



Community Action Network Community Council

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Community Action Network is...

a partnership of agencies, organizations and individuals who work together to enhance the social, health, educational and economic well-being of Central Texas.



CAN's role is...



- ▶ to enhance awareness of community issues,
- ▶ to strengthen partnerships, and
- ▶ to support collaborative strategies to improve the well-being of all people in our community.

CAN Partners – working to promote equity and opportunity

| Government | Educational Institutions | Healthcare | Private/Other |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| City of Austin | Austin Community College | Austin Travis Co Integral Care | Austin Chamber of Commerce |
| Travis County | Austin ISD | Central Health | Capital Metro |
| | St. Edward's University | Seton Healthcare Family | Community Justice Council |
| | University of Texas at Austin | St. David's Foundation | One Voice Central Texas |
| | Workforce Solutions – Capital Area | | interfaith Action Central Texas (iACT) |
| | | | United Way Capital Area |

Policy, Community, and Service

Policy
makers

- CAN Board of Directors - elected officials and policy makers representing each CAN partner organization

Community
members

- CAN Community Council – self-appointed board of community members with an annual application and election process

Service
providers

- Issue Area Groups and Implementation Teams - professionals who serve our community through agencies or non-profit organizations

Role of Community Council

- ▶ The Community Council provides a communication link between the community at large and the CAN Board of Directors. Its duties are to:
 - ▶ Act as a liaison between the CAN Board of Directors and the community.
 - ▶ Raise community awareness about issues by providing a non-partisan forum for the exchange of information on community conditions and efforts to address needs.
 - ▶ Foster, encourage and enhance collaborative efforts whenever possible.
 - ▶ Consider the impacts of recommended collaborative strategies on vulnerable populations and across issue areas.
 - ▶ Report and make recommendations to the CAN Board of Directors.
 - ▶ Encourage community involvement in assessment, planning, and implementation processes.

from CAN bylaws approved 11/13/09

Maximizing Public Assistance Enrollment

- ▶ CAN's work in this area has its genesis from a September 2008 Community Council recommendation to the CAN Board of Directors that CAN partners work together to enroll more people in Medicaid.