

Updates and Discussion

- Stimulus Funding Update – Sally Basurto, City of San Antonio, Federal and State Government Advocacy Working Group Committee Manager provided an update on ongoing City of San Antonio stimulus funding tracking efforts. This information will be distributed to all working group members on a weekly basis. Information was also shared on federal funding enacted today which includes expanded support for payment protection program, hospitals and testing. Committee members also discussed funding for legal assistance and services, specifically funding that will be allocated to legal services corporation agencies across the county – Texas RioGrande Legal Aid is the anticipated local recipient.
- Domestic Violence Working Group Update – Working group shared plans to connect with the Collaborative Commission on Domestic Violence to review the Comprehensive Domestic Violence Report and first year implementation plans. This work will focus on enhancing opportunities to accelerate plans identified through the report given the increased stressors currently facing families in the community. The working group will also explore opportunities to ensure protective measures for safe harbor housing are available. Connection will also be made with the South Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium to explore leveraging educational resources that can be implemented to focus on concerns related to children exposed to trauma, long-term impact of adverse childhood experiences and manifestations of this trauma in education and young adult life.
- Behavioral Health Working Group Update – The report from the working group was provided as a read only item. Committee members also discussed the need to focus on efforts to mitigate increased risk for alcohol and substance abuse by students and youth disconnected from traditional institutions. City of San Antonio staff will provide a report on the work of the NXT Level Youth Opportunity Center in mitigating some of these risks.
- Asset Funding Working Group Update – The working group developed and reviewed an inventory of asset building initiatives in the community and also discussed current gaps. Identified gaps included: protection from new frauds and scams, focus on resources for long-term funding support, and disconnection of families from traditional support systems (ex: schools, financial institutions, etc.). The group identified the need for creation of focused recommendations related to: cross-sector collaboration to address generational poverty; an integrated provider referral system; and expansion of local best practices.
- Updates for Additional Identified Issues:
 - Foster Care System Update – The Committee discussed the need for the creation of an additional working group that will include Megan Lacey and David Marquez to focus on children leaving foster care and re-entering Child Protective Services system.
 - Digital Divide – Working group members shared coordination of multi-sector Information technology services teams (City of San Antonio, Bexar County, San Antonio Housing Authority, Alamo Community College District, and Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas) to explore opportunities to increase connectivity across the city.
 - Evictions and Legal Aid – The working group has developed primary recommendations for larger committee endorsement which include: support of a City Council Consideration Request for implementation of a Right to Cure Policy (to be implemented when current protections expire) and expansion of the existing City of San Antonio Right to Counsel program.
 - Homelessness – The City of San Antonio’s Department of Human Services continues coordination with key homeless services providers to provide homeless resource hub sites throughout the community to provide food, personal protective equipment, and other resources. On April 27, the City of San Antonio, through the Department of Human Services, will also open a shelter for those who are newly homeless in the community and cannot access existing shelter resources.
 - Senior Services – The City of San Antonio’s Department of Human Services, along with community providers (Catholic Charities, Meals on Wheels, San Antonio Food Bank, and others), continues distribution of food and commodities. The Department of Human Services is working with the San Antonio Housing Authority, San Antonio Food Bank and VIA on expanding food services access to SAHA residents who are experiencing increased food insecurity. Commissioner Calvert and community members are also working to implement a

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pilot program in the Southeast areas of the county to provide additional food distribution to seniors not connected to resources.

- Education – Working group members shared discussions with local school district, community college, and university leaders to explore opportunities to continue school resources throughout the summer and/or starting the next school year early to make up for learning loss. Local efforts are also focused on connecting to students that have lost contact with educational institutions and potential stimulus funding to support educational institutions to extend operational days and hours.
- Undocumented Resources – Working group members have connected with the City of San Antonio Immigration Liaison and local non-profits. Through this connection the working group has identified the following needs for development of recommendations for larger committee consideration: access, fear to access resources, communication, work exploitation, and access to healthcare.

Action Items

Item	Status	Lead
TRLA to provide update on legal aid to residents	Invitation to be issued for future meeting.	Evictions/Legal Aid Subgroup - Councilman Trevino
Tracking of filed evictions and foreclosures in Bexar County	Bexar County staff identifying resources and developing heat maps	Bexar County Staff and Commissioner Calvert
Finalization of recommendations from working groups for committee endorsement	Working groups tasked with developing recommendations for larger committee adoption	Working groups

Referrals to Other Working Groups

The Federal and State Government Advocacy Committee, through Committee Manager, Sally Basurto, will provide a weekly update on stimulus funding resources.