



CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 10/7/2014

Attendees: Christine Bailey (E³ Alliance), Alison Bentley (United Way- Success by Six), Maureen Britton (Children's Optimal Health), Tara Carmean (Travis County), Michelle Casanova (CAN Community Council), Megan Cermak (Central Health), Jennifer Golech (Capital Metro), Jennifer Lee (CPPP), Lawrence Lyman (Travis County), Marietta Noel (ATCIC), Caitlin Shea (CPPP), Shawn Thomas (E³ Alliance)

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

Welcome and Introductions: Lawrence Lyman called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm. Dashboard Steering Committee members introduced themselves.

Review and approve minutes of the 8/7/14 meeting: Minutes were approved unanimously.

New Data- We May Need to Update Targets at December 4th Meeting: In September, the Census Bureau released 2013 American Community Survey 1-Year estimates. 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, it will be necessary to consider new targets at the December meeting. It will be important to have the relevant content-area experts at our next meeting for each of the indicators we are considering. Members suggested connecting with Claudia Lindenberg and other Central Health staff members to discuss new targets for health insurance.

Review "We Achieve Our Full Potential Indicators" indicators, report pages, and drilldown for the indicators: Board members discussed and provided feedback on the report and online pages related to the 'Full Potential' indicators. Indicator-specific discussion included:

- **Kindergarten Ready:** School readiness is one of E3 Alliance's main indicators. When the goal was chosen, there were no data available for this measure. Therefore, the Ready, Set, K! Measure was developed and the current target of 70% by 2015 was set. E3 has reconsidered this target and the relevant stakeholders assigned a target of 95% by 2020.
E3 will be focusing on studying attendance. Pre-K attendance has been down in our area, which has been a concern for some time. E3 Stakeholders will also be discussing legislative priorities for the upcoming session, including full day Pre-K. The Austin Chamber of Commerce's legislative agenda will include full day Pre-K as well.
The School Readiness Action Plan is being updated for 2015-2018. The strategies, tactics, and goals will be updated and are likely to align with E3's goals. SRAP leaders will be collecting new data that should be ready for the next Dashboard report. All school readiness facts will be updated in the new plan. The current goals in the SRAP are related to increasing the number of children enrolled in Pre-K overall, but are not based on any particular strategy.
How is the kindergarten readiness indicator influenced by new residents moving from other places? There is currently no data on this.
Children's Optimal Health (COH) is considering poverty in the area for the 0-3 population.
- **High School Graduation:** E3 just collected information for the 2013 graduation data. Attrition has increased in our area. In COH's birth outcomes study, they found that births to low-income mothers are highly correlated with this indicator.
There is a new E3 Initiative to highlight related to this indicator: Pathways of Promise. The initiative focuses on 16 Career Clusters and will work to improve the alignment of those

pathways with higher education. One of the most important findings is related to the gap between graduation rates for low-income and non-low-income students. Students who take more CTE courses are more likely to graduate from high school – this is seen as promising opportunity for low-income students. Currently, E3 is working with four school districts on this project.

CAN should highlight the positive improvements in that have been made in closing the gap in graduation rates for low-income and non-low-income students. At the Community Indicators Consortium conference, Richard Reeves from the Brookings Institution suggested highlighting gaps between low-income and others in indicator reports.

E3's high school graduation goal for 2020 for HS Graduation continues to be 95%.

Studies have shown that gaps are reduced in states that have universal pre-K. Programs. These programs have benefitted higher income students as well, but have benefitted low-income students the most.

Two issues to flag: Will there be new data released by TEA due to HB 5? If so, CAN should monitor high school graduation by the different types of diplomas awarded.

Additionally, due to new community eligibility laws for school meals, we may lose that data on low-income and non-low-income students for accountability purposes, as schools will no longer be required to verify income from each family who applies for free and reduced-priced school meals.

- **College Success:** E3 targets are related to college enrollment; 55% of those that enroll in high education complete within 6-years, which would equal about 38% of all local high school graduates. The Lumina Foundation has begun promoting college success targets nationwide. There has been policy momentum around a goal of 60% by 2025 (i.e. for students who are currently in 8th grade).

It was suggested that CAN staff check with Workforce Solutions (WfS) staff members for data related to non-traditional credentials (e.g. certificates) to include a fuller picture of the credentials available.

DSC members also suggested adding data related to FAFSA completion and submission by district and school- from the Ray Marshall Center or the Austin Chamber.

- **Unemployment:** It is likely that our area will meet our target when January unemployment data are available. Staff are working to add the employment-to-population ratio to the site. How do we study the underemployed and incorporate this information into the Dashboard? Workforce Solutions is looking at data for discouraged, marginally employed, and workers employed part-time due to economic necessity. CAN staff will look into adding this to the dashboard. The Ray Marshall Center is considering producing a population level picture using unemployment insurance data. It may be possible to study changes in income longitudinally for low-wage workers. CAN staff will check with WfS to include data on occupations that pay below a certain level. DSC members also suggested building occupational/wage data into the Dashboard in order get a greater picture of the jobs that are available locally. We know that unemployment is low, but what kind of jobs are people working?

Adjourn: Lawrence Lyman adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm. Due to the improvements in several of the Dashboard indicators, the Dashboard Steering Committee will discuss setting new targets at the December meeting.