



CAN Board of Directors Meeting

04/12/24 Minutes

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: Celso Baez III, CapMetro; Celia Hughes, One Voice Central Texas; Liz Johnson, St. Edward's University; Hal Katz, Integral Care; Yael Lawson, Workforce Solutions Capital Area; Patricia Longoria, CAN Community Council; Jeremy Martin, Austin Chamber of Commerce; José Velásquez, Council Member, City of Austin; Jeffrey Travillion, Commissioner, Travis County

Other guests: Korey Darling, Travis County; Ara Merjanian

CAN staff in attendance: Raul Alvarez, Jelina Tunstill

Call To Order, Welcome, and Introductions: CAN Executive Director Raul Alvarez called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm and welcomed folks in attendance. Members introduced themselves.

Minutes: The February Board meeting minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

Community Council Report: Patricia Longoria mentioned that the Community Council will consider adding two new members at the next meeting. They continue to recruit new members, and are open to recommendations. They will also work on finalizing the work plan, considering a focus on "Expanding Opportunity" next. They also continue to focus on building a person-centered community, with a focus on children and the aging population. They plan to continue this work until about June. Upcoming speakers at the next meeting are the Black Families and Parents Collective, and someone from the Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities. For the second half of the year, they will be taking a closer look at issues relating to "Expanding Opportunity" that would complement the priorities already selected by the CAN Board.

Executive Director's Report & 2024 Work Plan Adoption: A survey is currently open to recruit individuals from partners organizations to participate in engagement opportunities, including participation on Board committees, serving on the language access team, requesting CAN-led mental health trainings, participating in "Race Equity Principles in Practice" training, suggesting people to serve on the CAN Dashboard Steering Committee, and suggested people to serve on the Community Council. A few weeks ago, we also held the CAN celebration, where we recognized several community members and organizations with the CAN Butler Awards. At the last meeting, the 2024 budget was approved but the work plan was short on quorum for approval. A brief overview of changes/updates in this year's work plan was provided. No vote was taken due to a lack of quorum.

Mental Health First Aid Challenge & Language Access Project for Mental Health Update: We continue working on our Language Access Project for Mental Health and Wellness. We have conducted over 40 presentations on our Spanish mental health toolkit with over 400 participants so far. We are still working on the Arabic and Vietnamese toolkits, with outreach to begin once translation of certain resources has been completed.

Regional Summit Follow-up Action Outline & Discussion: Around the Earn & Learn topic, the conversation focused on building awareness & resources. We created a FAQ document for the summit with information regarding what we mean by Earn & Learn & highlighting effective examples. Topics of discussion during the CAN Expanding Opportunity Summit included a regional workforce profile, research by Young Invincibles on barriers to participation as well as panels to profile a variety of earn and learn programs. One of the things we are working with ACC and Workforce Solutions Capital Area and Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area is to draft earn and learn program profiles for the 5-counties in the MSA and as a way of making this information more readily available to the public. We are also working to establish a regional earn and learn work group to follow-up on Summit learnings and to share information about local earn and learn opportunities. We still need to determine if we want to do the next summit in November 2025, and if we should hold it in Caldwell County. Making sure the

workgroup aligns with the organizations that are engaged in this work on a daily basis is important. Regarding the 2025 summit, since CAN will be celebrating our 30th anniversary in 2025, then we might consider delaying the summit to 2026.

Finally, Raul noted that the next meeting, scheduled in May, will be in-person. At the meeting we will begin our conversation about strategic planning.

Adjournment: Liz Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:03 pm.