



CAN Board of Directors Meeting 2/09/18 Minutes

Location: Boards & Commissions room, Austin City Hall

Present: **Marina Bhargava**, Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce; **Eric Bustos**, Capital Metro; **Kelly Crook**, Del Valle ISD; **Jerry Davis**, Goodwill Central Texas; **Sara Eckhardt**, Travis County Judge; **David Escamilla**, Community Justice Council; **David Evans**, Integral Care; **Simone Talma Flowers**, Interfaith Action of Central Texas; **Juan Garza**, (for Mike Geeslin) Central Health; **Laura Griebel**, CAN Community Council; **Patricia Hayes**, Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce; **Liz Johnson**, St. Edward's University; **Melissa Krauss**, St. David's Foundation; **Jeremy Martin**, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce; **Irma Martínez**, Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; **Ara Merjanian**, CAN Community Council; **Sabino Rentería**, Austin City Council Member; **Ronda Rutledge**, One Voice Central Texas; **Erica Saenz**, UT Division of Diversity and Community Engagement; **David Smith**, United Way for Greater Austin; **Jeffrey Travillion**, Travis County Commissioner.

CAN staff in attendance: Raul Alvarez, Justin X. Hale, and Carlos Soto

Other guests: **Mary Dodd**, Integral Care; **Hunter Ellinger**, CAN Community Council; **Sherri Fleming**, Travis County; **Kirsha Haverlagh**, CAN Community Council, **Diane Miller**, Civic Collaboration; **Nick Solórzano**, Office of Council Member Renteria; **Luanne Southern**, Integral Care

Call to order and Introductions: Dr. Crook called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm and members introduced themselves. David Evans mentioned that the Central Texas African American Support Conference is scheduled for February 27-28 at the Parmer Events Center. Jeremy Martin announced that the Generous Business Awards are scheduled for March 22 at the Hyatt Regency.

Approval of minutes from 12/8/17 and 1/12/18: The 12/8/17 meeting minutes were approved as submitted, on a motion by Jerry Davis, seconded by Simone Talma Flowers. The 1/12/18 Beginning of Year Celebration Notes were approved, on a motion by Ronda Rutledge, seconded by Jeremy Martin.

Community Council Report: Laure Griebel announced that the Community Council will be having its first meeting next Monday, February 12, and has drafted its work plan for the year. Griebel highlighted some aspects of the plan, including the Community Council's Child Poverty report and next steps, identification of legislative issues aligned with strategic priorities, the continuation of work around building a person-centered community & strengthening 2-Gen approaches, continuing support for the Deliberative Dialogues, and the establishment of committees to move the work forward.

Executive Director's Report: Raul Alvarez thanked Hunter Ellinger, Community Council Vice-Chair & representative on the Dashboard Steering Committee, and Kirsha Haverlagh, Community Council member & past chair and Travis County Justice Planning Department Social Services Program Director, for their work with the Council and attending this meeting. Next, Alvarez announced that the Language Access Action Team held their first meeting on February 7, and will meet the First Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am, location TBD. Please use the sign-up sheet to let us know if you are interested in more information or to designate a person from your organization. The Central Texas Regional Summit will be held on November 14th at the San Marcos Activity Center. In the Fall, CAN will continue its deliberative dialogues with this year's discussion topic being the Opioid Crisis. Staff and members of the CAN Executive Committee plan to reach out to CAN partners to discuss their interest in engaging in the two CAN priority issues: addressing institutional racism and supporting the Community

Workforce Plan. The final item Alvarez discussed was the Annual Report (distributed via email) on the final page of the Executive Director's handout. The report is also available [on the CAN website](#).

Discussion: David Evans mentioned that an annual report that summarizes how many things have been accomplished, and how well they have met their goals, reflects on a very small but very capable staff that approaches work in a collaborative manner, getting things done in an exemplary way. Evans thanked CAN Staff for their excellent work.

Purpose and Scheduling of CAN Partner Spotlight: Kelly Crook discussed some of the changes the Board would like to recommend regarding the Agenda format. At the last Executive Committee Meeting, there was an interest in streamlining meetings & increasing their value to our members, and having tools to continue to support work on issues brought up in our meetings. The sheet with the highlighted Agenda template contains the recommendations for how we would like to reformat our meetings. Traditionally we have 2 major presentations from partners or outside groups. A different focus for these presentations is proposed in 2018. We would continue with our CAN Partner Spotlight agenda item, using that for introductions of any new members or any of our current members who have never presented, or any current members with specific strategic initiatives coming up during the year they'd like to present. For the CAN priority issue presentation, we would like CAN Partners to sign up and let us know what their progress is toward our identified workplan priorities, which are Supporting Implementation of the Community Workforce Plan, Addressing Institutional Racism, and facilitating community dialogues on the Opioid Crisis.

