



CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 12/12/2023

Attendees: Akram Al-Turk, ECHO; Dan Brown, Children's Optimal Health; Greg Cumpton, UT Ray Marshall Center; Matthew Figg, Austin Community College; Brooke Hammond, Integral Care; Andrea Jacks, E³ Alliance; Rochelle Olivares, Travis County HHS; Robert Stanford, Travis County Sherriff

Other Guests: Kati Merriweather, E³ Alliance;

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

Welcome and Introductions: Committee chair Greg Cumpton called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm, and an overview of the agenda was provided.

Approval of minutes: The 10/24/2023 meeting minutes were approved after a motion submitted by Dan, which was seconded by Matthew. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Executive Director Update: The CAN Retreat is scheduled for Friday, where we will be celebrating our accomplishments in 2023 and planning for 2024. This year we published 6 Community Resource Guides in 10 languages. Work is taking place on another guide for housing. We also published mental health toolkits in English and Spanish in October and have trained over 300 people since their introduction. We also met the goal for Mental Health First Aid training months ahead of target.

Discuss Smoking Indicator and Possible Update w/ E-Cig Data: Carlos introduced the current tobacco use indicator, percent of Travis County adults who report being current smokers. This indicator has been declining over the past few years and is currently (7% in 2021) below the target (10% in 2025). The rate of current smokers has seen a decline in the past 10 years. E-cigarette use data are available going as far back as 2016. In general, the rate of current E-cigarette users has shown an increasing trend over the past 5 years. The BRFSS also provides smokeless tobacco use data within the tobacco use question. However, the percentage is so low that current user rates are not provided and amount to less than 1% of BRFSS responders in Travis County. The presentation included an overview of the data available and tools to access them. Brooke mentioned that the question of alternative forms of tobacco use continues to come up as it has in the past. Perhaps one approach could be to prominently note in the tobacco use discussion that we are tracking e-cigarette use and it is currently even with smoking. It may also be helpful to include a statement about how it is unclear if the two groups are mutually exclusive, or if use overlaps. Members agreed to keep monitoring the indicator and continue discussion if the trends persist and available data improve.

Preview of ACS data: Carlos provided an overview of new ACS data available for the following indicators: poverty, housing cost burdened, drive alone to work, and uninsured.

2024 Meeting Dates: The following dates, which fall on the first Tuesday of the month, were selected: February 6, April 2, June 4, August 6, October 8, December 3. Meetings will take place from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

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