



## CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 8/26/2021

**Attendees:** Akram Al-Turk, ECHO; Tracy Ayhart, Central Texas Food Bank; Dan Brown, Children's Optimal Health; Daniel Chupe-O'Hanlon, Austin Community College; Greg Cumpton, Ray Marshall Center; Nancy Gilliam, CAN Community Council; Brooke Hammond, Integral Care; Adele Noel, Travis County Air Quality Program; Rochelle Olivares, Travis County HHS; Woody Rogers, Housing Works Austin; Sarita Clark-Leach, Central Health.

**Staff in Attendance:** Raul Alvarez, Carlos Soto

**Welcome and Introductions:** Greg Cumpton, DSC Chair called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm.

**Approval of minutes:** The 5/27/2021 meeting minutes were approved after a motion submitted by Daniel which was seconded by the Chair. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Data collaboration opportunity with AARO:** Raul mentioned that the Austin Area Research Organization reached out with the interest of developing a dashboard that would include indicators on resiliency. The proposed indicators would be related to public health (e.g., persons without health insurance, under age 65), confidence in leadership (e.g., approval of government responses), labor force size/productivity (e.g., unemployment insurance claims), and upward mobility (e.g., average income of adults who grew up in poverty by race/ethnicity).

**Update from US Census Bureau regarding ACS data to be released in 2021:** Last month the Census Bureau announced that, due to nonresponse bias resulting from the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic on ACS data collection, the 1-year estimates for 2020 don't meet their standards. This means that the 2020 ACS 1-Year estimates will not be released. Instead, the Census Bureau plans to release experimental estimates that would not be comparable to previous ACS data. It is unclear which tables and what jurisdictions the data will be available for.

**Recap of actions already taken:** In previous meetings, several actions have been taken. The uncertainty surrounding the broader impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic was a central factor in the conversations surrounding these decisions. The committee decided to set the target for the Arrest Disproportionality indicator to "proportionate by 2025". For the voting indicators, the committee decided to set the election target years to the next election cycle (2022 for gubernatorial elections, 2024 for presidential elections), keep the gubernatorial election target at 60%, and the presidential election target of 71%. For the indicators in the Basic Needs section, the committee decided to keep the current targets and set the target year to 2025.

**We are Healthy Indicator Targets:** Carlos introduced the indicators and targets and welcomed Adele Noel, Travis County Air Quality Project Manager to discuss recent air quality trends. In 2020 there may have been interactions between different sets of emissions that may have resulted in the air quality not improving as much as may have been expected. Specifically, there may be an inverse relationship between PM (2.5) and ozone that may have been a factor in the air quality observations for 2020. The County is working on research to be published in a report that should help us understand the air quality results for 2020.

The committee discussed leaving the air quality target at the current level. Greg submitted a motion to keep the target at 279 by 2025, which was seconded by Dan Brown. The motion passed unanimously. After the committee discussed the uninsured indicator, Greg submitted a motion to keep the uninsured target at 12% for 2025, which was seconded by Akram. The motion passed unanimously.

Mental health is another indicator where future levels are uncertain due to the short-term and long-term impacts of the pandemic. Greg submitted a motion to keep the target for Mental Health the same for 2025, which was seconded by Brooke. Due to the impact of the pandemic on the food system and the public's capacity to access healthy food and exercise, obesity is another indicator with an uncertain future. Greg moved to keep the obesity target the same for 2025, which was seconded by Akram. This motion passed unanimously. The smoking indicator is unique among the health indicators in that there were significant local changes that specifically targeted smoking. Over the years there has been an improvement, but it is unclear whether this improvement can be sustained. Greg submitted a motion to keep the smoking target at 10% for 2025, which was seconded by Akram. The motion passed unanimously.

**CAN REAF:** The Executive Director mentioned that the [Race Equity Action Framework](#) started as an asset map intended to function as a tool to identify who is doing what kind of work around racial equity. However, instead of just sharing a list of organizations, the goal was to share resources, data, and initiatives together in a single, cohesive package. This would help folks that would like to contribute to the effort connect with the entities doing the work. It's available on the CAN Dashboard website through the top menu. The framework is designed to assess racial disparities and identify areas of need where more efforts may need to be focused to reduce disparities. It combines the data with a list of organizations working with the data. It has eight sections, each with its own PDF. Sections include "Concentrated Wealth & Power", "Criminal & Civil Justice", "Workforce Development", and other locally relevant issue areas. An important feature of all sections is the disparity data showing how outcomes are different for different groups. Members mentioned that the CHA/CHIP report also addresses similar measures.

Next meeting date: 10/28.

**5. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.