

HEARTH Act Interim Rule Briefing

August 21, 2012
TCHC General Meeting

Briefing Objectives

- Impact on HEARTH Act on the planning and funding of homeless services
- TCHC / CoC leadership response
- Impact on funding

HEARTH Act

- Interim Rule published by HUD July 31, 2012
- Goes into affect August 30, 2012
- Public Comment Due October 1, 2012
- Former SHP Grant now called the:

“Continuum of Care Program”

- **The Interim Rule governs the 2012 CoC Grant Program**

HEARTH Act

Continuum of Care (CoC) the group organized to carry out the responsibilities under the CoC Program and is composed of representatives of organizations including nonprofit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith based, government, business, public housing, schools, hospitals, law enforcement, veterans groups, etc, and homeless and formerly homeless, within a geographic area **(Tarrant and Parker counties)**

HEARTH Implementation for TX601

- Expands and codifies the role of a CoC to plan services and make application for funding to HUD
- Provides the mechanism to CoC Planning Funds Up to 3%, 2012 assumption 1-1.25%
- ESG programs very tied to a CoC Program (Arlington, Tarrant, Fort Worth)

HEARTH Implementation for TX601

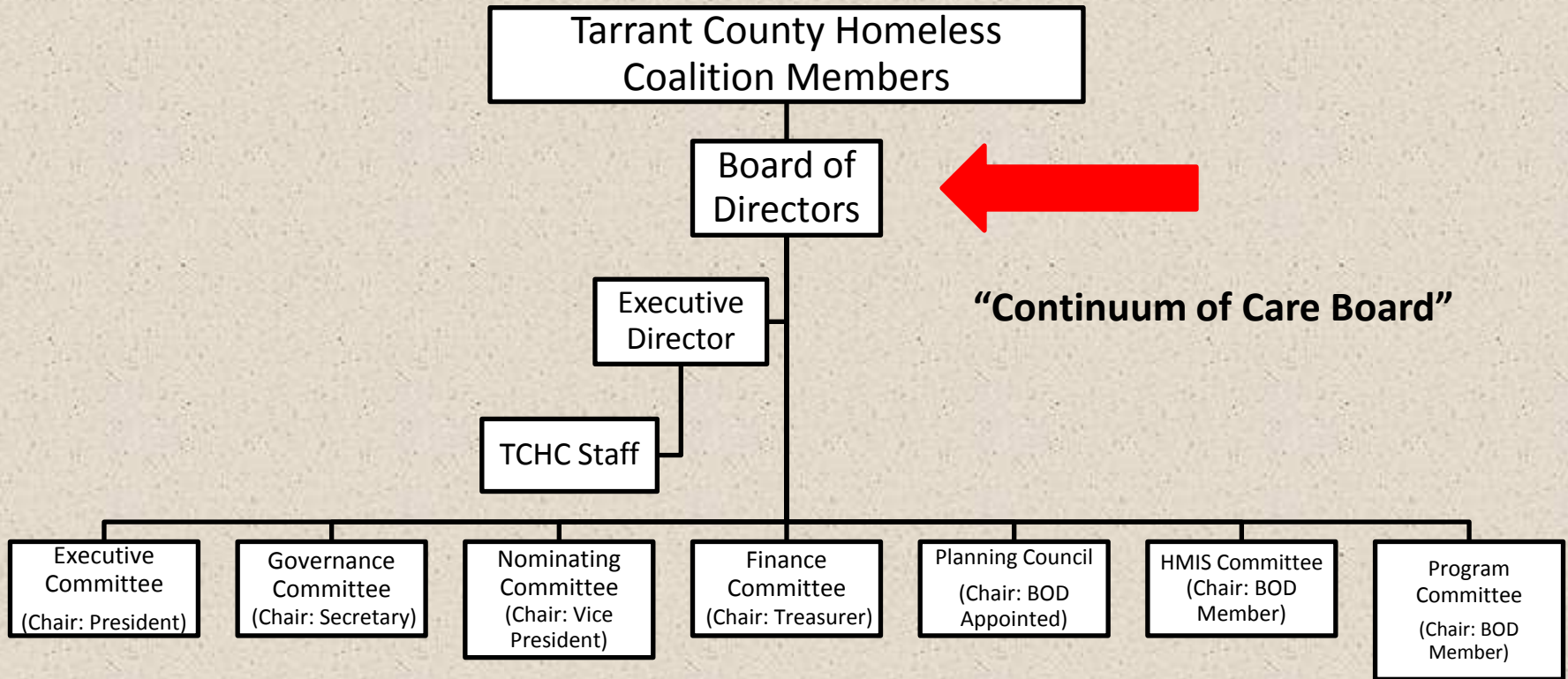
- Requires the development of a Centralized/Coordinated Intake and Assessment System for the entire CoC
- Requires Performance Measurement and Monitoring of the CoC Program

