

Resource Council Meeting

Minutes

June 8, 2007

1:00-2:30PM

Austin City Hall Boards and Commissions Room

Attendees: David Balch, David Escamilla, Karen Dulaney Smith, Dick Moeller, Mike Manor, Steve Swanson, Steve Kinslow, Cathy Bonner, Joene Grissom, Barbara Cilley, Sam Biscoe, Miriam Nisenbaum, Pat Dabbert, Trish Young, Matt Curtis (for Dianne Mendoza), Sandra Ramos (for Sarah Eckhardt)

Unable to Attend: Martha Martinez, Fred Gilliam, Michelle Augustine, Mary Faria, Ashton Cumberbatch, David Evans, Sheryl Cole, Mary Ann Neely, Lee Leffingwell, Anne Harutunian, Beth Schlecter, Lee Manford, Mark Williams, Elisabeth Earle, Tommy Darwin (for Greg Vincent)

Meeting Called By: Community Action Network

Facilitator: David Balch

Note Taker: Sam Woollard

Timekeeper: Vanessa Sarria

Agenda Topics

1. Call to Order and Announcements

David Balch

Meeting called to order at 1:05pm by Chair, David Balch.

Announcements/Activities Related to CAN: None

Minutes: The May Resource Council minutes were accepted as presented.

2. Citizens Communication

Community at Large

None

3. Strategic Issues

CAN Council Reports: Vanessa Sarria reviewed the results of the **Community Council** forum which featured a behavioral health panel focused on the vision, indicators, disparities, assets, strategies and successful initiatives related to behavioral health. Vanessa reviewed the requests from the Community Council to the Resource Council to address the issues raised in the forum. Vanessa reported that the **Administrative Team** has created a workplan and is exploring the possibility of a CAN sponsored health and human services forum in 2008. A proposal will be made to the Resource Council in the next couple of months.

CAN By-laws: David Escamilla explained the need for changing the CAN by-laws and outlined the process for amending the by-laws. As currently written, the by-laws require that 2/3 of the CAN Partners approve any changes to the CAN by-laws. Due the large number of amendments that need to be made, the recommendation from the CAN by-laws sub-committee is that the Article IX, Section 1 Amendments of the Resource Council by-laws be amended as follows:

Notice of intention to amend these by-laws must be placed on the CAN Resource Council agenda at least 30 days prior to the meeting date for considering such action. These by-laws may be amended by an affirmative vote of a majority of voting representative members of the CAN Resource Council.

A similar amendment is recommended for the Administrative Team by-laws, which requires Resource Council approval: Article IX, Section 1 Amendments of the Administrative Team by-laws be amended as follows:

Notice of intention to amend these by-laws must be placed on the CAN Administrative Team agenda at least 30 days prior to the meeting date for considering such action. These by-laws may be amended by an affirmative vote of a majority of voting representative members of the CAN Administrative Team. This presentation served as the thirty day notice that the Resource Council will be asked to approve these changes at the July meeting.

CAN Workplan Model:

CAN Legislative Agenda: Members reviewed the outcomes of the 80th Texas legislative session as they related to the CAN legislative agenda.

Partner Presentation: Dick Moeller, **St David's Community Health Foundation**, provided an overview of the services provided through the St David's Healthcare System. In 2005, St David's provided a total community benefit of \$83 million, which includes \$29.8 million in charity care and \$7.5 million in community programs. The St David's Community Health Foundation (SDCHF) will provide approximately \$5 million in grants in 2007 in three areas: 1) physical health, 2) mental health and 3) special populations. In 2007, SDCHF Dental Program has 3 new dental vans.

Free dental services, including: screening, treatment for decay, sealants, and oral health education are provided for 73 Elementary and Middle Schools. SDCHF is also included in collaborative research, training for healthcare professionals, and a pilot program for transitional case management of uninsured patients.

Potential Priorities for CAN Assistance include:

- 1) Primary Care
 - a. Minor
 - b. Episodic
 - c. Illnesses that need long-term care
- 2) Mental Health
- 3) Access to Specialty Care

Discussion: Members noticed that the community benefit provided by St David's is increasing at approximately 20% per year. This appears to be partially due to low Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates, high deductible insurance plans (many patients can't pay the deductible) and low insurance rates. Members were interested in the relationship between the public health model and a focus on prevention and physical care. It was noted that healthy behavioral patterns have to start when people are young and that there are local activities focused on this. The gap in dental care for adults was also noted as an area that needs to be addressed.

Immigrant Assessment Report: Rachel Coff and Korey Darling, Travis County Health and Human Services and Veteran's Services Research and Planning Division reviewed the data and the themes contained in the Immigrant Assessment. The full report can be reviewed at: http://www.caction.org/immigrant/2007_Assessment.pdf. It was noted that Travis County is seen as an emerging gateway community for immigrants and is perceived as immigrant friendly. Rachel and Korey invited Resource Council members to participate in the Immigrant Assessment Forum that will be held on Friday June 29 at St Edward's University. They offered to make presentations to Resource Council member Boards.

Discussion: Members noted the potential impact that proposed federal legislation could have on the local workforce and the need to keep abreast of the changes so that the community can understand the local impact. It was further noted that many local institutions track clients by income status rather than their legal status, so the number of undocumented immigrants is difficult to obtain. It was recommended that border towns that have successfully integrated immigrants be reviewed for best practices. It was also recommended that tipping point indicators are identified so that the impact of immigrants of housing and the safety net can be measured.

4. Executive Director's Comments

Vanessa Sarria

Vanessa reviewed progress on the CAN work plan, especially in the focus areas of behavioral health, transportation and housing. The leadership of the CAN Issue Area Groups is now meeting every other month so that they can better leverage their own resources. The new CAN Program Director Amy Arquilla will begin on June 18th.

2:30PM Adjourn

David Balch

Next meeting: Friday July 13, 2007