



CAN Board of Directors Meeting

02/09/24 Minutes

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: **Monica Muñoz Andry**, Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; **Chris Cervini**, Austin Community College; **Donovon DePriest**, CAN Community Council; **Simone Talma Flowers**, Interfaith Action of Central Texas; **Vanessa Fuentes**, Council Member, City of Austin; **Suchitra Gururaj**, UT Austin; **Celia Hughes**, One Voice Central Texas; **Kelly Hyten**, Ascension Seton; **Liz Johnson**, St. Edward's University; **Jeremy Martin**, Austin Chamber of Commerce; **Chris Weddle**, Del Valle ISD, **Korey Darling**, Travis County

CAN staff in attendance: Raul Alvarez, Jelina Tunstill

Call To Order, Welcome, and Introductions: CAN Board Chair Liz Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm and welcomed folks in attendance. Members introduced themselves.

Minutes: The September, October, and January Board meeting minutes, and the December Retreat notes, were approved after a motion was submitted by Council Member Fuentes and seconded by Chris Cervini. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Community Council Report: The co-chairs met yesterday. One of the items that has been discussed at the retreat as well as previously is the idea of revamping the structure of the Executive Committee, because all 3 chairs of the Community Council count towards the quorum of the Executive Committee. Having 1 member from the Community Council attend would work better for them. The issue will be discussed with the full Community Council later this month to see if they would like to make a recommendation. Continuing the work on Building a Person-Centered Community, work is underway to determine if there is a need to revise the framework and raise awareness. The next meeting will include work on refining the work plan. Please encourage folks who you think may be a good fit to join the Community Council.

Executive Director's Report: In addition to continuing our work in Mental Health, the upcoming Regional Summit, and Butler Awards, one of the focus areas for this year is to engage member organizations more. We developed a survey to help members match with one of several committees with who they can engage. This includes the Language Access Team, opportunities to participate in Race Equity Principles in Practice trainings in April and October, the Dashboard Steering Committee for Data/Research professionals, and the CAN Community Council.

2024 Budget & 2024 Work Plan: Board members reviewed updated budget documents as the Executive Director provided an overview of changes in the new budget. The budget was approved after a motion was submitted by Chris Cervini and seconded by Council Member Fuentes. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Raul provided an overview of updates to the 2024 Work Plan. First, he highlighted items deleted because the work related to them had been completed or the commitments fulfilled. An overview of items modified followed. Next was an overview of new items in the 2024 work plan. Quorum was no longer present, so there was no vote on the work plan.

Mental Health First Aid Challenge Update: Five months ahead of schedule, the goal of training 1,000 staff from member organizations was met. As of December 31, 2023, 1,160 individuals who work with CAN member organizations have been trained in Mental Health First Aid. The final date on the 2024 training schedule is scheduled for March 14. Integral Care holds one monthly MHFA community training free of charge.

Regional Summit Planning Update & Feedback on Ideas for Engaging CAN Members: The 2024 CAN Regional Summit on Expanding Opportunity is scheduled for April 5th at the ACC Round Rock Campus. We are collaborating with Workforce Solutions Capital Area and Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area to identify panelists. Chris Cervini shared his excitement to have ACC host the summit, and announced there would be tours of the campus

available after the event. Lunch will be provided at the event, so please register so we can get an idea of how many will attend and what kinds of dietary accommodation would be appropriate. The focus will be on upskilling through “earn & learn” opportunities. This includes a focus on building awareness & developing resources. Necessary work involves defining the audience and targeting marketing/outreach accordingly, developing tools to facilitate promoting the summit, engaging regional stakeholders prior to the event, and determining how to engage on emerging themes and outcomes after the summit. Ara Merjanian mentioned that an important aspect that impacts educational & work opportunities is mental health. The summit could be an opportunity to revisit one of the recommendations from previous Community Council reports, such as the need to have more peer support specialists.

Adjournment: Liz Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:59 pm.