Discussion: Erica Sáenz, UT, would like to sign up for both, to present on their campus-wide Diversity and Inclusion Campus Plan, which is getting onto its 1st year of activity under the Plan. A brief and report are planned for release in March with data and information to share. Dr. Crook mentioned that the Board would like members to include a Call to Action at the end of your CAN Priority Presentations, The call-to-action could be, for example, a list of areas for growth within that partner organization that other partners could collaborate to support.

2017 Deliberative Dialogue Report: Raul Alvarez introduced Dianne Miller, from Civic Collaboration, who has collaborated with CAN, Leadership Austin, and iACT and with the Kettering Foundation and other local partners on the Deliberative Dialogues model. Last year CAN, iACT and Civic Collaboration were able to use the National Issues Forum Issue Guide on Safety and Justice to facilitate deliberative dialogues on the topic of police and community relations. Diane Miller provided a brief background on the Kettering Foundation, a nonprofit cooperative research-based organization whose primary research question is "what does it take to make democracy work as it should?" The deliberative dialogue model and folks who use that model are supported in a variety of ways by Kettering and the National Issues Forum. CAN's history with Deliberative Dialogues included Building a Community of Equity & Opportunity in 2015-16 and Safety & Justice in 2017. In 2018, the topic will be Addressing the Opioids Crisis.

Next, Miller discussed the process followed as part of a deliberative dialogue. The process is standardized with specific steps performed in a specific manner. As an example, Miller showed a video that was played at the Safety & Justice dialogues. Next, Miller discussed the local issue guide. Alvarez then reviewed the dates and locations of the 2017 dialogues, and provided an overview of the participants. The full presentation is available in the [Board of Directors section](#) of the CAN Website.

Discussion: Discussion began with a question speaking to the rise in consumption of false or misleading media products and if there was an issue guide available to support discussions on that topic, followed by a question about how participants were recruited. Participants were recruited through diverse networks, and the host organizations promoted through their networks. David Evans made the observation that this might be a good skill

to incorporate into the primary educational curriculum, sparking a series of responses agreeing with the observation and elaborating on the utility of such a proposition with examples currently being tried at various institutions.

Deliberative Dialogue 2018 Preview: Raul Alvarez called attention to the Issue Advisory on the Opioid Crisis that was included in the packet. Just like took place with the Safety and Justice community dialogues, we will create a summary of local conditions relating to the selected topic. If you want to be a part of the planning, which will start in the next month, please contact CAN staff.

Impact of Opioids on Travis County: Mary Dodd, Senior Planner at Integral Care, introduced herself and thanked the Board for the opportunity to present. Dr Craig Frankey, CME for Integral Care, also introduced himself. Dodd provided a brief history and background about the opioid epidemic. Dr. Frankey spoke about what we can do to address the opioid epidemic. The presentation, which includes a great deal of useful data, is available [on the CAN website](#). Highlights from the presentation: Texas is one of the 26 states that saw a significant increase in the overdose death rate from 2000 to 2016. Of drug overdose deaths in Austin, 64% involve opioids. Another chart that was shared reported Drug Poisoning Related Hospitalizations per 100,000 for the USA, which showed that younger people are being hospitalized due to Heroin while older adults are being hospitalized more commonly due to prescription. In Travis County, the data is less easy to access. Approximately 80% of people who abuse heroin report having first used prescription opioids. Opioid prescription rates have decreased for USA, Texas, and Travis.

Highlights from Dr. Frankey's section: Texas received \$27,362,357 for State Opioid Crisis Grants; and Dell Medical School is currently partnering with Integral Care and other health partners to collaborate on new services. Today's presentation focuses on what is currently available. Naloxone, an opioid receptor antagonist (i.e., it effectively blocks the receptor), is an important tool to save lives, available over the counter at all Walgreens and CVS pharmacies in Austin. Increasing availability of Naloxone is an important component of Integral Care's strategy coupled with Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT), using medication in combination with therapy/counseling/peer recovery support. Integral Care also supports legal protections for patients participating in MAT. Integral Care served 982 individuals in calendar year 2017 who had an opioid-related diagnosis.

Discussion: Issues/questions that were discussed included: the difference between poisoning and overdose death; the distinction between accidental vs self-inflicted overdose; the origin of referrals for treatment programs that were mentioned in the presentation; if a person could be counted multiple times in the data; how we might go about getting more accurate information for Travis County; the availability of and need for an asset map for available treatment and prevention programs.

Adjournment: Kelly Crook reminded members about the planning team for the deliberative dialogues and encouraged Board members to sign up. Dr. Crook adjourned the meeting at 3:02 pm.