



CAN Board of Directors Meeting

08/09/24 Minutes

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: **Chris Cervini**, Austin Community College; **Stephen Dellert** (for Celso Báez), CapMetro; **Juan Garza**, (for Mike Geeslin, Central Health); **Mike Gerber**, HACA; **Suchi Gururaj**, UT Austin; **Kimberly Holiday**, Council Member, City of Pflugerville; **Liz Johnson**, St. Edward's University; **Hal Katz**, Integral Care; **Yael Lawson**, Work Force Solutions Capital Area; **Patricia Longoria**, CAN Community Council; **Jeremy Martin**, Austin Chamber of Commerce; **Pilar Sanchez**, Travis County; **Ofelia Zapata**, Austin ISD Trustee; **Laura La Fuente**, Austin Public Health

Other guests: Jaime Garcia, Andy Roddick Foundation; Sylvia Blanco-Calderon, HACA; Cathy McHorse, United Way

CAN Staff in attendance: Raul Alvarez, Jelina Tunstill, Carlos Soto

Call To Order, Welcome, and Introductions: CAN Chair Liz Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm and welcomed folks in attendance. Members introduced themselves.

Minutes: The May 10, 2024, Board meeting minutes and the June 14, 2024 Board meeting minutes were approved after a motion submitted by Juan Garza was seconded by Pilar Sanchez. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Council Report: Patricia Longoria reported that the Council have concluded the presentations on Building a Person Centered Community and are now convening a work group to update the report. They've also designated a sub-committee who will be providing feedback to Kids Living Well on Travis County Children's Mental Health and Substance Use Plan. At the upcoming meeting, Council members will continue the discussion about what the Expanding Economic Opportunity work will look like. They will also look at the draft of the updated Building a Person Centered Community report. They continue looking for new members and encourage members to recruit or nominate new members.

Executive Director's Report & 2024 Work Plan Adoption: Raul Alvarez provided a brief overview of the process through which CAN has been through to become a non-profit association per the Texas Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act (TUUNAA). The next step is to pass a resolution to authorize the submission of a DBA registration. A motion to approve the resolution was submitted by Pilar Sanchez, which was seconded by Chris Cervini. The motion passed unanimously. An overview of the proposed activities to prepare for the CAN 30th anniversary discussion was provided. A motion to approve the proposed plans was submitted by Suchi Gururaj, which was seconded by Hal Katz. The motion passed unanimously. Strategic planning small-group sessions are being scheduled, to get feedback from board members, and will be taking place before October.

Mental Health First Aid Challenge: By May of this year, we have documented over 1,400 CAN-affiliated individuals participating in Mental health First Aid trainings. Board members were invited to consider a proposal to extend the challenge to the end of calendar year 2025. With the revised goals being to train 3000 individuals and have 30 new people become trained to be MHFS trainers between now and the end of calendar year 2025. Ophelia Zapata submitted a motion to approve the proposals, Mike Gerber seconded the motion.

Affordable Childcare Now proposal: Cathy McHorse and Jaime La Fuente Garcia lead the presentation. They work together on the Affordable Childcare Now coalition to support equitable access to affordable, quality childcare for all. As part of that work, a resolution called the CARES (Creating Access for Resilient Families) resolution was developed and approved by the Travis County Commissioner's Court in May. That resolution was followed by a resolution calling an election on Nov. 5th to create a dedicated local funding stream to increase access to: affordable, quality childcare; as well as out of school time programs. An overview of the background, goals, guiding principles, recommended strategies for investment, administration & governance, short & long-term economic impact, and timeline was provided before questions were taken.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.