

Updates and Discussions

- **Economic Transition Team (ETT) Report Update – Jenna Saucedo Herrera**

- ETT was appointed by the Mayor and County Judge and consisted of various local business and community leaders. The ETT completed its work in less than two weeks and presented the report at the Joint City Council and Commissioners Court meeting on May 5. The three deliverables included:
 - Playbook for local businesses to open safely, adding guidance for three industries not included in the original Open Texas plan (manufacturing, construction, and hotels), and conveying minimum requirements from the State along with additional health and safety recommendation;
 - [Greater, Safer, Together](#) marketing and public relations campaign to foster consumer and employee confidence to reactivate economy; and
 - Recommendation for small business assistance, specifically by leveraging the County and City purchasing power to buy PPE such as face coverings, hand sanitizer, and no touch thermometers.
- Checklists for each industry will be extracted from the report and posted individually online.
- On May 5, the Governor indicated barbershops, beauty salons and tanning salons can open on May 8. These business categories are already incorporated in the Playbook developed by the ETT.
- SAEDF will continue to monitor guidance released by the State to ensure alignment with local recommendations.
- City staff will develop an implementation plan for ETT report.
- It is still too early to determine business liability associated with employees and customers. Congress is currently debating this issue and may address it in future legislation.

- **Workforce Development**

- Hospitality industry members have shared the need for customer service and supervisory training for local workers. SA Works and WSA is working with hospitality industry to identify resources to address this need. Local nonprofit organizations may be able to provide this type of training curriculum.
- United Way is coordinating the local execution of the [“Get Shift Done”](#) campaign, which specifically focuses on connecting impacted hospitality workers with nonprofits.
- Local workforce organizations are conducting an inventory of certification programs in demand occupations available and still in operation, and exploring the option to connect wraparound support services, like Project Quest, while residents complete these trainings.
- Many residents are experiencing higher incomes through unemployment support (state and federal) and will need to understand the safety protocols in place and long-term earning benefits from returning to work or engaging in job training.
- CARES Act funding provided to local governments could fund substantial investments into much needed workforce training efforts, but this funding includes a spending deadline of December 31, 2020.

- **Staff Updated**

- County - LiftFund continues to process and disburse loans through its partnership. County staff are also coordinating with City staff on estimates and procurement of safety supplies for small businesses, as referenced in the ETT report. A [small business webinar](#) with the Tax Assessor was hosted this week, and

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staff is surveying small businesses to understand their commodity needs and utilization rates. Staff is also seeing an increase in residents filing “DBAs”, potentially resulting from unemployment.

- City – Staff is developing an implementation plan for the recommendations included in the ETT report. Outreach to stakeholder organizations continues, to assist with technical assistance promotion and avoid duplication. Phone lines remain open for businesses that have questions and may not have access to online resources. Staff also continues coordinate with WSA in creating job training resource [videos](#).

Action Items

| Item | Status | Lead |
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| <p>Research how to facilitate increased local public sector purchasing to support local businesses.</p> | <p>Along with encouraging local government agencies to buy from local business, large corporations in San Antonio should receive the same encouragement.</p> <p>Communicating the economic impact of purchasing from local businesses should be included in this messaging.</p> <p>Businesses that commit to purchasing from local businesses will display a graphic, currently being designed.</p> <p>Identifying the goods and services that cannot be purchased from local businesses can also become entrepreneurship opportunities.</p> | <p>Commissioner Chico Rodriguez and Mayor JR Trevino</p> |
| <p>Coordinate for representatives from SA Works and WSA to brief the Working Group on current and planned workforce response and recovery strategies.</p> | <p>In progress.</p> | <p>Jenna Saucedo Herrera</p> |

Referrals to Other Working Groups

- No new referral to other working groups.