



CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 02/04/2025

Attendees: Dan Brown, Children's Optimal Health; Mia Burger, Central Texas Food Bank; Matthew Figg, ACC; Nancy Gilliam, CAN Community Council; Adele Noel, Travis County Air Quality Program; Rochelle Olivares, Travis County HHS; Annelise Rhodes, E³ Alliance; Robert Stanford, Travis Co Sheriff's Office; Brittany Whittington, Integral Care

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

Welcome and Introductions: Raul Alvarez called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and members introduced themselves. Alvarez also mentioned that this year, as part of our 30th anniversary celebrations, we will be recognizing CAN Greg with a special Butler Award for Community Leadership for his dedication to the Dashboard Steering Committee. The CAN Celebration is scheduled to take place on March 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at ACC Rio Grande.

Approval of minutes: The 12/3/2024 meeting minutes were approved after a motion submitted by Robert, which was seconded by Matthew. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Executive Director Report: The Strategic Plan was approved at the most recent Board Meeting. The Plan will guide CAN's work over the next 3 years. Board members have also expressed an interest in joining data-oriented folks (such as members of the DSC) in a special Data & Research Round-Up day, a special session where partners can highlight their data and research and answer questions. Several Steering Committee Members expressed their interest. Staff will map out a schedule and come back next time with more details at the next meeting.

Continue Discussion on Economic Indicators: One of the measures discussed previously was Income Inequality, a ratio of household income at the 80th percentile to the 20th percentile. Cities to compare with Austin are drawn from a list of most populous cities in the US, or cities with similarities (social, economic, historic, geographic) to our own. Members showed most interest in comparisons with the other major Texas cities. Members did not show an interest in adding income inequality as an indicator to the CAN Dashboard. Uncertainty about the size of the gap or disproportionality and what is considered moderate or severe for the measure are some of the reasons noted. Brittany from Integral Care shared [a website highlighting cities and counties with the biggest income gaps](#) as an example of an engaging way to make a comparison between cities. Another measure that was previously discussed was Housing Affordability, a ratio of the current median home price to the median family income. For this measure, disaggregated data are available for the main table (ACS tables B25077 and B19113 are available for subpopulations B25077B and B19113B, etc.). Data are available for Gross Rent (B25063) and Median Gross Rent (B25064), but these are not available disaggregated. Highlighting the target (3.0) would be helpful for this one, as would a line indicating where the measure is bad (example, "6.0"). The text explaining the rule of thumb is also helpful. A motion to add Housing Affordability as an indicator to the CAN Community Dashboard was submitted by Adele. Robert seconded the motion. The motion to add affordability as an indicator to the CAN Community Dashboard passed unanimously.

Review Recently Added Indicators: Tabled.

Review Potential Data From 2-1-1: Dan Brown introduced the new initiative at 2-1-1 to expand the [data available on their dashboard](#), which features data dating from 2019 to the present. It's updated every month, and includes several interesting features such as the ability to map data. One way they are gathering feedback is through a survey that gathers feedback on several ideas for potential 211 data resources. The survey [is available at this link](#).

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

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