

## CAN Community Council Notes

June 17, 2024, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Zoom Video Conference

**Attendees:** Kelly Crook, Caroline Reynolds, Craig McNary, Ara Merjanian, Rachel Hampton, Donovan DePriest, Nancy Gilliam

**CAN Staff:** Jelina Tunstill, Raul Alvarez, Carlos Soto

**Guests:** None

<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 11:36 am. A quorum was present.
<b>Approval of minutes from the April 15, 2024 and May 20, 2024 Meetings</b>	The April 15, 2024 and May 20, 2024 meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Kelly and a second by Rachel.
<b>Community Council Chair's Report</b>	<b>Summary:</b> Donovan shared that mental health is still important to many of the people on the council and there are other people on the council who want to shift to expanding opportunity. For our workplan we are wanting to consider both moving forward. Craig added that mental health can be addressed from a functional perspective by addressing economic issues, addressing access to transportation, health care, and economic opportunity. Caroline added to craigs point that access to education could also alleviate stress causing mental health issues.
<b>Executive Director's Report</b>	<b>Summary:</b> Raul shared that we just had a Board meeting this past Friday. They discussed the Mental Health First Aid challenge. The goal was to get 1000 people trained from CAN affiliated staff and we reached that in April, but 4 CAN members haven't had at least one person participate. We are planning how and when to announce that we have met the goal. We want to plan a few more trainings to make sure we can get at least one person from each organization to participate. When we announce that we have met the challenge we also want to announce that we are expanding the goal to 3000 and setting a goal to get 30 people trained to be trainers by the end pf 2025. We also discussed what our 30-year anniversary would look like. We also discussed having a Community Council alumni reunion and working with the Community Council chairs to figure out what that looks like.  <b>Comments and Suggestions:</b> Ara added that for the 25-year reunion we had 2 past chairs leading the reunion event. Craig suggested a gala for fundraising and spreading the work out developmentally.
<b>Advisory Group for Mental Health Campaign</b>	<b>Summary:</b> Jelina shared that there is an opportunity to provide feedback on a community plan for mental health. Mary Dodd from Integral Care reached out asking if the Community Council would like to provide feedback to Kids Living Well,



<p><b>- Community Council Sub-Committee</b></p>	<p>a community group focused on children’s mental health that oversees the Travis County Mental Health and Substance Misuse Plan, on the plan itself. They felt this group would be a good sounding board since we have worked on mental health for the past couple of years. Jelina and the chairs discussed Community Council members volunteering to be part of a smaller workgroup that would provide feedback to Kids Living Well since the larger group is shifting towards focusing on economic opportunity. Ara volunteered to participate in this workgroup. Jelina also suggested reaching out to people who have fallen off the Council but participated in the mental health workgroups that worked on the Community Council reports.</p> <p><b>Comments and Suggestions:</b> Ara added that in our reports we heavily cited and highlighted this plan in our reports. He stated we would have a lot to offer in the fall once the Person-Centered Community report is completed. Ara also suggested that whoever decides to participate in the workgroup could help Kids Living Well weave in other community reports to ensure alignment i.e. APH’s CHA/CHIP plan.</p> <p><b>Follow-up:</b> Jelina will send a follow-up email to the Community Council and past participants to see if anyone is interested in participating in the workgroup.</p>
<p><b>Wrapping Up Review of Building a Person-Centered Community Report</b></p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Craig asked how we synthesize what we’ve learned over the past year.</p> <p><b>Comments and Suggestions:</b> Caroline suggested starting with an outline. Raul suggested a subcommittee to work on the report since we have a report and framework that we are just updating. He suggested starting by looking at the notes from our presenters and seeing what could be updated based off their presentations. He also shared that the Joint Inclusion Commission expressed interest in the framework and assisting in the updates. He suggested sharing the draft changes with the JIC for their feedback. Kelly suggested looking at the initial report and including our updates in that instead of writing a whole new report. Caroline raised the concern that we make sure all perspectives are taken in to account when we write the report. Jelina clarified that when we selected speakers for this year we tried to make sure we picked organizations that touched on many different perspectives. Kelly suggested adding a limitations/ perspectives for further study at the end of the end of the report. Craig suggested sharing who we were able to hear from and who we reached out to. Craig suggested pulling the data and sending it out ahead of time to the council to digest and be prepared for discussion during the meeting. Raul suggested a small group meet in July to prework all the information and then share it with the whole group in August.</p> <p><b>Follow-up:</b> Jelina will email the full council to see which workgroup they want to participate in and scheduling the report writing workgroup meeting for July.</p>
<p><b>Expanding Opportunity Discussion – <u>Presentation</u></b></p>	<p><b>Summary:</b> Raul shared a PowerPoint presentation explaining what has already been done with expanding opportunity on the Board level. He explained that usually when the Community Council picks a new issue they spend about a year assessing the issue. The Board started the work on the Expanding Opportunity in</p>



	<p>2021 with a regional summit. From that summit there were 4 additional forums held to cover the gaps that weren't covered in the summit. The 4 forums covered women, people of color, family friendly workplace, and apprenticeships/ internships. From our presenters we gathered recommendations for things that could be done. Those recommendations were prioritized to 8 options. The Board selected affordability and apprenticeships as their focus. The ones that were not picked were family friendly policies, small businesses, place-based approaches, and racism. He shared that we have research on the ones that were not selected as well so if this group picks one of those, he could share those resources. He also shared that the Dashboard Steering Committee is looking at economic mobility, one of the tools they have looked at is the urban institute's upward mobility framework that could also help select a topic to focus on.</p> <p><b>Comments and Suggestions:</b> Ara suggested looking at all the other areas and combine it with what the CAN Board is doing so at the end of the day all the priorities have been covered. He explained that the assessment has been done, we bring community voice. Raul stated that there may be a capacity issue there and each topic deserves its own focus to develop strategies for how to advance it in the community. Ara suggested asking the community for their priorities and barriers. Raul suggested a prioritization of issues from the issues we discussed today.</p>
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm