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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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VALINDA BOLTON
BROOKE BOSTON
NAOMI CANTU
FRANCES GATTIS (via telephone)
KELLY KRAVITZ (by Ken Martin)
PAM MAERCKLEIN
TODD NOVAK (by Alanna Bennett)
EMILY SASSER-BRAY

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT:

DARILYN CARDONA-BEILER
ERIC SAMUELS
DENNIS M. SCHOLL (via telephone)
MICHAEL WILT

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:

CATE TRACZ (TDHCA)
MEGAN SYLVESTER (TDHCA)

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2 MR. DOYLE: We're going to skip down to number
3 V on the agenda, and does anybody want to start us off
4 with what your agency does around homelessness prevention?

5 MS. BENNETT: I'll start it off.

6 MR. DOYLE: All right. Thank you.

7 MS. BENNETT: Good morning, everyone. I'm
8 filling in for Todd Novak for the Texas Juvenile Justice
9 Department. My name is Alanna Bennett. I'm the reentry
10 specialist.

11 So to lead into the question of what is our
12 agency doing to prevent youth homelessness, they hired me,
13 and so my job is to provide assistance to the institutions
14 as well as the halfway houses to help youth transition
15 smoothly into the community.

16 And so I look for alternative placements, I
17 help with any resources and things like that. And I want
18 to say that I came really, really prepared with this
19 really smart speech, but Todd actually wrote this, so I'm
20 just going to read what he put on here, and then if you
21 have any questions, I'll try to answer them, but I just
22 wanted to kind of give you a background.

23 So it starts off saying that the agency has
24 hired a reentry specialist -- which I said was myself --
25 for early identification of youth at the time of

1 commitment, specialized case loads which allows us to have
2 ample time to find placement for youth who are at high
3 risk of homelessness, and that's exactly what I did.

4 I get a report every week of the kids that come
5 into the orientation and assessment unit at Brownwood, and
6 if any flags go up that maybe this youth may not have a
7 home to go to, I jump right on there and I start to try to
8 build a team so that we can figure out what our options
9 are. And if it pans out that the youth will have a place,
10 that's fine; if not, we know we've done the background
11 work to at least pick up if something should fall apart.

12 So we have independent living preparation and
13 alternative housing efforts. TJJD recognizes that
14 addressing the youth needs for housing is critical for
15 positive outcomes beyond parole services. We're really
16 working on permanency care and a permanency plan. We
17 don't want to just get these kids through parole, we want
18 to get them beyond that.

19 Older youth at times cannot return home due to
20 many circumstances and are at high risk for homelessness.

21 Historically TJJD has addressed this area with the
22 independent living preparation and subsidy program, which
23 has encountered a significant decrease in funding.

24 TJJD plans to regrow the independent living
25 preparation and subsidy program by requesting additional

1 funds to address these hard-to-place youth and prepare
2 them for sustainability after their stay in TJJD. This
3 request for funding is included in the agency's LAR
4 exceptional items request for the next biennium.

5 The Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless
6 was made aware of the decreased funding during a key
7 informant interview for the Texas Counts Project. TJJD
8 has partnered with DFPS to offer the Preparation for Adult
9 Living, the PAL program; a self-study guide for DFPS youth
10 in TJJD custody, commonly called crossover youth, these
11 youth in DFPS/TJJD custody in completing PAL making them
12 eligible for subsidy. We do that quite often, actually,
13 and we work with Ryan Unger a lot. He's our PAL
14 coordinator that we deal with a lot, but we have PAL
15 coordinators all over Texas.

16 To make completion easy, in October 2016 TJJD
17 created a log-on account for every facility location that
18 allows staff members to log the youth on so they can
19 access the online self-study guide. Staff will document
20 the youth has completed five hours of each of the six
21 areas in order to receive credit for the DFPS.

22 To address the need for sustainable living, the
23 agency has partnered with outside stakeholders to create
24 the Travis County Coalition for Youth. This coalition is
25 pursuing a tiny house initiative that will provide

1 affordable housing to homeless youth between the ages of
2 18 to 24. Who doesn't love a tiny house, I mean, really.

3 In addition, TJJD has staff in place that
4 identify youth with housing challenges early in the
5 reentry planning process to assist the facility and parole
6 staff with locating community-based programs that are
7 already in existence.

8 As we address drug and alcohol relapse, we
9 explore the use of sober-living communities and the Oxford
10 House for older youth. Finally, we contract with Geocoson
11 [phonetic] to help with independent living preparation.

12 And that is currently what our agency is doing
13 to help reduce the homelessness for youth.

14 MR. DOYLE: Good. Any questions?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. DOYLE: Thank you very much.

17 Anybody else have a report?

18 MS. CARDONA-BEILER: I can go ahead.

19 MR. DOYLE: Okay.

20 MS. CARDONA-BEILER: Good morning. My name is
21 Darilyn Cardona-Beiler. I'm with Integral Care. We're
22 the local mental health authority for Travis County. We
23 have a variety of prevention programs across our continuum
24 of care; however, I would like to talk about the programs
25 we have at Integral Care.

1 We have a fairly new program that is called
2 Families with Voices. It's a program that is geared to
3 serving families at risk, and it's very focused on
4 homeless prevention.

5 This program has been funded by the county, and
6 it's to serve families in the Manor area, and what is
7 unique about this project is that we're working really
8 closely with the Manor ISD to ensure we have the ability
9 to select the families who really need the services the
10 most.

11 So the independent school district identifies
12 the families, those families who are couch-surfing or in
13 motels and different places, and then getting them
14 connected to the program, and we have the ability to
15 either prevent homelessness or move them from motels or
16 wherever they're at into housing. It's a fairly new
17 program, we're moving now into the second year, and it's
18 doing really well.

19 We started a collaboration with LifeWorks; this
20 is the youth agency in our continuum, and we are providing
21 prevention to youth and the funding for this coming from
22 TDHCA, and also it's part of the same continuum of care.

23 Through our sources from HHSC, we have a short-
24 term rental assistance program, and that is a resource
25 that we're using as a bridge subsidy and HUD has given us

1 the permission, which is pretty unique, to use the subsidy
2 when we identify an individual who is either at risk or is
3 homeless and move them into PSH once a PSH voucher becomes
4 available.

5 So we have the ability to bridge individuals
6 from one place to another without moving them out from the
7 household, from the place where they're at, but by solely
8 just moving the subsidy around them and keep them in
9 place.

10 We also have a variety of co-ops, and we have
11 28 units we use for individuals who are at risk of
12 homelessness, and these are adults who are okay living in
13 congregate living. And as part of the Health Community
14 Cooperatives in the state, we have allocated as well
15 resources to ensure people, once they move into housing if
16 they face any challenges, they're able to use those
17 resources to prevent them from homelessness.

