



Community Action Network Dashboard Steering Committee 5/15/2012 Meeting Minutes

Present: Sue Carpenter (United Way Capital Area), Sonia Casteneda (for Carolyn Hanschen, Austin ISD), Katie Coburn (Central Health), Ashton Cumberbatch (Seton Family of Hospitals), Frances Deviney (Center for Public Policy Priorities), Jasmine Folan (Workforce Solutions Capital Area), Hannah Gourgey (E3 Alliance), Darla Gay (District Attorney's Office), Mike Hemby (Travis County Sherriff's Office), Ann Howard (ECHO), Phil Huang (Austin Travis County Health Department), Lawrence Lyman (for Sherri Fleming, Travis County HHS), Louise Lynch (ATCIC), Tara Smith (for Chris King, Ray Marshall Center), Brook Son (Travis County), and Pat Wong (UT LBJ School of Public Policy)

Unable to Attend: John-Michael Cortez (Capital Metro), Frank Fernandez (HousingWorks), Sherri Fleming (Travis County HHS&VS), Bill Gill (CAPCOG), Lesley Ramsey (Texas Civic Engagement Table)

Staff: Chantel Bottoms, Mary Dodd, and Vanessa Sarria

- **Welcome and Introductions:** Ashton Cumberbatch, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.
- **Announcement:** **Community Dashboard Release a Success;** www.CANcommunitydashboard.org **is new and improved!** – It was suggested that the dashboard be more aggressively circulated among local grant developers. Hannah Gourgey stated that she may have a list of contacts that would be helpful to circulate the dashboard to.
- **Focus on the "We Achieve Our Full Potential" section of the dashboard.**
 - i. Review the common vision statements for the goal area and the corresponding Community Dashboard indicators:
 - School Readiness
 - Four year high school graduation rates
 - College ready rates
 - Unemployment rates

The DSC recommended that more maps be added to drill downs where possible. They also noted that telling the story about disparities in our region is particularly important to turning the curve on indicators. The school readiness drill-down, for example, could include maps that Children's Optimal Health created in partnership with Success by 6 using the Early Development Instrument.

More extensive drill-down data is needed for the unemployment indicator (including employment to population ratio, idle youth data, and information about populations who are disproportionately impacted). There should also be information about job creation in our community as it relates to educational attainment and wages.

The college readiness drill-down should include information about college enrollment and college success. The Student Futures Project has much of this data. E3 Alliance could also look at doing a college readiness analysis that shows rates for more affluent vs. less affluent high schools.

- ii. Are these the appropriate indicators for whether or not we are achieving the common vision statements? Should any changes be made?
 - At the last meeting we discussed broadening the education indicators beyond Austin ISD. What should the geographical area be?
 - Previously the Dashboard Steering Committee (DSC) had recommended that the dashboard indicator on graduation rates be a county wide indicator rather than an

indicator solely for Austin ISD. To get a county wide indicator, the DSC suggested CAN include school districts headquartered in Travis County and also large adjacent school districts, specifically Round Rock ISD and Leander ISD. Hannah Gourgey stated that E3 Alliance could potentially customize the data for the school readiness indicator so that it is more representative of the jurisdiction selected by the Committee. Currently the E3 data represents a 7-county Central Texas area.

- iii. Review the goals and targets for the indicators – Are these still appropriate?
 - If the education indicators are extended beyond Austin ISD, new targets must be set.
 - In addition to having a general target for the college readiness indicator, we could have a minimum target for each school to reach. The DSC would like to see a college persistence or a college success indicator on the dashboard.
- iv. Review the Strategic Framework for Action
 - Are these the appropriate “building blocks” for action?
 - What key efforts and plans in our community have the best chance for turning the curve on this indicator?
 - Review drill-down analysis of common strategies of key plans
 - In discussing the strategic framework, it was suggested that the building block on early care and education be altered so that it is more aligned with the ready child formula and has more emphasis on family. It was also suggested that the building block reading “Successful Transitions Throughout Continuum” be changed to read “Successful Transitions Throughout Educational Continuum.” The DSC also suggested that diversified economic development be a component of the “workforce and economic development” building block. The language “Grow and Diversify Jobs with Livable Wages” was suggested.

Recommendations to be made to the CAN Board of Directors on June 8th:

The DSC proposes expanding the jurisdiction for the four year graduation and college ready indicators to all school districts located within Travis County PLUS Leander ISD and Round Rock ISD. The resulting jurisdiction for these two academic indicators would be:

Austin ISD,
Del Valle ISD,
Eanes ISD,
Lago Vista ISD,
Lake Travis ISD,
Leander ISD,
Manor ISD,
Pflugerville ISD, and
Round Rock ISD.

Information Items to Share with the CAN Board of Directors:

1. DSC is exploring college persistence and college success indicators for possible addition to the dashboard.
2. DSC will consider new targets for the four year graduation and college readiness rates, once the new jurisdiction for these indicators is approved.
3. DSC recommended some wording changes to a couple of building blocks in the Strategic Framework for Action.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. 2012 DSC meetings will take place from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Seton Administrative Office (1345 Philomena St.) in Conference Room 301 on the following dates: August 21st and November 20th.