

## CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 6/5/2014

**Attendees:** Michelle Casanova (CAN Community Council) , Megan Cermak (Central Health), Tiffany Daniels (Workforce Solutions- Capital Area), Jennifer Golech (Capital Metro), Ann Howard (ECHO), Chris King (UT- Ray Marshall Center), Jennifer Lee (CPPP), Lawrence Lyman (Travis County), Vanesa Metzger (ATCHHSD), Adele Noel (Travis County), Marietta Noel (ATCIC), Amy Price (United Way-211), Shawn Thomas (E<sup>3</sup> Alliance),

**Staff in Attendance:** Mary Dodd, Kevin Paris, Vanessa Sarria

**Welcome and Introductions:** Lawrence Lyman called the meeting to order at 3:10pm. Dashboard Steering Committee members introduced themselves.

**Review and approve minutes of the 4/3/14 meeting:** Michelle Casanova made a motion to approve minutes of the 4/3/14 meeting. Megan Cermak seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**CAN Board action (4/11/14) on recommended targets:** At their April meeting, targets for the food security and college success indicators were presented to the CAN Board of Directors for approval. The Board approved the food security target, but delayed approval of the target for the college success indicator. Board members expressed some uncertainty related to the data. Some of the concern was also related to the figures related to year-to-year college persistence, which will not be included on the main indicator graph. The Board also asked for clarification whether the indicator includes certificates- though, as Shawn Thomas indicated, the number of students earning these certifications is small. There wasn't much discussion related to the target specifically. Many of the Board members were not present when the indicator was initially approved, and, therefore, had more questions about the indicator itself.

Staff will take the indicator back to the Board at their June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. DSC members raised the point that the target is ambitious. Members discussed the need to consider capacity and funding. There are many great programs, but limited resources restrict access to all students who could benefit. Austin Community College's Career Expressway Program is an effort to get more people certifications tied to career pathways.

After the discussion, DSC members chose to modify the target to be 35% by 2020 (for the Class of 2014), rather than by 2017 as originally proposed.

**Sharing the CAN Dashboard 2014:** Austin City Council Members Laura Morrison and Kathie Tovo, along with CAN Board Chair John-Michael Cortez and CAN Executive Director Vanessa Sarria, spoke at a press conference to release the 2014 Dashboard on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Of the initial printing of 1,000 reports from Travis County, staff members have only about 250 left, primarily due to distribution at Safety Net Forums. Capital Metro has volunteered to print additional copies.

CAN staff members have scheduled presentations with various community organizations. If any DSC members would like to have staff present to their organization, please contact Mary Dodd at 512-414-0326 or [mary.dodd@austinisld.org](mailto:mary.dodd@austinisld.org). CAN staff members will also be presenting at the Fall Community Indicators Consortium conference in Washington, DC. Staff members have also shared the report on social media more this year, posting the report to pages of organizations mentioned in the report. Sharing the report at the recent Safety Net Forums has also put it into the hands of many people who are new to the network.

**Review “Our Basic Needs are Met” indicators, report pages, and drilldown for the indicators:** Board members discussed and provided feedback on the report and online pages related to the “Basic Needs” indicators. Indicator-specific discussion included:

- **Homelessness:** ECHO Executive Director Ann Howard reported that the ECHO data committee has reaffirmed that the annual Point-In-Time Count is the best indicator for homelessness to report in the CAN Dashboard. While it severely under-counts the homeless population, the annual count is reported to HUD and is used by communities nationwide. Howard recommended improving the linkages between the report drill-down pages on the website and ECHO’s data and website.
- **Low income:** For the re-publishing of the report, include information about the One Voice “Two Austins” campaign. DSC members also discussed including data that addresses economic disparity, such as the Mobility Campaign being produced by the Pew Charitable Trust, a study of economic mobility produced by Raj Chetty and other researchers at Harvard, and the Gini coefficient.
- **Food insecurity:** As this is a new indicator that has been discussed at length in recent meetings, members chose not to review it in depth.
- **Housing cost-burdened:** Not discussed at length.
- **Vehicle Miles Traveled:** DSC members suggested staff add information to the VMT drilldown related to the transportation mode share, including active transportation modes, public transportation, car-sharing, carpooling, etc. This data is often hard to find on a regular basis. CAN staff will work with Jenn Golech and other Capital Metro staff members to explore the possibility of including this data. DSC members also recommended expanding the description of the Basic Needs Transportation Fund.

DSC members also discussed the need to expand on information related to the availability of quality, affordable child care. It was suggested that staff expand upon this point in the ‘kindergarten-ready’ drilldown.

**Adjourn:** Lawrence Lyman adjourned the meeting at 4:33 pm.