18 So we are trying to take prevention very
19 seriously, not only to make sure that we are helping
20 individuals who we move into housing who come with a
21 history of chronic homelessness, for them to stay housed,
22 but also within our compliance to make sure that no one
23 actually hits the streets.

24 MR. DOYLE: That's great. Thanks very much.

25 MR. SAMUELS: So the subsidy that you use for

1 the bridge funding, for those folks in rental housing and
2 you have these subsidies to keep them in housing until a
3 bed comes up in PSH.

4 MS. CARDONA-BEILER: Correct.

5 MR. SAMUELS: Is that HUD continuum of care
6 funding?

7 MS. CARDONA-BEILER: The bridge subsidy is
8 coming from the state, from HHSC, and HUD gave us the
9 permission to allow them into PSH and maintain their
10 chronic homeless status.

11 So what we have found is that a lot of
12 individuals stay chronic for a long time, waiting for that
13 PSH voucher, because they're concerned of losing their
14 chronic homeless status to be able to enter the system, so
15 we get them with a bridge subsidy and then transition them
16 into PSH once the voucher is available through the
17 coordinated assessment system.

18 MR. SAMUELS: That's good.

19 MS. CANTU: I have a quick question. This is
20 Naomi Cantu with TDHCA.

21 So the HHSC funds, is that the short-term
22 rental assistance or the Healthy Communities
23 Collaborative?

24 MS. CARDONA-BEILER: It's the short-term rental
25 assistance. We have used some of the Healthy Communities

1 Cooperatives as well, but it's primarily just for
2 prevention. The bridge program is through the short-term
3 rental assistance program.

4 MR. DOYLE: Any other questions?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. DOYLE: Thanks very much.

7 Anybody else have an update or report?

8 MS. BOLTON: Valinda Bolton with DFPS,
9 specifically CPS.

10 I don't have any information about our homeless
11 prevention activities with older or disabled adults,
12 because they didn't get back to me by this morning.

13 So some of this not new, but I'm going to go
14 over it for those of you who may not know because I
15 learned a lot. So we have PAL, Preparation for Adult
16 Living, which provides a whole range of services.
17 Specifically in terms of homeless prevention, PAL provides
18 contracted case management to youth up to age 21, and
19 through the case management we provide after-care, room
20 and board financial assistance based on need and up to
21 \$3,000 cumulative payments but not more than \$500 a month.

22 Transition centers, which are through the
23 Workforce Commission, are a really huge asset. DFPS is
24 divided up into 13 regions; every region has at least one
25 of the transition centers, almost half the regions have

1 two. They are available to youth ages 15-1/2 to 25, so
2 actual full-on young adults with their brains almost
3 completely done growing.

4 So through there they can do job readiness, job
5 search, job options, they get help enrolling in college,
6 help with housing and mentoring. Some of the centers are
7 able to link with other community agencies like substance
8 abuse, mental health services, counseling and leadership
9 training.

10 I was just in another meeting yesterday and
11 there was a panel of young adults that had aged out of the
12 foster care system, and a couple of them in particular
13 talked about how hugely helpful the transition center in
14 their region was.

15 So now for the last several years we're able to
16 help them after they turn 18. If they're in the
17 department's custody at the point they turn 18, they can
18 stay voluntarily in extended foster care, but if they
19 leave -- this is a good thing that's not real new but
20 fairly new -- if they leave care, they can actually come
21 back through the extended foster care, and there's a lot
22 of ways that we are able to assist them, because most 18-
23 year-olds they don't want to be in care anymore and then
24 they get to about 20 and they're like, That was dumb.

25 So we have developed with various contractors

1 trying to get placements that are willing and conducive to
2 this really young adult population. We have supervised
3 independent living options that are apartments shared
4 housing, college and non-college dorms and host homes that
5 we contract with people, supervise independent living
6 providers to do that service.

7 Then for young adults with disabilities, we
8 have the 811 project rental assistance through TDHCA, so
9 that provides low-cost rental apartments in various
10 locations actually to young adults and adults. So they
11 have to be SSI-eligible, current or former foster youth,
12 and this includes youth with mental illness and other
13 types of disabilities as well. So we have placed one
14 youth in that program, we have five that are awaiting a
15 place.

16 So then probably the newest thing and something
17 I'm sure most of you, if not all of you are familiar with,
18 is that the Austin-Travis County Continuum of Care was
19 selected for the HUD grant. So we're deeply involved for
20 that for Travis County, and one of our CPS staff
21 leadership, Stacy Love, is here in Travis County and she's
22 on that planning committee. So that's probably the newest
23 thing that's going on.

24 MR. DOYLE: When someone turns 18 they can, I
25 would assume, like it used to be, walk out the door and

1 say, See ya, I'm done. But you do offer those options,
2 which are numerous.

3 MS. BOLTON: Right. And so we start working
4 with them ahead of that to try to help them understand and
5 do some of the preparation for adult living starting, some
6 of it starts at 14, some of it starts at 16, so we try to
7 get them started so if they do decide to exit at 18,
8 they're hopefully a little more prepared. And now we have
9 this for them to, when they get a little older and a
10 little wiser and realize maybe leaving so quickly was not
11 in their best interest, then they can come back.

12 MR. DOYLE: Before they turn 25?

13 MS. BOLTON: Yes.

14 MR. DOYLE: Good. Thanks, Valinda.

15 We have a question for Valinda first. Michael.

16 MR. WILT: Michael Wilt, Texas State Affordable
17 Housing Corporation.

18 Can you tell me a little bit more about the
19 host home? That's something we've been looking at as part
20 of that Youth Homelessness Advisory Board that you
21 mentioned at the end of your presentation.

22 MS. BOLTON: I don't know a whole lot more, but
23 I can connect you with the person who does, Larry Burgess.
24 Do you have a card?

25 MR. WILT: Yes. I can give it to you after.

1 MS. BOLTON: Great. And then I can have him
2 reach out to you.

3 MR. WILT: Perfect.

4 MR. DOYLE: Good.

5 Well, welcome, Ken. Long time no see. Ken is
6 taking over for Kelly Kravitz today, THEO.

7 MR. MARTIN: I'm here for Jeanne and Kelly, and
8 I've got just a simple handout. This is just an update on
9 the Every Student Succeeds Act, and I wanted to share with
10 you that as part of the ESSA, homeless school district
11 liaisons are now going to be able to certify people as
12 homeless according to the HUD definition for HUD programs.