The CoC Board

- Establish new CoC governance on how the CoC operates and documents how all groups, taskforces and committees created by the CoC Board support the CoC
- Have 2 years to do it (August 2014)
- Documentation of CoC submitted to HUD and through the CoC Program annual grant submission “Exhibit 1”

The CoC Board Responsibilities

- Operating the CoC (*TCHC*)
- Designate the HMIS (*TCHC*)
- CoC Planning (*TCHC Board, TCHC Staff, Planning Council*)



The *New* CoC Board Requirements

- CoC Board Meetings (at least semi annually)
- Annual call for members
- Written process to select Board
- Appoint committees as needed
- Follow charter detailing responsibilities
- Representative of geographic area, homeless, providers, sub populations, etc.

I. Operate the CoC

- Consult with recipients and subrecipients
- Establish performance targets
- Monitor performance
- Evaluate outcomes
- Take action against poor performers

I. Operate the CoC

- Evaluate and report to HUD outcomes of ESG and CoC projects
- Establish and operate a centralized / coordinated intake assessment system
- Establish written standards for providing CoC Assistance (*CoC the grant*)

II. Designate & Operate HMIS

- Designate a single HMIS (*ETO*)
- Select an eligible applicant to manage the CoC's HMIS (*TCHC*)
- Monitor recipient and sub participation (*TCHC thru MOAs, HUD, TC, Arl, FW, DH grant agreements and ETO reports by TCHC*)
- Review approve privacy security and data plans (*HMIS Committee*)

III. CoC Planning

- Coordinate the implementation of a housing and service system (*Planning Council, TCHC Web Apps, TCHC training, HMIS, DH*)
- Conduct PIT Count (*Jan 2013 TCHC*)
- Conduct Annual Gaps Analysis (*TCHC Case Manager Assessment December, PIT Survey biennial*)

