

## CAN Community Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 14, 2020

Zoom Video Conference

**Present:** Thomas Martinez, Nora Comstock, Kelly Crook, Hunter Ellinger, Nancy Gilliam, Rachel Hampton, James May, Saatvik Ahluwalia, Sam Hensley, Caroline Reynolds, Blanca Alvarado, Laura Goettsche

**Staff Present:** Raul Alvarez, Jelina Tunstill, Carlos Soto

**Guests:** Ara Merjianian, Lisa Boyd, Donovan Priest

<b>Call to Order and Announcements</b>	Nora called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
<b>Approval of November 30, 2020 Minutes</b>	The November 30, 2020 minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Rachel with a second by Sam.
<b>CAN Executive Director Report</b>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Raul presented the finalized CAN 2021 Workplan and how it connects to the Community Council. He wants to increase engagement around CAN data/research. He stressed the importance of staying focused to make an impact and elevating the engagement piece as much as the policy focus in the Community Council's work. Goal 1 is enhancing awareness of needs. We've talked about creating more online tools that can be easily shared through social media. In the past couple of years, we have created the equity blog, the podcasts, and the WeCanATX! Website. We want to take the Dashboard and create little bite-sized informational pieces that can be shared. That includes engaging our partners. Strategy 1.4 specifically mentions Community Council holding a State of the Safety Net forum.</p> <p>Under Goal 2 which is "lead, support, and facilitate community &amp; partner collaboration aimed at addressing identified community needs and challenges" we've included a focus on mental health. Part of this work is assessing who is doing what and what is CAN and the Community Council's role in addressing mental health. He stated that its best to pick something a policy area where there isn't a lot of work already happening to avoid duplication of efforts.</p> <p>Under Goal 3 which is "strengthen organizational structure, membership, and partner engagement/ deliberation" CAN is close to becoming a formal entity, a TUUNAA, which will help the organization in a variety of ways. We also want to strengthen the relationship we have with our partners by better orienting new members and keep partners informed via periodic updates.</p>

	<p><b>Q&amp;A:</b> Nora stated that even though there are other groups working on certain topics, we can join with them to develop a more comprehensive report instead of abandoning the issue.</p>
<p><b>Membership Update and Nomination of New Members</b></p>	<p>Lisa Boyd was voted into the CAN Community Council unanimously on a motion by Rachel and a second by Kelly.</p> <p>New members gave short introductions.</p>
<p><b>2021 Planning Retreat, Part 2</b></p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Ara gave a review of the workplan template for the workgroups. Each workgroup will do about 3 months worth of work to produce a product that can be shared with the CAN Board. The workplan template included a list of members, development of purpose and scope, roles and responsibilities, and space to plan 3 Community Council meetings for the year (including speakers and presentations)</p> <p>Breakout session conversations are reflected in workgroups development of their workplan. Linked below.</p> <p>Housing:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gFEy24ZIFEjMbZc85Y1siv34qR9xVytQ/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gFEy24ZIFEjMbZc85Y1siv34qR9xVytQ/view?usp=sharing</a></p> <p>Mental Health:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y8R1RT6EN14vSZa3WpkfuQVraMsV4aAP/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y8R1RT6EN14vSZa3WpkfuQVraMsV4aAP/view?usp=sharing</a></p> <p>Food Insecurity: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i9029H-tJj1K5kSoYDVTfB6xI6a99h20/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i9029H-tJj1K5kSoYDVTfB6xI6a99h20/view?usp=sharing</a></p> <p><b>Action Steps:</b> Jelina will create a working google folder for each workgroup to have a space collaborate.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Nora adjourned the meeting 8:05 pm.</p>