13 And I've been tasked with coming up with a
14 training for the liaisons to be able to do that, so I'm
15 working with the staff at THEO and TEA and Region 10 to do
16 all of that, get that training up and going so folks will
17 be able to say that they're trained to be able to certify
18 for homelessness.

19 MR. DOYLE: Will they bypass the coordinated
20 assessment pot, or do they still have to go into that?

21 MR. MARTIN: They will still have to go into
22 coordinated assessment, and that's part of what I'll be
23 training them on is that just because they're certified in
24 one of the four categories of homelessness does not mean
25 that they will be actually served with housing because of

1 existing priorities that are in place or eligibility
2 requirements of individual grant recipients.

3 MR. SAMUELS: What's great, though, the
4 homeless education liaisons don't have to send the child
5 somewhere else to get certified, so that's a big
6 advantage.

7 MR. MARTIN: Right.

8 So the law does state that they have to be
9 trained before they can do that, so that's one of the
10 issues that I'm working on.

11 Jeanne has asked me to work on housing
12 issues -- for some reason, I'm not sure -- for THEO, so
13 you'll probably be seeing me around other things. I'm on
14 the Youth Advisory Council for the LifeWorks project too.

15 MR. DOYLE: Great. Thank you.

16 Others? Pam, you almost jumped out there a
17 while ago.

18 MS. MAERCKLEIN: Pam Maercklein with the Texas
19 Veterans Commission. We mainly provide possible funding
20 and education of homeless veterans so we can provide
21 grants for agencies that work with homeless veterans, and
22 that can be general assistance, the Housing for Heroes,
23 legal and mental health. There's four categories. And
24 then I've been starting with Texas Homeless Network some
25 education, Facebook Live, and then this time we're going

1 to do some YouTube videos, homeless veterans with
2 different categories.

3 MR. DOYLE: Great.

4 MR. SAMUELS: She's on Facebook like every
5 week.

6 (General laughter.)

7 MR. DOYLE: Frances, what about TDCJ?

8 MS. GATTIS: Mine is not nearly as exciting as
9 everyone else's, but I do have some things that I can
10 report.

11 So our discharging population, that's those who
12 leave our custody free of supervision, they've completed
13 their sentence before they leave our custody, we don't
14 have the ability to have any governance over them or
15 require them to live in any particular place, so that is
16 certainly our most challenging population. There are a
17 few things that we do. We maintain resources through our
18 reentry staff within the agency so that we can provide
19 housing resources to those discharging offenders. We make
20 those available for them to access themselves on the unit
21 but they also have access to a reentry case manager on the
22 unit who can talk with them about where they plan to live
23 and help them come up with some possible housing options.
24 At the end of the day, they can choose to take advantage
25 of those or not, and there's really not much that we can

1 do either way.

2 Our parolee population is different. They
3 don't ever release into homelessness but many of them do
4 release into an approved housing plan at a transition
5 center or what you might hear called a halfway house.
6 Those individuals, if they don't have a home residence to
7 go to and they do release to the halfway house, the goal,
8 of course, is to get them into sustainable housing and not
9 have them stay at the halfway house long term, but also,
10 if they move into a home plan and at some point later are
11 at risk of homelessness, we can approve them to go back
12 into a halfway house so that they do have a residence to
13 live in while they have that need.

14 Then one thing that's newer is under the
15 reentry division for the agency, the Texas Correctional
16 Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments --
17 which you all may know as TCOOMMI, has a new grant that's
18 recently been awarded that allows us to target those with
19 persistent or severe mental illness in the Austin
20 Transitional Center and the transitional center in
21 Houston, the Southeast Texas Halfway House, so that a case
22 manager provides targeted services with the goal of having
23 those individuals transition out of that halfway house and
24 into sustainable housing in 75 days or less from the day
25 that they arrive to the halfway house. That's very new, I

1 don't have outcomes to give you on that as of yet, but
2 we're anticipating that that will be a great benefit to
3 that very targeted special needs population.

4 MR. DOYLE: Wonderful.

5 D.J., I'm not going to put you on the spot, but
6 can you talk a little bit -- because if you can't, I
7 will -- about the connection between the job training
8 inside the prison system, particularly through Windham
9 that are available to help people find jobs even before
10 they're released so that it keeps them from coming out
11 homeless?

12 MS. BINGLER: I don't have a lot to say about
13 that. I'm aware of Windham doing the educational programs
14 in the prisons; I'm not as aware of the educational
15 training programs.

16 MR. DOYLE: Let me explain it just a little
17 bit. We're doing this in Tarrant County, and we're the
18 first Workforce board in the state to officially align
19 with Windham, and we have identified the demand industries
20 in Tarrant County and what the requirements are,
21 particularly in welding, what kind of certifications they
22 have to have in welding, and in an agreement between the
23 reentry division at TDCJ and TWC, we've built a system
24 whereby we find somebody returning to Tarrant County,
25 wherever they are, the Boyd Unit, wherever they are, and

1 there's a Windham job training program there that offers
2 welding, they will transfer them to that unit so they can
3 get the skill needed for the job that's there when they
4 get back to Tarrant County.

5 So that collaboration between TDCJ and TWC to
6 give people certifications that have been identified as
7 demand occupations in a local locality is a great thing
8 for your Workforce boards to be talking about, because
9 with the willingness to transfer to a unit that trains for
10 that particular thing, we're hopeful that people will come
11 out and they'll just be out and work pretty quick like
12 that. And whether you're on parole or whether you're
13 straight release, getting to work quickly is the key to
14 staying back out of jail usually.

15 So I thought when I heard that, we proposed to
16 our Workforce board, and we proposed that I sit on that
17 board, and I thought, man, this makes a lot of sense.
18 That inmate knows that there is a job out there that he
19 qualifies for while he's still in, they're saying at
20 Windham their excitement is just unbelievable.

21 The last month or so they're there, they can't
22 wait to get out and go to work, and it's not that I'm the
23 victim thing when I get out, it's, I've got a chance here,
24 and it's just making a huge difference in the way they're
25 perceiving the training that they're getting inside the

1 prisons. So I thought that was a pretty good idea.

2 MS. BECKWITH: Can I ask a question?

3 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

4 MS. BECKWITH: Do you work also with Bob Gear
5 and the Veterans Leadership Program for Employment?

6 MR. DOYLE: I have not heard about that yet.

7 MS. BECKWITH: That would be a really good
8 thing for you to connect tom because it's part of Texas
9 Workforce Commission, Bob Gear is the director, and what
10 it does is connect veterans with employment when they
11 leave the service or if they become unemployed, and that
12 would be a good connection, I think, for you for those
13 that have run afoul of the law.

