



CAN Board of Directors Meeting

12/13/24 Minutes

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: Celso Báez III, Cap Metro; Sylvia Blanco Calderon, HACA; Megan Cermak, Central Health; Simone Talma Flowers, iACT; Mike Gerber, HACA; Celia Hughes, One Voice Central Texas; Liz Johnson, St. Edward's University; Hal Katz, Integral Care; Laura La Fuente, Austin Public Health; Yael Lawson, Workforce Solutions Capital Area; Craig McNary, CAN Community Council; Regan G. Moffitt, St. David's Foundation; Amy Price, United Way for Greater Austin; Pilar Sanchez, Travis County; Jeff Travillion, Precinct 1 Commissioner, Travis County.

Other guests: Jacqueline Evans, Cap Metro; Patricia Hayes; Ara Merjanian, CAN Community Council; Walter Muse, Precinct One Commissioner's Office.

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 1:01 pm and welcomed folks in attendance. Members introduced themselves.

Minutes: The September 13, 2024, Board meeting minutes and the October 11, 2024 Retreat Notes were approved after a motion submitted by Commissioner Travillion was seconded by Mike Gerber. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Council Report: Ara Merjanian provided a brief overview of previous work that led to development of the Person-Centered Community Framework, followed by a deeper dive into the process through which the framework was updated. Craig McNary continued with specific details about the proposed revisions. A motion to approve the revised Community Council Report was submitted by Laura LaFuenta. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Travillion.

Executive Director's Report & 2024 Work Plan Adoption: Raul Alvarez invited members to check out the meeting folder to learn about our planned activities next year, beginning with a 30-day Wellness Challenge for the month of January. The CAN Celebration is planned for March, and we plan to have a fundraising luncheon in the fall for the Central Texas Language Access Fund. In addition, CAN staff will facilitate an interview series where we learn from folks who have been part of CAN over the years to learn about CAN's history as well. Raul also noted that the Regional Summit is scheduled to take place at the end of the year.

CAN Strategic Plan 2025-2027 Discussion and Adoption: Patricia Hayes led board members through a summary of the Strategic Plan draft and the process for developing this draft. This 2025-2027 plan was developed through a process that began in 2024 and included over 60 stakeholders including board members, staff, community members, funders, and partners. Hayes discussed common threads that arose throughout the process, issues that emerged during the process, and strategic priorities that were identified as a result. Specific details about the threads & issues were shared in the meeting folder. The four strategic priority areas, identified in the plan as Pillars, are: (i) stakeholder engagement & relationship development; (ii) external engagement, marketing & outreach; (iii) capacity building; and (iv) organizational sustainability. Hayes then dove deeper into each pillar, the goal for the pillar, and key action steps. Members agreed to continue the conversation at the next Board Meeting to allow more time for discussion.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.