## Discussion

Each year the Fort Worth/ Arlington/ Tarrant County Continuum of Care (TX-601) appoints an organization to serve as the Collaborative Applicant in the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition. The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for managing all aspects of the HUD funding competition: registration, local competition, application submission, and communicating with HUD.

Tarrant County Homeless Coalition has served as the Collaborative Applicant, CoC Lead Agency, and HMIS Lead Agency for TX-601 since the passage of the HEARTH Act. TCHC applies for and receives funding from HUD through the CoC Program Competition to carry out system-wide functions on behalf of the Continuum.

## Processes

**Scorecard:** The System Performance Measures established by HUD have become increasingly important components in the federal review of applications for Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition funding. CoCs are receiving more direction from HUD on the specifics of the system performance measures and are expected to review and these measures during the program competition.

**Ranking Policy**: Competitive applications are ranked in the local competition according to the priorities in the ranking policy established. The non-competitive CoC Planning Grant award is based on a HUD formula that is expected to be 3% of the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand.

**Reallocation Policy:** The Fort Worth/ Arlington/ Tarrant County Continuum of Care (TX-601) is expected to provide a clear and transparent expectations on project reallocation for the FY18 CoC Program Competition. Best practices among highly successful Continuums of Care indicate that the adoption of a reallocation and reduction policy are a critical component for the overall CoC score.

## Recommendations

1. The Continuum of Care Board of Directors appoint Tarrant County Homeless Coalition to serve as the Collaborative Applicant for the FY2018 Continuum of Care Program Competition and authorizes TCHC to apply for renewal funding for its system-wide Planning, HMIS, Coordinated Entry, and Coordinated Entry – Field Ops activities.
2. The Continuum of Care Board of Directors authorizes the Allocations committee to review and approve the scorecard, ranking policy, and reallocation policy for the 2018 CoC Program Competition. Upon the approval of the Allocations Committee, a briefing of the program competition, the scorecard, ranking policy and reallocation policy will be sent to the full CoC Board- Leadership and Membership Councils- for review.