14 MR. DOYLE: We can easily identify the veterans
15 that are incarcerated.

16 MS. BECKWITH: Exactly.

17 MR. DOYLE: Because I can't speak for if
18 they're going back to Harris or Bexar or Travis or any of
19 the rest of the counties, but if they're coming back to
20 Tarrant County, we'd love to identify those veterans
21 coming back to Tarrant County, because we've got 8,000
22 jobs at Alliance that are unfilled as of last Wednesday,
23 when we had our board meeting, because of middle-level job
24 skills, welding, computers, how to do welding on a
25 computer, those kind of things, and if there's that kind

1 of jobs, and they're felon-friendly up there, most of
2 them, we want to make sure that when they get out, they're
3 working, and that would be a neat deal.

4 MS. BECKWITH: That would be a really good
5 connection.

6 MR. DOYLE: Bob Gear, where is he located, in
7 Austin?

8 MS. BECKWITH: He's here.

9 MS. BINGLER: The Veterans Leadership Program
10 is part of an initiative in TWC. They work strictly with
11 Iraqi Freedom veterans. The Texas Veterans Commission
12 works with all veterans, but Bob Gear's work group works
13 strictly with Iraqi Freedom veterans.

14 MR. DOYLE: Okay. We'll reach out to them and
15 see if we can link that in.

16 Naomi.

17 MS. CANTU: TDHCA has many programs that do
18 poverty prevention, which can be homelessness prevention
19 as well, but we also have two programs which I'll speak to
20 today that specifically have a category for homelessness
21 prevention, and that's the Emergency Solutions Grants
22 Program from HUD, or the federal government, which we're a
23 pass-through agency for, about \$8.4 million, and then
24 Homeless Housing and Services Program, which is the state-
25 funded general revenue program, which is about \$5 million

1 a year.

2 In 2016 our current subrecipients for Emergency
3 Solutions Grants, 15 out of 31 subrecipients offer
4 homelessness prevention activities out of the four
5 possible client service activities, so that's about 48
6 percent.

7 To put that in context, though, about 15
8 percent of the total ESG funds committed for homelessness
9 prevention out of the total award, so even though it's
10 quite a few agencies that offer homelessness prevention,
11 they're offering not as much as in the other client
12 services.

13 From September 1 to this February, which is
14 when our contract started, we've served a thousand persons
15 in Texas with homelessness prevention, and that can
16 include housing stability -- not all of them get all of
17 the services -- housing stability, case management,
18 financial assistance such as deposits, moving costs, et
19 cetera, rental assistance, housing search and placement.
20 And we already have some outcome measures and that's 285
21 persons maintained housing after three months of exiting
22 the program, and as of February, 40 percent of the funds
23 committed to homelessness prevention have been expended.

24 For Homeless Housing and Services Program, the
25 current contracts, this is located only in the eight

1 largest cities in Texas, per Texas Government Code, and
2 three out of the eight subrecipients offer homelessness
3 prevention, so that's again about 38 percent, but you see
4 similar trend with the amount of budget is only 8 percent
5 of the \$5 million is actually for homelessness prevention.

6 There's about 120 persons served for these current
7 projects and we're about 14 percent expended. So that's
8 the actual homelessness prevention that we're tracking
9 specifically for that activity.

10 MR. DOYLE: And if anybody wanted to apply for
11 those funds, would they go to a local agency that gets
12 those funds, or directly to TDHCA?

13 MS. CANTU: So clients that are facing
14 eviction?

15 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

16 MS. CANTU: So they go to local agencies.

17 And ESG, Emergency Solutions Grants, is not
18 offered statewide. It's a competitive program, so not
19 everywhere has Emergency Solutions Grants.

20 MR. DOYLE: Thank you.

21 Any other questions? Any other reports?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. DOYLE: Then we have a quorum present. Let
24 me call the meeting to order.

25 DR. SCHOLL: Mike?

1 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

2 DR. SCHOLL: This is Dennis Scholl. This is
3 probably not a report, but I sent five sentences to Cate
4 as kind of a public comment report to keep her keystrokes
5 simple. But I just did a couple of reminders about not
6 forgetting about traditional veterans organizations'
7 possible role, fire departments, volunteer fire
8 departments' possible role, and not forgetting about rural
9 solutions versus gravitating to large cities shouldn't be
10 forgotten as we look at resources.

11 So Cate, I sent that to you in a email.

12 MS. TRACZ: Okay. Thank you. I'll look for
13 that and send it out to the group.

14 DR. SCHOLL: Thanks for letting me interrupt,
15 Mike.

16 MR. DOYLE: Absolutely, Dennis. No problem,
17 anytime.

18 Welcome, everybody. We've kind of introduced
19 ourselves as we've gone through item 5 on the agenda.

20 The only remarks I have is just a comment that
21 I want to announce, just in case you hear it that you'll
22 understand it. Obviously, Pathways Home has a big
23 connection to local continuum of care, which we've been in
24 since 1995 as an agency, as Cornerstone Assistance Network
25 as their CEO, and we love them, but we opted out of the

1 continuum of care this year and gave some funds back that
2 we didn't want. We actually transferred them to Tarrant
3 County, who transferred them to the community enrichment
4 center, which will do a great job with them.

5 I told HUD this in Fort Worth, and I told the
6 county this: It had nothing to do with anything other
7 than a business decision. We have been paying matching so
8 much funds that it was really cheaper for us to continue
9 the same work and just keep our staff together and pay
10 them out of our general funds than it was to take the
11 grant.

12 So if somebody says here's the governor's
13 appointee on the agency that gets all the HUD funds and
14 he's not taking them anymore, it's a business decision, it
15 has nothing to do with anything -- although, I still don't
16 like the way that pot thing goes -- but at the same time,
17 it's nothing to do with anything other than that decision.

18 We could pay \$90,000 in match or \$90,000 out of
19 general revenue and not have any regulations, and so we're
20 going to continue to serve the homeless, continue to house
21 them, but we're going to do it with our own money. That's
22 basically it.

23 MR. SAMUELS: I think that's still a very
24 valuable member of the continuum of care. You don't have
25 to have those funds to be a very valuable member.

1 MR. DOYLE: That's right. We're still doing
2 the things that we've always done, it just makes more
3 sense now for us to pay for it, and it didn't hurt that we
4 just got a gift of a million dollars, so that helped in my
5 decision-making process a lot.

6 MS. BOSTON: Congratulations.

7 MR. DOYLE: Thank you.

8 Okay. Moving on, approval of the minutes. You
9 received from Cate the minutes, and I would entertain a
10 motion to approve those.

