



# HRS Leadership Council All Stakeholders Minutes

**Duration:** 12 pm – 2 pm

**Date:** 8/5/2024

**Meeting Place:** VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Meeting ID: ZOOM INFO

P = Present  
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Leadership Council Members							
P	Larry Wallace	P	Candace McGary				
P	Coni Stogner	P	Dylan Shubit				
P	Jacob Emerson	P	Amanda Jasso				
P	Linda Jackson	P	Liz Baker				
P	Nathan Fernandes	P	Paola Silvestre				
Committee Chairs							
P	Sasha Rose						
P	Kimberly Holiday						
Guest Attendees							
Guest attendance is recorded.							
ECHO (Collaborative Applicant)							
P	Alesandra Dominguez	P	Angela de Leon	P	Chris Davis	P	Dylan Lowery
P	Anthony Curtis	P	Joseph Montano	P	Bill Wallace		
P	Nina Gutierrez	P	Jason Phillips	P	Quiana Fisher		
P	Perla Carranza	P	Matthew Mollica	P	Danica Fraher		
P	Tania Hughes	P	Eri Gregory	P	Angel Romero		

AGENDA	PRESENTER	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
<b>Quick Business</b>	Dylan Shubitiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction of newest Leadership Council members including Jacob Emerson (AYC-PLE), Linda Jackson (PLE), Coni Stogner (SAFE), and Ashley Jones (Integral Care).</li> <li>▪ Approval of the July 2024 Leadership Council minutes with no suggested edits or amendments.</li> </ul>	<b>Consent to approve July 2024 minutes.</b>

<p><b>NOFO Funding Updates</b></p>	<p>Eri Gregory</p>	<p>Presented by Eri Gregory, Grants Manager at ECHO.</p> <p><b>Overview</b> ECHO has contracted with a NOFO consultant, Howard Burchman with Housing Innovations to support multiple NOFO solicitations.</p> <p><b>FY24 – 25 CoC NOFO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Released on July 31<sup>st</sup> and the collaborative application is due on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024; this is the first multi-year solicitation.</li> <li>▪ At this time, still waiting for information from HUD on what local funding amounts will be including annual renewal demand, bonus funding, and planning grant.</li> <li>▪ Please follow HUD updates on the CoC Competition Page found here.</li> <li>▪ ECHO is finalizing local policy requirements with non-conflicted Leadership Council members to open the local competition as soon as possible.</li> </ul> <p><b>CoC Builds NOFO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One-time solicitation to add new units of permanent supportive housing through new construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation costs. In addition, there are eligible operational costs including supportive services, rental assistance, and administrative funds.</li> <li>▪ HUD has imposed some limitations, the primary one being that CoCs can only submit 1 application and maximum funding will be based on CoC annual funding amounts. HUD expects to award only 25 projects in the national competition with reserves for tribal lands and rural areas.</li> <li>▪ The local amount Austin/Travis County can apply for is expected to be capped at \$7.5 million to cover all costs, both capital and operational expenses.</li> <li>▪ The local competition will be different from the annual CoC NOFO competition process including portal of application submission (grant.gov not e-snaps); formatting requirements for 25-page double-spaced narrative application that achieves a minimum score of 65 points out of 100; threshold requirements for applicants (e.g., development experience).</li> <li>▪ ECHO will open an intent to apply form on the austinecho.org webpage to gauge the level of interest in the community and to plan local competition process.</li> <li>▪ Final submission due to HUD on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To clarify [CoCBuilds] will be a one-time award for capital funds? <b>Yes, the application must include a budget for capital costs, whereas the non-capital costs are optional, so there is not an opportunity to apply for only supportive</b></li> </ul>	
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<b>Governance Updates</b>	Dylan Lowery	Presented by Dylan Lowery, Governance Manager at ECHO.	

