



CAN Board of Directors Meeting

01/10/25 Minutes

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: Celso Báez III, CapMetro; Sylvia Blanco Calderon, HACA; Chris Cervini, Austin Community College; Aaron DeLao, United Way for Greater Austin; Simone Talma Flowers, Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT); Juan Garza, (for Mike Geeslin, Central Health); Mike Gerber; HACA; Suchitra Gururaj, UT Austin; Kimberly Holiday, Pflugerville City Council Member; 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; Jeremy Martin, Austin Chamber of Commerce; Craig McNary, CAN Community Council; Regan G. Moffitt, St. David's Foundation; Pilar Sanchez, Travis County; Tamey Williams-Hill, Austin ISD;

Other guests: Jacqueline Evans, CapMetro;

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

Call To Order, Welcome, and Introductions: Outgoing CAN Chair Liz Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm and welcomed folks in attendance. Members introduced themselves.

Minutes: The December 13, 2024, Board meeting minutes were approved after a motion submitted by Craig McNary was seconded by Sylvia Calderon. The motion was approved unanimously.

Appointment of 2025 CAN Vice Chair: A motion to appoint Chris Cervini to act as 2025 CAN Vice Chair submitted by Craig McNary, which was seconded by Pilar Sanchez, was approved unanimously.

Community Council Report: Craig McNary discussed the Council's efforts to implement the current work plan, including reviewing current outputs for alignment with the person-centered community report and the goal of expanding opportunity. The council is also discussing the topic of regional work and the ways in which CAN's role would be most effective (especially because, as of the most recent election, Lockhart joined the ACC district).

Executive Director's Report & 2024 Work Plan Adoption: Raul, CAN's Executive Director, began his report by noting that this is our second year collaborating with Contigo Wellness on a 30-Day Mental Wellness Challenge to start the year. We are posting daily updates on our social media platforms outlining daily wellness activities. Work continues on the Language Access Project for Mental Health with 2 trainings per month (one virtual and one in-person) in Spanish. If you have a group to which you would like for us to present, please let us know. Thanks to St. David's and United Healthcare for providing funding for that project. Coming up is the first meeting of the Earn & Learn Opportunities Work Group, to find topics to highlight in a series of Expanding Opportunity Forums related to effective Earn & Learn programs. Please let us know if you are interested in collaborating on those. This year is CAN's 30th Anniversary, and every month featuring a different event. Next month there will be a forum on Building a Person-Centered Community, and the following month will be the 30th anniversary celebration.

Raul provided an overview of the proposed budget for 2025. The proposed budget was discussed and then a motion to approve the 2025 CAN Budget submitted by Aaron DeLao. The second to the motion was by Juan Garza, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Raul presented a proposal to create a new awards category for the annual Butler Awards process to coincide with CAN's 30th anniversary celebration. The new awards category, The Transformational Impact Award, was developed in collaboration with the Executive Committee. A motion to approve the new Butler Awards category was made by Craig McNary with a second by Juan Garza. The motion was approved unanimously.

CAN Strategic Plan 2025-2027 Discussion and Adoption: Raul Alvarez provided a recap of the work over the past 9 months that has resulted in the development of the plan presented at December's Board meeting. A motion to approve the 2025-2027 CAN Strat Plan submitted by Pilar Sanchez. The second to the motion was by Craig McNary. The plan was approved unanimously.

Priority Topics for Convening of Small Group Connections: One of the goals of this year's work is to find ways to engage with our members and build mutual connections. As part of the work to gather input, a survey was developed and shared with Board members. Raul then highlighted some of the small group discussion topics that had come up during deliberations relating to the strategic plan, including at the retreat. Board members were encouraged to fill out the survey so that those topics can be finalized.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.