11 MS. BOSTON: So moved.

12 MR. DOYLE: Moved by Brooke. Is there a
13 second?

14 MS. MAERCKLEIN: I second.

15 MR. DOYLE: Second by Pam.

16 Any corrections, additions?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. DOYLE: All in favor say aye.

19 (A chorus of ayes.)

20 MR. DOYLE: Opposed same sign.

21 (No response.)

22 MR. DOYLE: Those do pass.

23 Update on Region 6 Federal Regional Interagency
24 Council on Homelessness webinar. Michael, you're going to
25 give us an update?

1 MR. WILT: Yes, I will.

2 We had a webinar on February 28 for the Region
3 6 Federal Regional Interagency Council on Homelessness.
4 The people who coordinated it apologize because it
5 conflicted with the Homelessness Day at the Capitol, so I
6 know that some of you were planning on being on the
7 webinar and couldn't do that because of that conflict, and
8 they said that they would schedule another one at a later
9 date and we haven't heard anything since then.

10 It was a pretty quick webinar. Leslie Ann
11 Bradley, with HUD up in the Dallas area, kicked it off,
12 she's a co-chair of this Region 6 group. She introduced
13 Bob Pulster, who many of you know, with USICH. Bob gave
14 some comment, the most salient thing is probably that he
15 told people that USICH may not be around as of October 1
16 of this year unless they get some help, mainly out of the
17 House side, they think they have some help on the Senate
18 side, but as it stands, they're not going to get any
19 funding through the continuing resolution or through any
20 other means. I don't know if there's going to be a
21 continuing resolution, I don't know what's going to happen
22 on the federal side. So they still have some work to do
23 in order to be around after October 1.

24 Bob talked about Matt Doherty's comments at the
25 NAEH conference in Houston that many of you were at. He

1 applauded the work Texas has done to end veteran
2 homelessness and that they're doing to end youth
3 homelessness. He talked about the federal criterion
4 benchmarks for ending youth and family homelessness that
5 we talked about at our last TICH meeting in January, and
6 he also said what works is that data drives progress and
7 that USICH had a new document that makes that point that
8 was coming out. And then Bob talked about the rapid
9 rehousing efforts.

10 LaKesha Pope Jackson is the other co-chair for
11 the Region 6, and she talked about the scope of this group
12 and that it was mainly for collaborating among the
13 different states that are members of it. Those states, by
14 the way, are New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and
15 Arkansas. And I'm not sure who all was represented on the
16 webinar because they didn't really go over that at the
17 beginning, but I think that they had representation from
18 every state. Anyway, LaKesha said that these states would
19 come together with a common strategy and that really is a
20 way for people to share info and collaborate and talk
21 about what works, and that they would be establishing some
22 committees and that those committees would meet on a
23 quarterly basis. And she also talked about expanding
24 those to affiliate members that would include local
25 organizations, CoCs, community-based nonprofits, people

1 like that.

2 And then they asked a few questions for the
3 participants about what they wanted to get out of this
4 collaboration, about the committees that would be set up,
5 like communications, family health, veterans, emergency
6 response, youth chronic, and then what they wanted this
7 Region 6 group to address and what topics should be
8 addressed, and even if we should have some sort of
9 conference or something in the future. And LaKeshia said
10 that this group would be meeting on a quarterly basis but
11 we haven't heard anything since then, so I'm not sure
12 where it stands, and I don't know if David does either.

13 David Long did talk about the TICH at the end
14 of the webinar and the work that we've done, and gave
15 kudos to everybody around the table when it comes to what
16 Texas has done for veteran homelessness and what it's
17 about to do for youth homelessness as well. And that was
18 pretty much it.

19 MR. DOYLE: Great. Questions?

20 MR. SAMUELS: The reason they didn't have a
21 followup meeting is because we decided we didn't need one.
22 We were sent all the materials and we were able to get
23 all the information we needed without having another
24 meeting.

25 MR. WILT: Okay. Do you know anything else

1 about committees or future meetings?

2 MR. SAMUELS: I don't know; she didn't say
3 anything about that. And nothing about future quarterly
4 meetings either.

5 MR. DOYLE: Okay. Suzanne, you're going to
6 give us an update on Fair Housing Month.

7 MS. HEMPHILL: Yes. So I'm Suzanne Hemphill,
8 Fair Housing project manager at TDHCA, so thanks for
9 inviting me here this morning at the TICH.

10 I wanted to give you a little bit of
11 information about the Department's Fair Housing efforts
12 and then an update on HUD's Affirmatively Furthering Fair
13 Housing Rule. So whether you know it or not, April is
14 Fair Housing Month, so we're in the midst of lots of
15 events and celebration.

16 As a part of that, we're conducting a webinar
17 series so we're doing that in collaboration with the Texas
18 Workforce Commission, Civil Rights Division. Last week
19 the series provided a fair housing overview, so the basics
20 of fair housing in Texas and the federal act and the state
21 act, and then we went through a bunch of case scenarios.
22 This afternoon is the second in that series and we'll be
23 going over reasonable accommodations and accessibility, a
24 really tricky subject area so we'll spend about 90 minutes
25 covering that today.

1 And we had over 500 people registered last week
2 and I think there's like 400 today, so we're pretty
3 excited to reach so many folks. All the information is
4 available on our webinar but it starts at 1:30 today, and
5 after we're done recording them, we'll create a transcript
6 so it's accessible and post that on our website 24/7. You
7 can watch last year's series online now, so if you want to
8 check that out.

9 So we periodically provide a report to TDHCA's
10 Board. This is what it looks like; I'm happy to pass
11 around a copy or you can access it on our website. It
12 goes over fair housing efforts that the Department is
13 working on year-round. This was in our March 23, 2017
14 Board meeting, so you can find that online on our website.
15 It's about 40 pages.

16 Fair housing touches almost everything we do at
17 the agency, and so I wanted to give you a couple examples
18 of the type of work that the Fair Housing team does. So
19 on January 2, just with the new year, changes to 10 TAC,
20 Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Reasonable Accommodations, those
21 were finalized, so the revisions were proposed to clarify
22 requirements related to accessibility standards and
23 reasonable accommodations to ensure persons have full and
24 equal access to programs.

25 So the rule change requires responses to

1 reasonable accommodations within a reasonable amount of
2 time, not to exceed 14 calendar days, so the response must
3 either grant the request, deny the request, offer
4 alternatives for the request, or request additional
5 information to clarify it, so changes such as staff and
6 program participants to establish a firm deadline to get
7 things moving. We've received numerous complaints and we
8 think that this timeline kind of helps everyone understand
9 their piece of the puzzle to resolve a reasonable
10 accommodation request and meet the household's needs.

