



CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 12/4/2014

Attendees: Megan Cermak (Central Health), Mandy DeMayo (Housing Works), Kathy Green (Capital Area Food Bank), Christopher King (Ray Marshall Center), Jennifer Lee (CPPP), Lawrence Lyman (Travis County), Eileen Schrandt (CAN Community Council), Michelle Tijerina (Central Health), Shawn Thomas (E³ Alliance)

Staff in Attendance: Hannah Brown, Mary Dodd, Kevin Paris

Welcome and Introductions: Lawrence Lyman called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. Dashboard Steering Committee members introduced themselves. Megan Cermak announced that there is a new funding opportunity available from the Centers for Disease Control for non-profits working in collaboration with hospitals and health systems. Applications are due January 16, 2015, and information is available at: <http://www.buildhealthchallenge.org/>

Review and approve minutes of the 10/7/14 meeting: Minutes were approved unanimously.

Determine New Targets: In September, the Census Bureau released 2013 American Community Survey 1-Year estimates. At the previous DSC meeting, Kevin Paris shared data for the three main indicators that rely on ACS data: Low-Income, Housing Cost-Burdened, and Health Insurance. These three indicators are moving in a positive direction, and our community has met the targets for Housing Cost-Burdened and Health Insurance. Therefore, the Committee discussed setting new targets for these indicators.

- **Uninsured:** We have met the target set in 2011, which was 20% by 2014. Two things that have helped to increase the percent insured were: interest in the Affordable Care Act and increases in income allowed for children applying for Medicaid. Michelle Tijerina said about 70,000 people locally enrolled in ACA last year, and their coverage began in January 2014. We do not know how many already had insurance or how many paid their premiums after enrolling. Central Health estimates that almost 64,000 people in Travis County would gain insurance if the Texas Legislature decided to expand Medicaid to all people living in poverty. The full effects of Affordable Care Act enrollment will not be seen in the American Community Survey data until the 2014 data are released in 2015. Therefore, the Committee recommended leaving the target as it is and re-visiting the discussion next year, once we can determine how local enrollment in the ACA has impacted the indicator.
- **Housing Cost-Burdened:** Travis County's rate dropped to 36% in 2013 and, therefore exceeded the target of 36% by 2017 that was set in 2011. Mandy DeMayo said she would like to see rental and homeowner households split apart, rather than reported together. She said low interest rates have had homeownership less costly, but renters have not had this relief. Eileen Schrandt reported that 8,260 families are on the wait list for the 1,840 public housing units managed by the Housing Authority of the City of Austin. 19,500 applied for the wait list for Section 8 vouchers and 2,500 of these will be randomly selected to be on the wait list for housing vouchers. The problem is also expanded because many landowners hesitate to rent to voucher holders. The Committee asked staff to research the historical trend of renters and homeowners and to also investigate whether the American Community Survey data is reported by income level. Lawrence Lyman asked whether there are initiatives currently underway to lead us to expect a continued downward trend in the indicator. DeMayo said HousingWorks has released information on 5 steps to improving affordability. Also, the recent Housing Market Study showed that we are doing a good job 'treading water'-maintaining the current level of affordable housing in a time of growth and rising prices. There are many small efforts that are helpful, but nothing to indicate a big change. DeMayo said the City is also losing much of its family housing stock. In 2013, the national rate of

housing cost-burdened was about 33%. Bexar, El Paso, Harris, and Tarrant Counties all had rates of housing cost-burdened at or below 33% in 2013 as well. The Committee asked CAN staff to calculate a weighted average of the five largest Texas metro counties to consider for use as a new target (to be reached by 2017). The Committee will revisit the discussion and select a target during the first meeting of 2015 (February 5).

Discuss 2015 Meeting Goals: The first two meetings of the year will focus on broadly reviewing the online Dashboard drilldowns, including identifying criteria for including data, local efforts, and plans in the drilldowns. The Committee will also Review best and promising practices for indicator projects and indices from national and local organizations to inform CAN's Dashboard (e.g. County Health Rankings, The Opportunity Index, Sustainability Indicators Project, etc.). During the remaining four meetings of the year, the Committee will review data and indicators by vision area: We are Safe, Just, & Engaged; Our Basic Needs are Met; We are Healthy; We Achieve Our Full Potential.

Review Proposed 2015 Meeting Dates/Discuss Membership Additions: Committee members were asked to let Kevin Paris know if they are interested in continuing to serve on the Committee in 2015 or if they have suggestions for others who may be interested in serving. We would particularly like a member with expertise in voter turnout.

Meetings will continue to be held in the Lone Star Room at Workforce Solutions (6505 Airport Blvd) from 3:00 to 4:30pm on the first Thursday of even numbered months. The 2015 meetings dates are:

- February 5
- April 2
- June 4
- August 6
- October 1
- December 3

Adjourn: Lawrence Lyman adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm. Please note: CAN's End-of-Year Celebration has been rescheduled from December 12 to January 9, 2015 from 11:30am to 12:45pm at the Atrium of Austin City Hall.