



Community Action Network Board of Directors 09/09/2011 Meeting Minutes

Present: Sylvia Blanco (CAN Community Council), Debbie Bresette (Executive Director, United Way Capital Area), Robiaun Charles (University of Texas), John-Michael Cortez (for Dianne Mendoza, Capital Metro), Terry Cowan (CAN Community Council), Ashton Cumberbatch (Vice President of Advocacy & Community Relations, Seton), Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt (Travis County), Joene Grissom (Workforce Solutions Board Member), Debbie Johnson (Austin Chamber of Commerce), Tim Mahoney (ACC Board Member), Alan Miller (Executive Director of Workforce Solutions- Capital Area), Councilmember Laura Morrison (City of Austin), Tom Spencer (Executive Director, Interfaith Action of Central Texas), Suki Steinhauer (2011 Chair, One Voice Central Texas), Mark Williams (President, AISD Board), Trish Young-Brown (President and CEO, Central Health), Dr. Matthew Snapp (ATCIC Board Chair for Martha Martinez, ATCIC Board Trustee), Robiaun Charles (for Dr. Gregory Vincent, Vice President, University of Texas)

Other Attendees: Bob Corona (ATCHHSD), Loretta Farb (Travis County), Sherri Fleming (Travis County), Shannon Jones (ATCHHSD), Bert Lumbreras (City of Austin), Carlos Rivera (ATCHHSD Director)

Unable to Attend: Josie Barrett (Vice President, St. Edward's University), Judge Sam Biscoe (Travis County), Christine Brister (AISD Board Member), Judge Elizabeth Earle (Community Justice Council), Mary Hensley (Vice President, ACC), Jim Reed (Chair, CAN Community Council), Travis County Attorney David Escamilla (Travis County Community Justice Council), David Evans (Executive Director, ATCIC), Mary Faria (Operations Chief, Seton), John McNabb (2011 Vice-Chair, One Voice Central Texas), Bobbie Barker (St. David's Foundation)

Staff: Chantel Bottoms, Mary Dodd, and Vanessa Sarria

Call to Order and Announcements: Alan Miller, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m. A moment of silence was given to the community of Bastrop given the great losses they have suffered in the ongoing wildfire disaster. Tom Spencer announced that iACT, in collaboration with some other community organizations, will be hosting an interfaith memorial service on Sunday, September 11th at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church located at 901 Trinity St. The service will honor those who sacrificed their lives to save others on 9/11. Sylvia Blanco announced that the Community Council is accepting applications for new members through September 30th. For more information and to apply visit http://caction.org/councils/Community_Council/member_app.php.

Objective of Today's Work Session: Discuss initiatives for 2012 CAN Work Plan that can be taken forward to the CAN Retreat on November 2 for further input and vetting and then approved by the CAN Board in December of 2011.

- **Identify collaborative initiatives for 2012 CAN Work Plan**
- **Consider which initiatives will carry-over from 2011**

Quick Overview of Key Findings Related to Demographic Shifts and Trends & Dashboard: Vanessa Sarria introduced the *Strategic Framework* document. She stated that CAN has a community dashboard, but the time has come to consider solutions. CAN staff produced a draft strategic framework for moving the indicators in the right direction. The strategic framework attempts to answer the following questions:

- Who are the most vulnerable populations impacted?
- Where are these populations in Travis County and the MSA?
- What are the key considerations for serving these populations?
- What are the key strategic building blocks for serving our changing community and moving dashboard indicators in the right direction?

Discussion: The CAN Board questioned how we can further develop the strategic framework and use it to tell a story to the community. For some indicators on the dashboard there is a lack of coordination and sharing of strategies in the community. What are the outcomes that we hope to achieve through a strategic framework? How can this information feed partner organizations and inform their decisions? The CAN Board suggested that the framework include a list of strategic opportunities suggested by the information. The Board suggested that the framework is not about where the problems are, but what we're going to do about it.

What priority issues and collaborative action should we focus on in 2012?

CAN Board members discussed and prioritized issues and initiatives for 2012 CAN Work Plan (including 2011 Work Plan items to carry-over to 2012)

- Convene a conference or forum of key policy-makers on moving the needle on dashboard indicators. This could become an annual status of the community (with release of the annual Community Dashboard Report) and could include gathering key players from different issue areas to share plans and identify opportunities for collaborative action to move indicators in the right direction.
- Partners work together to share assessments, maps, and plans (as part of Mappers & Planners Work Group?) in order to help determine where services should be located. Identify maps that give a greater degree of detail such as a focus on the neighborhood level.
- Help the community understand the findings of the community dashboard through Board driven communications activities. CAN Board would develop and help carry-out a communication strategy.
- Identify barriers to equity and opportunity for vulnerable populations and other barriers related to moving the needle on dashboard indicators (as part of Community Council's work?).
- Identify collaborative opportunities that would help the community and service providers adapt to changing demographics in order to ensure better outcomes, e.g. develop systemic cultural competency strategies and trainings to help community organizations and systems meet future needs.
- Help answer what our community would look like if we achieved our goals and we were healthy?
- Increase the connection between law enforcement and health and human services to help address disproportionality in arrests demographics and other areas of dashboard.
- Assist HACA in convening key players around Choice Neighborhoods funding opportunities.
- Capitalize on the intellectual resources of educational institutions to drill-down on Dashboard indicators, assist with identifying what needs to be done to move indicators in the right direction, and provide research support for other work plan initiatives.

Next Steps and CAN Retreat: The CAN Retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd from 8:00-11:30 a.m. at Goodwill. The Board will have a lunch meeting following the retreat. The draft work plan and strategic framework will be revised based on feedback given at the retreat and will be presented for further vetting at that time.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next CAN Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 14th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at City Hall.