CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 12/03/2024

Attendees: Alison Bentley, United Way Success by 6; **Mia Burger,** Central Texas Food Bank; **Greg Cumpton**, UT Ray Marshall Center; **Nancy Gilliam,** CAN Community Council; **Brooke Hammond**, Integral Care; **Loc Le** (for Robert Stanford), Travis County Sheriff's Office; **Joseph Montano,** ECHO; **Adele Noel,** Travis County Air Quality Program; **Rochelle Olivares,** Travis County HHS; **Annelise Rhodes,** E[3] Alliance

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 1:01 pm and members introduced themselves.

Approval of minutes: The 10/08/2024 meeting minutes were approved after a motion submitted by Greg, which was seconded by Adele. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Executive Director Report: As we are going into our 30th anniversary next year, we recently published our 15th Dashboard report. Adele Noel spoke at the press conference on the recent decline in the air quality indicator and how that might impact local health and well-being. In recent months we have also been busy with revising our strategic plan, the first draft of which will be presented to the board this month. The Community Council is working on an update to the person-centered community report, and CAN is continuing its mental health work in Spanish with monthly online and in-person sessions. For next year, we plan to host a Regional Summit and the first fundraiser for the Central Texas language Access Fund.

Consider adding vaping as indicator: Following up on a conversation that was had previously, "Percent of Adults Who Are Current E-Cigarette Users" (currently on the Dashboard as a drilldown under the Current Smoker indicator) was discussed as a potential stand-alone indicator. After Carlos demonstrated the data available on the BRFSS website members continued discussion and decided to keep e-cigarette use as a drilldown.

Education Indicator Follow-up: Following up on the conversation from the 2023 Retreat, where members expressed an interest in expanding the economic and education data we track, members reconsidered an indicator that had recently been approved by the DSC to include on the Dashboard. The indicator (dropout rate) was determined to be deficit-based and overlaps too much with the graduation rate. A useful indicator would inform us of the grades/ages for which we have gaps (such as elementary or middle-school). Members discussed two potential indicators (postsecondary enrollment, or college-credit-bearing course taking). Postsecondary enrollment would only measure individuals who decide to pursue a post-secondary track, while college-credit-bearing course taking may cast a wider net. This is because many students who pursue post-secondary tracks take college-credit-bearing courses, while many students who pursue other tracks (such as vocational training, apprenticeships, and other options) also take college-credit-bearing courses. A motion to replace the dropout rate indicator with college-credit-bearing course taking (Percentage of Students who Complete Any College-Credit-Bearing Course by Senior Cohort) was submitted by Annelise, which was seconded by Brooke. The motion passed unanimously.

Follow-up on Economic Indicators: At previous meetings, members have expressed an interest in labor participation, income inequality, housing affordability, and other indicators. Members decided to keep labor participation rate as a drilldown under unemployment. An indicator measuring people who are employed, but constrained by income and limited assets, would captures the population of individuals who are above the poverty or low-income levels (thus disqualified from supports for people with low or poverty incomes) who still don't make enough money to make ends meet and live comfortably. A motion to add "Percentage of Households That Are ALICE" as an indicator to the new Economics section was submitted by Alison, which was seconded by Greg. The motion passed unanimously. The Housing Affordability (median housing value divided by median income) indicator may be hard to understand for some folks. It might be helpful to compare it to other cities, like we do with air quality or driving alone to work, to get a better understanding of our current standing. That may also help us with setting a target.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

2025 Meeting dates: February 4, April 8, June 10, August 12, October 8 (Data/Research Roundup), December 9