11 And then an update on HUD's Affirmatively
12 Furthering Fair Housing Rule, I'm not sure how many of you
13 are familiar with that. It went into effect on August 17,
14 2015, so it governs what block grant recipients of HUD
15 funds have to do to affirmatively further fair housing, so
16 in Texas that's like public housing authorities, anyone
17 using HOME funds, CDBG, Community Development Block Grant
18 funds, Emergency Solutions Grants, all the HUD money,
19 including Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS. So
20 TDHCA provided multiple rounds of comments on the state's
21 tool, the public housing authorities' tool and then the
22 local tool, and the state tool and the public housing
23 authorities tool, just so you know, hasn't been finalized,
24 the local tool was, so they're moving forward with those
25 now.

1 So it requires meaningful actions, in addition
2 to combating discrimination, to overcome patterns of
3 segregation and foster inclusive communities, free from
4 barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on
5 protected characteristics, and there are seven protected
6 classes.

7 So the state is currently revising our citizen
8 participation plan to outline the steps that the state
9 will take, so that's TDHCA as well as the other partner
10 agencies that receive HUD funds in Texas at the state
11 level. And our tool is anticipated to be due to HUD in
12 May 2019, however, they haven't finalized it, and until
13 it's finalized, we're supposed to do an analysis of
14 impediments which is kind of the old process. So we'll
15 see, we'll move forward and anticipate submitting an AI or
16 an assessment of fair housing in May 2019.

17 So those are the updates. Please let me know
18 if you have questions or comments.

19 MS. SASSER-BRAY: How will we access this
20 webinar series that you guys are doing.

21 MS. HEMPHILL: So I can send it to Cate, or if
22 you look on TDHCA's calendar, there's a link if you want
23 to sign up today.

24 MS. SASSER-BRAY: Is it really accessible, is
25 it you to the home page and it's right there, or do you

1 have to go through a couple of layers of pages?

2 MS. HEMPHILL: There's a couple of layers if
3 you want to see the presentations, but I can send a link
4 to Cate.

5 MS. SASSER-BRAY: I think that would be best.

6 MS. TRACZ: We'll get it out to the group
7 before the 1:30 webinar starts.

8 Are there enough spaces to sign up for the
9 webinar?

10 MS. HEMPHILL: We have 600 spaces left.

11 (General laughter.)

12 MS. TRACZ: We'll get that out as soon as
13 possible in case anyone wants to share it with their
14 agency or sign up today.

15 MR. WILT: Is today's webinar the last one?

16 MS. HEMPHILL: Yes.

17 MR. WILT: Are you going to talk about service
18 animals today?

19 MS. HEMPHILL: We are, and there's so many
20 questions. We'll do our best to handle them. It just
21 gets tricky because there's so many specific facts
22 involved with things like that, and it's kind of hard to
23 delve into it. But my email address is on there and
24 Vicky's is on there also from Texas Workforce Commission,
25 so we're happy to answer individual questions, but funding

1 source, what's going on, can you see someone's disability,
2 is it readily apparent. Sometimes people might say, Can I
3 ask that? Well, there's a lot of questions before we can
4 tell you if you can ask that question.

5 MR. DOYLE: That reasonable accommodation thing
6 is so interpretive. I mean, I don't know how you can ever
7 state it in such a way that it's clear. It's
8 interpretive. We've had agencies in our community follow
9 it to the rule and the fair housing people at the City of
10 Fort Worth have said, You violated it, pay the money and
11 don't mess with it. So you pay \$5,000 and it goes away,
12 and the entire time it was a scam to get \$5,000 or so out
13 of the project provider. But it fell under, according to
14 them, some unique rule around reasonable accommodation
15 that was implied but not written.

16 And I know you have final authority, would
17 finally go to HUD, but that's a hard thing to do, it's a
18 hard thing to keep good apartment landlords when they're
19 always facing that kind of thing. And then you've got
20 folks who, with all good intentions, direct their clients
21 how to get a little extra cash through this reasonable
22 accommodation and it's just not a fair thing for housing
23 providers.

24 MS. HEMPHILL: I'm not aware of folks getting
25 money from it, but we certainly get a lot of questions. I

1 think housing providers struggle with this and they have
2 turnover in staff and it's a really big issue.

3 MR. DOYLE: It is, and I can name you one that
4 had to pay \$5,000 personally.

5 MR. SAMUELS: What are the tools you said, the
6 local tools and the other two?

7 MS. HEMPHILL: The state and the public housing
8 authorities rule are not done, and TDHCA has both of
9 those, so we're waiting to see what happens.

10 MR. DOYLE: Good. That's important stuff if
11 you're going to provide housing.

12 Anybody else have questions for Suzanne?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. DOYLE: All right. Number VII, committees,
15 we just need to talk about do we need any, want any, what
16 do you want. We go down to (c), those four committees you
17 see there were established to create Pathways Home, the
18 state plan. They were ad hoc committees, and the question
19 really becomes do any of those still need to be active,
20 because I can absolve them with a vote and we can have
21 none, or we can say no, really that one needs to be a
22 standing committee, or no, this needs to be an ad hoc
23 committee for another six months. What are your thoughts?

24 MR. SAMUELS: So we met on the report, Naomi,
25 me and Jeanne, and we talked about possibly forming some

1 new committees, and this would be all in response to our
2 reporting needs in the coming year because we will be
3 reporting in a little different way, definitely different
4 than this year, but even different from the year prior to
5 that, but it looks like it's going to be a little bit more
6 time intensive just putting together the report.

7 And so you'll correct me if I'm wrong on this,
8 but I think in the committees we talked about were a
9 performance data committee, a committee -- I don't think
10 we would call it this name, but revisit the intentions of
11 Pathways Home or revisit initiative of Pathways Home, and
12 then the report committee. So we can certainly come up
13 with better names than that.

14 MR. DOYLE: That's the annual report committee?

15 MR. SAMUELS: Yes. And the first committee,
16 the performance data, will be the committee that we would
17 use to go to Texas Workforce Commission and the TJJD or
18 the other state agencies and find out what performance
19 data they have, what they gather on a year-to-year basis,
20 and so we can get an idea of what's already out there,
21 what we can collect and what we can report, which I think
22 would be a good thing to do. But it is definitely worth a
23 committee's time and it will take a committee's time to do
24 that.