III. CoC Planning

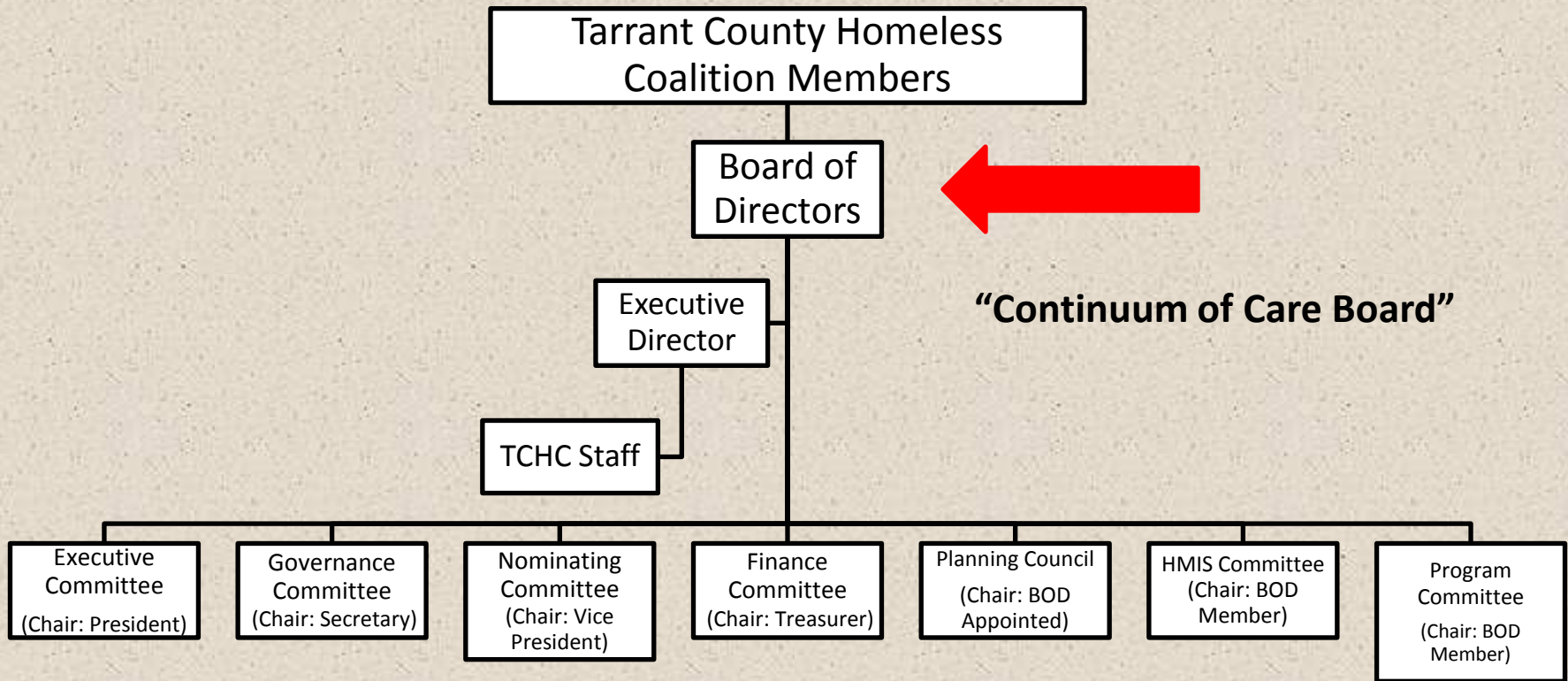
- Provide information to FW, Arl and Tarrant County on Consolidated Plan/CAPERs (*TCHC*)
- Consult with ESG regarding the allocation of ESG funds and the evaluation of the performance of ESG Recipients (*FW, TC, Arl*) and Subrecipients

CoC Board

1. Changes in governance and CoC Board Structure to:
 - Fully **representative** all interest groups
 - Provide ‘**arms length**’ separation from CoC Board oversight and the CoC Lead Agency CoC Operations and Planning activities, CoC Funding Application Decisions
 - Designate an eligible applicant to be the **Collaborative Applicant** who will be the recipient of the CoC Planning Dollars

CoC Board

1. Changes in governance and CoC Board Structure to:
 - Maintain TCHC as an eligible Collaborative Applicant as a 501 (c) 3 with its own Board, Bylaws with no conflict of interest issues
 - No one that receives CoC or ESG funds is an officer of TCHC



CoC Board

Charter

- Name the CoC Lead
- Name the HMIS Lead
- Approve CoC Program Grant Application



RESOLUTION...
 Be it resolved
 that...The CoC
 Board Names TCHC
 as...

CoC Lead Agency
(TCHC)

HMIS Lead Agency
(TCHC)

TCHC Board of Directors
501c3

CoC Operations

CoC Grant Collaborative Applicant

CoC Planning
(Planning Council, etc.)

1. Change in Governance

TCHC Board Action: Executive Committee and Governance Committee form a task force to start the process of determining the governance of the CoC Board and the modification of the TCHC Board of Directors/Bylaws with the goal of implementation *no later than September 2013.*

Approved 8/9/2012

Questions