on how to encourage shared prosperity across the region. The summit is tentatively scheduled for October.

Update on Roll-out of 2015 CAN Dashboard: Mary Dodd provided the following update.

All are invited to the Press Conference on May 20th at 10 a.m. at City Hall. The sixth annual CAN Dashboard Report is now at the printer. Thanks to Travis County Commissioners' Court for printing 2000 copies. Thanks to board members who have agreed to be quoted in press releases building up to report release. CAN has implemented an active social media campaign to promote the dashboard report release.

CAN staff are happy to present the data in the dashboard report to any group you like. Thanks to Kevin Paris and the Dashboard Steering Committee for their work. More detailed information is available online. Information in the dashboard drives creation of the future CAN Work Plan. Indicators of concern noted by CAN Board Members included Adult Mental Health and Adult Obesity.

Report from CAN Community Council: Anne Harutunian, chair of the CAN Community Council, gave the following report. The CAN Community Council is composed of 30 self-appointed members who represent a variety of sectors and geographies throughout our community. Their April meeting focused on the immigrant population. Representatives from Southwest Keys Good Neighbors Program participated in the April meeting. The three agencies who presented to the Community Council included Caritas of Austin, Catholic Charities of Central Texas, and American Gateways. Providing services to immigrants requires the service to be person-centered because every immigrant's situation is highly unique. These organizations desire more flexibility in grants to provide more person-centered services and more volunteers. The May Community Council meeting will focus on service providers to the veteran community. Commissioner Brigid Shea will also be a part of that May meeting. All board meetings are invited to participate.

Discussion: A board member recommended that the Community Council connect with ECHO efforts around housing for veterans. Additionally, it's important for CAN partners to recognize the need for continued supports and services for refugees in our community. The Caritas Executive Director, who was present in the audience, shared that once refugees have complete 120 days, Caritas works closely with Refugee Services of Texas, who the federal long-term refugee services grant, to ensure they continue receiving supports. Caritas data shows that over 90% of refugees they serve are able to achieve self-sufficiency within that 120 day period. It would be helpful for City Hall to have information on where to refer refugees for services and supports.

Last month, Com. Gomez and Judge Eckhardt met with immigrant service providers in the community to work toward creating a data base of service providers. They anticipate hosting an additional meeting.

The CAN Community Council is organizing a summit for October 19th and will bring an update to the board once the agenda is created.

CAN Endorsement of the "Two-Generation Vision for Austin" (Action) – Erica Saenz

The Two Generation Advisory Committee presented to the CAN Board at the February meeting and have since gathered a number of endorsements from groups around the community. Endorsement of this vision is a CAN endorsement, it is not committing individual partners to any action. CAN will keep the vision in mind in creation of CAN Work Plan, etc. Motion to adopt by David Escamilla. Second by Commissioner Gomez. Further discussion led to the following amendment to the motion: revise the preamble to the vision statement to read "The Community Advancement Network endorses the following multi-generation vision for Austin. All in favor of motion as amended.

CAN signing of the "School Readiness Action Plan Leadership Team" agreement (Action)

Hannah Brown is currently the CAN representative to this team. Motion to approve signing agreement by Peter Kretzchmar. Second by Eileen Schrandt. Motion approved unanimously.

School Readiness Action Plan (2015-2018): *Alison Bentley, Program Coordinator, Success by 6, United Way for Greater Austin*

Presentation can be accessed online at: http://www.canatx.org/CAN-Councils/Board_of_Directors/Presentations/.

The School Readiness Action Plan (SRAP) was created when a large amount of early childhood funding was lost due to competition between providers. In 2011, 87% of low-income children were not ready for school. The 2012-2015 plan was created by hundreds of stakeholders, parents, and national experts and facilitators working together. The vision is public and private sectors working together to keep school readiness a top priority in our community. The SRAP Leadership Team is composed of funding and planning entities working to align policies, agendas, and funding with SRAP goals. A large number of stakeholders and working groups work to create and implement the SRAP. The stakeholder group meets quarterly. There have been numerous successes over the past three years. The City and County aligned funding with SRAP. A large, ten-agency collaborative received city funding for home-visiting and parent education and is taking big steps toward alignment. Feasibility studies are being conducted around social impact grants for teen pregnancy and home visiting. School readiness information is being distributed to families. Head Start increased services to 3-year olds. Workforce Solutions increased supports and services for low-income families and children. The Austin Public Library doubled bilingual story times in low income areas. United Way started a partnership with the Dell Pediatric Residency Program to connect with family support agencies. Austin Children's Services received a multi-million dollar grant to implement Project HOPES. The Final update to 2012-2015 SRAP is accessible online at http://www.unitedwayaustin.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/UWATX_SRAP_Year_Three_Update_Final.pdf.

The 2015-2018 SRAP will be published next week. Its creation followed a similar process to the previous plan of stakeholder engagement, including parents and caregivers. The plan includes goals, strategies, and progress measures. Our community is currently poised to maximize alignment around the area of Ready Families. The SRAP is intentionally aligned with the Travis County Children's Mental Health Plan. The SRAP prioritizes ensuring children are getting developmental screenings early and frequently so that they can access services as early as possible. Early childhood investments have a very high return on investment.

How can the CAN Board help? Help strengthen the "Ready Health and Mental Health Services" section of the plan. Maintain core funding for early childhood. Increase local investments in and support for proven early childhood programming.

Discussion

Board members discussed how Governor Abbott's Pre-K bill will impact local Pre-K efforts.

The school readiness data included in the SRAP is collected by E3 Alliance. This indicator is also included in the CAN Community Dashboard.

United Way is working with partners to conduct a feasibility study around the Pay for Success model. CAN will follow up on this work as a possible connection.

Final Discussion and Comments:

Interfaith Action of Central Texas honored Michael Morton this week, and he shared a powerful message about forgiveness. There is a documentary available about him titled "An Unreal Dream" on Netflix.

On June 16th from 6:00 – 9:00 PM, St. Edward's University will host the Prime Minister of Japan. All are invited.

City of Pflugerville celebrated their 65th anniversary as a legal entity this week.

Brigid Shea shared that My Fit Foods donates leftover food to food pantries, but the food requires refrigeration. Additionally, Travis County Commissioners' Court is sponsoring a property tax appraisal forum on May 19th at First Unitarian Church from 6-8 PM.

Adjournment: Erica Saenz, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Board agendas, minutes and presentations are available online at: http://www.canatx.org/CAN-Councils/Board_of_Directors/. Future 2015 CAN Board meetings will take place the second Friday of each month as follows: June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11, unless otherwise communicated.