25 MS. BOSTON: And the background for this, at

1 the last meeting, you might recall, Mike asked for
2 volunteers to work on the look at revisiting the report
3 that we had presented and then also whether we had any
4 suggestions for committees, and one of the things that we
5 looked at as we were meeting was the bylaws that this
6 group had approved and it was the first time we've had
7 bylaws, and in the bylaws we kind of set some duties for
8 ourselves that we had not also set up the infrastructure
9 to actually be able to kind of deliver on those, so that
10 was just kind of the impetus behind this.

11 So the part relating to the performance data
12 committee, what the bylaws say is that by the December 31
13 of each year --

14 MR. DOYLE: Which section are you on, Brooke?

15 MS. BOSTON: Section VI, Duties of State Agency
16 TICH Members, and it's subsection A. And it says: By
17 December 31 of each year, each agency represented on the
18 TICH shall report to the TDHCA a standard set of
19 performance data, as determined by the TDHCA, on the
20 agency's outcomes related to homelessness.

21 I think you guys can appreciate that's pretty
22 big, both that TDHCA would be telling you guys what that
23 needs to look like and then you would be reporting it to
24 us, so one of the things that we thought a committee could
25 do is, at least as an initial step, is to look at the

1 performance measures that everybody already has, all the
2 state agencies, and are already reporting to the LBB. And
3 then just kind of just through conversation with
4 individual members, for instance, with the Veterans, say:
5 Okay, so what are your current ones, and out of your
6 current measures which of those do you think are touching
7 homeless in some way.

8 And is there a way we can maybe estimate or
9 extrapolate that without necessarily trying to establish
10 new performance measures but trying to figure out how
11 currently gathered performance measures touch the
12 population in a way that we could compile through this
13 group and then report that out in a holistic way that is
14 able to kind of reflect the work. Kind of what you were
15 saying with homelessness prevention, let's talk about all
16 the different ways we're all touching it similar in
17 purpose.

18 So that was the one committee was tied back to
19 that specific bylaw statement.

20 I do think if these aren't committees we want
21 to do, we may want to revisit the bylaws because I don't
22 know that we could accomplish this without a committee.

23 (General talking and laughter.)

24 MS. BINGLER: So when you said you'd want a
25 report, how detailed? Are you looking at the actual

1 participant data or just numbers?

2 MS. BOSTON: Well, I think initially we'd be
3 just trying to work with whatever existing data feeds into
4 your performance measures and maybe have that be step one
5 and see where that would lead us. Without knowing how
6 that works for anybody else except for TDHCA, I don't know
7 where that will land. It could be that we see some pretty
8 cool intuitive ways to take that that could be looking at
9 the more granular information. That's one thing we talked
10 about is if you can identify -- and this is probably not
11 the right statistic -- that one out of every ten veterans
12 experiences homelessness at some point, then does that
13 mean that for the veteran programs you could estimate that
14 10 percent of the performance measures are touching
15 veterans, and then you could draw that, obviously
16 footnoted.

17 So I think it just depends on how well we're
18 able to extrapolate the data or apply estimates and stuff.

19 MS. BINGLER: Kind of high level to be able to
20 estimate what kind of services we could improve on, that
21 sort of thing.

22 MR. DOYLE: Ultimately. Initially, I think
23 it's just going to be a matter if we were to ask TWC do
24 you serve the homeless and they say yes, the next obvious
25 question would be how many did you serve. It would at

1 least be a starting point. It wouldn't even have to say,
2 well, I don't know, I don't even know if we gather that
3 data, but I know we serve them. So that's a starting
4 point.

5 That's what happened with, who was it, Ken,
6 with DARS or DADS that had to change their intake form for
7 their agency?

8 MR. MARTIN: Lance.

9 MR. DOYLE: Yes, Lance. Was it DARS, DADS?

10 MR. MARTIN: DARS.

11 MR. DOYLE: One of those agencies. They never
12 even asked the question, so they put that on their intake
13 form, where did you spend the night last night, so that
14 helped us kind of identify. So I think that initial part
15 of that is I don't think we want to run in there and say,
16 my goodness, we need a detailed report on everything,
17 let's just kind of start the conversation through this
18 committee.

19 MS. BOSTON: And trying to, I think, determine
20 out of the current data you're already gathering and
21 reporting -- because you already have a whole
22 infrastructure for that -- is there a way to come up with
23 an estimate of that population that we believe is homeless
24 or at risk of homelessness. So that's the one committee.

25 MR. DOYLE: That's performance data. And then

1 the annual report committee

2 MS. BOSTON: And this one, again, goes back to
3 the bylaws. In Section X of the bylaws in subsection A,
4 the bylaws state: The TICH shall annually prepare an
5 action plan, to be approved at the third meeting of the
6 fiscal year for the following fiscal year, and that that
7 plan shall identify goals established by committees, goals
8 for any special projects that use contributions, and goals
9 for any legislatively-required tasks.

10 Other than Pathways Home, we've never outlined
11 a planning document for this body. We do the report on
12 kind of the back-end of where we've been. So obviously
13 the bylaws, when we all approved those, kind of said we'd
14 like to look at that. And what we had thought as part of
15 that was going back to look through Pathways Home and
16 really see do we feel like the different aspects of
17 Pathways Home, and including probably those four
18 committees from before, are things that we still need to
19 work on, do we feel like things have changed enough that
20 we would want to amend that. So it could be that that
21 committee, when it meets to talk about a plan, would also
22 then identify things that it thinks should be committees
23 for that ensuing year, but we thought that for this year
24 you just need a committee to do the plan.

25 MR. SAMUELS: Kind of being realistic with our

1 time. And those committees that were formed were formed
2 from that process to begin with.

3 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

4 MS. BOSTON: And then the last one, also in the
5 same section of the bylaws, is what we just mentioned
6 which is the reporting part. I think the distinction is
7 the plan that we'll actually have to put on the agenda we
8 outlined for ourselves in our bylaws a lot more meat to
9 that plan. This version of the plan that we'll be talking
10 about today doesn't include all that meat because the
11 bylaws were done part way through the year, and so our
12 thought would be that next year's plan -- excuse me --
13 next year's report would be the first one that covers all
14 of these things.

15 It's interesting because as someone who read
16 the bylaws multiple times and voted on them affirmatively,
17 I was surprised when I went back and reread those. I was
18 like: Wow, we told ourselves we're doing all this?

19 (General laughter.)

20 MS. BOSTON: So some of it is pretty meaty and
21 some of it, to some extent, is just a lot of information
22 gathering and then compiling, but it's not a small task.
23 So I do think in the short term, if not a committee,
24 that's one that we at least probably need an agenda item
25 on each meeting and a strategy for how we're going to get

1 that accomplished.

