Town Hall Location and Goal Setting

Goal of First Town Hall:

To obtain diverse input from PLWH, both in and out of care, related to satisfaction with current services, information on service needs, barriers, and gaps, and overall trends and concerns. This town hall meeting will address the legislative requirement for Planning Council to obtain "input on community needs and priorities".

The town hall aims to supplement the needs assessment findings where community members expressed their needs for:

1. Dental Care
2. Medical Appointment access
3. Medical cost-sharing assistance

Community members in the field expressed the main barriers they face, when deciding on seeking care are:

1. ability to pay for services.
2. lack of access to health insurance
3. Not knowing where to go

For those who are currently connected to care resources, Other was the most selected reasons that participants did not seek care. The barriers reported included:

- Seeing [another doctor]
- New diagnosis
- None/didn't have it/I didn't know I was positive/I am HIV-negative/I do not have an HIV diagnosis.
- Legal issues and housing

Being undetectable was the second most reported reason for person's in-care to not continue seek care.

Format of Town Hall:

Common format is a briefing by a panel of three/four community leaders, and a moderator [Planner]. Develop a set of questions or topics led by an agenda to obtain information that the Planning Council needs for decision making.

Meeting Logistics:

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM CST, hybrid

Location: Permitting and Development Center in Event Room 1406. Room is booked from 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM for preparation and clean up.

Parking will be validated for attendees at this townhall. Because this special called "meeting" of the Austin Area HIV Planning Council (HIVPC) is subjected to the Texas Open Meeting Act (TOMA), attendee parking will be validated. Per Section 7.2 of the Bylaws, the HIVPC at all times conducts its meetings and operations, in accordance with the requirements of TOMA. See the Permitting and Development Center site for more information on parking.

If Planning Council would prefer to host the first townhall at the Asian American Resource Center, the community room is smaller than the PDC but has capacity for 40 persons. Hybrid capable and parking is free.

Regarding Townhall #2, based on previous related discussions with the Chair and council, the Planner has posed the idea of the second town hall being centered around how the Planning Council will incorporate the feedback given by community members into their Planning Council projects, such as Priority Setting/Resource Allocation, Directives, or updates to the integrated Plan priorities. This will likely occur at the end of July, and is open to suggestions.

Race/ethnicity of Needs Assessment on Barriers and Services, 2022	#	% of Participants	% of Diagnosed PLWH, 2022	Percent Difference in Representation (% diagnosed - % participants)
Hispanic/Latin(o)(a)(x)	159	42	38	-4
Black, Not Hispanic/ Latin(o)(a)(x)	98	26	21	-5
White, Not Hispanic/ Latin(o)(a)(x)	78	20	35	+15
Bi/Multi-Racial	19	5	4	-1
Asian	15	4		
Other	13	3	2	-1
Total Responses	382			

Comparison of 2022 Needs Assessment participants to the 2022 Race/ethnic demographics of People Living with HIV

Items to vote on: Townhall #1 Location and time, goals of Townhall #1 and #2
Next Month: Discussion on tentative agenda, and panelists