



Dashboard Steering Committee

February 6, 2014, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Workforce Solutions Capital Area, 6505 Airport Boulevard

Present: Lawrence Lyman, Tiffany Daniels, Workforce Solution – Capital Area; Jennifer Lee, CPPP; Louise Lynch, ATCIC; Hannah, Mary, Kevin, Amy Price, UW 2-1-1; Chris King, Ray Marshall Center; Kathy Greene, CAFB; Ann Howard, ECHO; Bill Caritj, AISD; Shawn Thomas, E3 Alliance; Phil Huang, Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services; Selena Caldera, Central Health;

Dashboard Steering Committee Chair, Lawrence Lyman, welcomed participants and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

The minutes of the 11/14/13 meeting were approved.

Board update: Lawrence took recommendations to the CAN Board of Directors on December 13, 2013. The Board approved adding a new indicator “% of Travis County households that are food insecure.” The Board also agreed to replace the current college readiness indicator with the indicator “% students who complete two-year or four-year college degrees within 6 years of graduating from high school.”

Food Insecurity: Kevin Paris reviewed a draft drill-down for food insecurity. In 2009, Travis County’s food insecurity rate was 16.4% and in 2011, the latest date for which data is available, the rate was 18%. Paris was asked to check the source to find out if the data represented individuals or households. It was also recommended that the “local efforts to turn the curve” section include information about a new state policy establishing universal breakfasts in all schools, summer food programs for children, and the CHA/CHIP efforts. The committee discussed setting a target to achieve pre-precession levels. Some members advocated for an aspirational goal. It was noted that food security is also influenced by housing costs, so even though other factors are doing better in Austin, increasing housing costs leave households less money for food. It was noted that the problem may also be impacted by the suburbanization of poverty where people have less access to food. A target of 15% by 2017 was proposed by Louise Lynch, seconded by Chris King, and approved by the Committee.

College Success: The Committee discussed setting a target for “% students who complete two-year or four-year college degrees within 6 years of graduating from high school.” For students who graduated from high school in 2005, 58% enrolled in college, but after six years, only 27% had earned a two-year or four-year degree. It was noted that the data only includes students who go to Texas colleges or universities. It is estimated that about 8% of the graduating class attends school outside of the state of Texas. Shawn Thomas reported that data for the Class of 2006, which tracks students through 2012, will be available soon and in time to be published in the 2014 report. The Committee voted to set a target of a 35% for the Class of 2011. It was noted that CAN is convening a group of college and university professionals to discuss college persistence and success and that this meeting will enrich the drill down information.

Lawrence Lyman referred members to the meeting scheduled for the remainder of the year. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.