2 MR. DOYLE: So that are you suggesting you call
3 that committee?

4 MR. SAMUELS: That committee? I guess
5 reporting writing committee.

6 MR. DOYLE: You'll got the annual report
7 committee, a performance data committee.

8 MR. SAMUELS: We have performance data
9 committee which I think most of that work would occur
10 early on, some of that could be concurrent work, but that
11 would be one that would need to starting meeting about
12 soon. I guess it's possible we could just have two.

13 MR. DOYLE: The annual report committee could
14 have a subcommittee.

15 MR. SAMUELS: The interim report committee?

16 MR. DOYLE: The annual report committee.

17 MR. SAMUELS: Could have a subcommittee of just
18 riders?

19 MR. DOYLE: The more detailed part of the plan,
20 about the action plan it talks about in section A or B.

21 MS. BOSTON: So have one committee that's for
22 the plan and the report? That way they're both looking
23 forward and trying to gather the information.

24 MR. SAMUELS: That makes sense. And again,
25 that's probably more realistic than having six committees

1 or whatever.

2 MR. DOYLE: Right. So right now the proposal
3 from the committee, which was an ad hoc committee, is a
4 performance data committee and an annual report committee
5 which may also break out into a subcommittee around the
6 plan itself.

7 MR. SAMUELS: And the work from that committee
8 could result next year for the same committees, who knows,
9 or for very similar committees.

10 MR. DOYLE: Any comments or questions? Those
11 that don't make comments or questions are subject to chair
12 one of these committees. No, I'm just kidding.

13 (General laughter.)

14 MR. DOYLE: The next question, since this is an
15 ad hoc committee and if those are the two committees that
16 are recommended, I need a motion to that effect.

17 MS. CANTU: I'll move that we establish two
18 subcommittees of the TICH, one for performance data and
19 one for the plan and report.

20 MR. DOYLE: Is there a second?

21 MS. MAERCKLEIN: I'll second.

22 MR. DOYLE: Any comments or questions?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. DOYLE: All in favor say aye.

25 (A chorus of ayes.)

1 MR. DOYLE: Opposed, no.

2 (No response.)

3 MR. DOYLE: That does pass.

4 Next question, do you want those committees to
5 be standing or ad hoc? And here's the difference, the
6 only difference is the way that I accept the second. In a
7 standing committee comes as a nomination from a standing
8 committee, it doesn't need a second, and discussion can be
9 limited. But in an ad hoc committee you need a motion and
10 second and I can't stop discussion. So it's just a matter
11 of which one you want, and the bylaws don't make any
12 mention of standing or ad hoc, it just says we can appoint
13 ad hoc committees at any time.

14 MS. SYLVESTER: Think you're going to have to
15 do another motion to clarify that. If you didn't say it
16 was a standing committee, it would be an ad hoc committee.

17 MR. DOYLE: That's what I'm going under right
18 now.

19 MS. BOSTON: I think that ad hoc is fine
20 because it could be that after this point we don't need
21 them.

22 MR. SAMUELS: And would an ad hoc allow us to
23 expand the participation of folks?

24 MR. DOYLE: You just bring it as a
25 recommendation. The only difference is the way the you

1 say what you want, if it's a standing committee, you don't
2 need a second.

3 MR. SAMUELS: I agree that ad hoc might be more
4 appropriate.

5 MS. SYLVESTER: Then I don't think you need to
6 do anything else.

7 MR. DOYLE: I agree, since it's going to be ad
8 hoc. Good, we got that done. Marvelous.

9 Next is the annual report itself, and it's a
10 voting item on accepting that report so that we can get it
11 to the member agencies. Approval of the plan. You've all
12 gotten it and you've all commented on it.

13 Thank you for the numerous comments that were
14 done, that was great. So at any time that you feel
15 comfortable making a motion to approve this as the final
16 plan that's ready to send out to the agencies, just
17 somebody that's a voting member of the council say I move
18 approval.

19 MS. BOLTON: I move approval.

20 MR. DOYLE: Is there a second?

21 MS. BOSTON: Second.

22 MR. DOYLE: Any further discussion on this,
23 other than thank you for all the great work you all did on
24 it. All in favor say aye.

25 (A chorus of ayes.)

1 MR. DOYLE: Opposed same sign.

2 (No response.)

3 MR. DOYLE: Great work on the report. Thank
4 you so much.

5 Public comment? Anybody have any public
6 comment?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. DOYLE: Okay. I'm going to remind you in
9 the closing comments that we need a chair and a vice
10 chair. That needs to be done at our July 11 meeting,
11 which is our last meeting of the fiscal year, which ends
12 September 31. We won't have any other meeting until
13 October 4, so we need you to send to someone nominations
14 for chair and vice chair. Can I impose on Cate? If
15 you'll send those nominations to Cate, then we'll bring
16 those before the council on the 11th. And do we want to
17 have a deadline?

18 MS. TRACZ: Sure. What do you think would be
19 appropriate, the end of June?

20 MR. DOYLE: That's too long, I think. Mid May,
21 May 15?

22 MS. TRACZ: So let's make the deadline May 19,
23 the third Friday in May, so Friday, May 19.

24 MR. DOYLE: Please have those to Cate by end of
25 business day May 19.

1 And then also back to the committee chairs now,
2 anybody want to volunteer to chair those committees?

3 MS. BOSTON: I'll do the performance data.

4 MR. DOYLE: Brooke is going to do performance.

5 MR. SAMUELS: She spoke too fast; that's the
6 one I was going to do. But I'll help you with that.

7 MR. DOYLE: There is one left.

8 MR. SAMUELS: I don't like that one as much.

9 (General laughter.)

10 MR. SAMUELS: If there's no one else to do it,
11 I will do it.

12 MR. DOYLE: Would anybody else like to chair
13 the annual report committee? You may be asked to actually
14 work on it, the chairs don't do really anything, just
15 organize.

16 MR. SAMUELS: I will chair that committee.

17 MR. DOYLE: Eric is chairing the annual report
18 committee. Thank you very much, and I would assume that
19 you will pick your members.

20 And if you would like to serve on one of these
21 committees, please notify Brooke and Eric, copy Cate, who
22 will get them to me so we'll know who they are.

23 (General talking and laughter.)

24 MR. DOYLE: The next scheduled meeting is July
25 11 here in Austin in this room right here, and then the

1 October 4 meeting will be held in conjunction with the
2 Texas Homeless Network annual conference in Dallas, so try
3 and make plans to be up there. It's closest enough to
4 Fort Worth that you can still have fun.

5 Any other business we need to take care of?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. DOYLE: We're adjourned. Thank you.

8 (Whereupon, at 11:22 a.m., the meeting was
9 adjourned.)

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