



## CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 10/08/2024

**Attendees:** Alison Bentley, United Way Success by 6; Mia Burger, Central Texas Food Bank; Sarita Clark-Leach, Central Health; Greg Cumpston, UT Ray Marshall Center; Nancy Gilliam, CAN Community Council; Brooke Hammond, Integral Care; Kalinda Smith, Work Force Solutions Capital Area

**Other Guests:** Ara Merjanian, CAN Community Council

**Staff in Attendance:** Raul Alvarez, Carlos A Soto, Jelina Tunstill

**Welcome and Introductions:** Carlos A Soto called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm and provided an overview of the agenda.

**Approval of minutes:** The 06/04/2024 meeting minutes were approved after a motion submitted by Greg, which was seconded by Nancy. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Executive Director Report:** Tomorrow there's a press conference to announce we've met our Mental Health First Aid Trainings goal has been reached, and that we will start a phase 2 to continue training people and trainers. In October we will also continue the Race Equity Principles in Practice trainings, which go along with the Race Equity Action Framework. These take place over 4 weeks and help participants connect with the equity work. The CAN Retreat is scheduled for Friday, October 11. We are currently at the end of our current Strategic Plan and looking at CAN's upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

**Follow-up on Economic Indicators:** Currently, the dashboard includes only one indicator on economic conditions (unemployment). There is an interest in increasing this number to up to 5. In previous discussions, economic conditions/factors to possibly include on the Dashboard include employment/unemployment, wealth inequality, income inequality, affordability (cost of living vs living wage, median income compared with median rent and median home value, median home value divided by median income), concentration of poverty, and business ownership (comparison by race). The Urban Institute metric for affordability (cost of living vs median wage) may overlook or miss key populations that are struggling. The experience at WFS is that many families are having a hard time making ends meet. Success by 6 analysis of ALICE data show that 24% can't make ends meet. The affordability indicator on income vs rent and home value may hide the number of people that may have to double, triple, or quadruple occupy a housing unit. Unless data are available drilled down for sub populations, it is difficult to draw meaningful insights from the indicator. Since the cost of housing is a (if not the) major part of the cost of living, it's an important measure. However, it's very similar to housing cost burden. Perhaps it belongs as a drilldown. Median housing value divided by median income can show how it has become increasingly challenging to afford to buy a house. Homeownership is an important factor in accumulating generational wealth. This is a good measure. Concentration of poverty is hard to know what the number means without comparison to other places/cities in the US. It's also hard to understand what it means for us as data people, so it may be harder for the public to connect with it. Business ownership data are only available for Texas or the USA. The two main ones to strike are income vs rent vs home value (affordability), and concentration of poverty. The most liked is cost of living vs living wage.

**2024 CAN Dashboard Report & Upcoming Meeting Dates:** Meeting dates for 2025 were shared.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

### 2025 Meeting dates:

- February 4
- April 8
- June 3
- August 5
- October 7
- December 2