	<p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>The public meetings are hosted on a monthly basis and usually we take a deep dive into a policy presentation or recommendation coming up from governance. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of all the work in governance.</p> <p><b>Roadmap Survey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There is a live survey for CoC stakeholders to provide feedback on goals the community has for governance.</li> <li>▪ Emerging priorities include a focus on updating prioritization policies, developing best practices for case management in housing-focused programs, and</li> </ul> <p><b>Reporting on Results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Leadership Council page keeps an updated dashboard on the progress of individual goals in governance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Performance Monitoring Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Completed goals include revised Quarterly Performance Scorecards and Recommendations for CA Training.</li> <li>▪ Policy recommendations on rapid rehousing and revised Performance Improvement Plan policy are still in progress.</li> </ul> <p><b>Crisis Response Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Written Standards for Emergency Shelter is pending Leadership Council approval.</li> <li>▪ Written Standards for Street Outreach are in progress.</li> <li>▪ Written Standards for Diversion/Rapid Exit has not yet started.</li> <li>▪ There are multiple terms expiring at the end of 2024 and</li> </ul> <p><b>Equity Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Best Practices for Serving Trans Clients in Emergency Shelter and Equity Review Tool goals are pending Leadership Council approval.</li> <li>▪ Approval of new APAT questions and LGBTQ+ Data Collection recommendations are in progress.</li> </ul> <p><b>Permanent Housing Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Written Standards for Rapid Rehousing were completed and approved by Leadership Council during July public meeting, and a Community Strategy for Property Engagement has also been approved.</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Presentation of 2025 Leadership Council Board Slate</b></p>	<p>Dylan Lowery</p>	<p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>As part of our responsibilities under HUD, we must seek CoC stakeholders’ approval of the Leadership Council board slate. When the board slate was presented in 2023, there were multiple vacancies, and because of effective recruitment efforts we have filled all but 1 of those vacancies (Non-HUD Funded Provider).</p> <p><b>Proposed Board Slate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This is a consent item for All Stakeholders approval, we are asking for consent for this board to act on behalf of the Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care.</li> <li>▪ <b>No objections stated.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What does an appointed seat mean? <b>According to our board selection policy, Leadership Council members serve in an appointed seat by the designated appointed body – in our case we have appointed seats for Homeless Strategy Office, Equity Office, Public Housing Authority, Travis County. There are no term limits for appointed seats.</b></li> <li>▪ Is there a plan to ensure that Leadership Council reflects the racial overrepresentation and inequities in the population experiencing homelessness? <b>The board selection policy has certain requirements related to diversity including a minimum number of seats held by members with first-hand lived experience, and a commitment to ensure that 1/3 representation of people who identify as non-white and if that benchmark is not met then Leadership Council must provide a performance improvement plan to meet that benchmark, lastly the application to serve as a Leadership Council board member is scored based on racial categories and lived experience.</b></li> <li>▪ What are the requirements for Leadership Council to attend these meetings, and is there a reason why equity partners aren’t at this meeting? <b>I cannot speak specifically to an individual member and their request to miss a meeting, but I can direct you to our governance bylaws which will answer your questions related to attendance, racial representation, and how benchmarks in the board selection policy are set.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Consent to approve the 2025 Leadership Council board slate.</p>
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<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern is raised for people in the community who have a higher level of care than what is currently offered in the community by the homelessness response system, HHSC, board and care homes, jails, and other systems of care, and these clients cycling through systems. A request is made for the attendee to provide actionable goals that they see for this need, and they respond with 1) an acknowledgement of this higher level of care need 2) investment in appropriate care facilities to prevent violations of Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTOLA) including unsafe discharge 3) Leadership Council could advocate on the issue of Medicaid’s Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) Exclusion to extend funding for longer stays 4) Medicare has a lifetime limit of 190 days for psychiatric care which is a limit placed on any other condition and CoC’s should be collecting better data on this point.</li>   <li>▪ Concerning City Council Resolution 181, improving rapid rehousing and making the bridge to PSH possible, we have not been able to drill down on numbers because the policymaking process is still in progress. And essentially, the question is what funding it would take to ensure that the resolution could be successful – we are in the discussion right now and we do not know what the unmet funding need is to advocate during the City Council budget sessions. An area of support from ECHO needed is to help with classifying CoC versus city-funded rapid rehousing programs.</li> </ul>	
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<p>Actions taken by Leadership Council during the meeting on Monday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Approve the July 2024 Leadership Council minutes. <b>Approved on consent.</b></li> <li>II. Approve the 2025 Leadership Council board slate. <b>Approved on consent.</b></li> </ul>