**Continuum of Care (CoC) Board of Directors Meeting**  
***Fort Worth/ Arlington/ Tarrant County (TX-601)***

September 28, at 1:30pm  
Virtual

Board Members Present: (21) Dr. Victoria Farrar-Myers, Judge Carr, Patricia Ward, Pat Jacob, Eddie Broussard, Steve Montgomery, Kathryn Rotter, Leah King, Cassandra Walker, Bill Coppola, Whitnee Boyd, Beckie Wach, Deirdre Browne, Andy Miller, Artie Williams, Matt Canedy, Jason Hall, James Tapscott, Tara Perez, and Lt. Amy Ladd

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| 1. **Call to Order:**   1:32pm | Victoria Farrar-Myers, Chair |
| 1. **Reports and Discussion** |  |
| * 1. Texas Homeless Network: presentation on state-wide data sharing initiative. * Shared presentation (presentation can be viewed via the meeting recording in zoom)   1. Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC)      + 1. Interim Executive Director Report   (Report Included in Board Packet)   * Community Dashboards- Program dashboards will be created before the end of the year. ICT, HMIS and Performance Measurement Committees will have a joint meeting in October to determine what should be included on the dashboards. * Landlord Engagement- Doing well, the number of new housing coming on board is steadily increasing. * Leadership Council- Next meeting is schedule for October 12th. * Funding- TCHC received information about the second round of State ESG. TDHCA is proposing to restrict funding to prevention and rapid rehousing. The Homeless Coalition and CoC Executive Committee are working to advocate against this, as our system needs flexibility in this funding to meet system gaps.   + - 1. End of Year Housing Challenge * Housing 500 challenge will begin on October 1st and go through the end of the year. Goal is to house 100 in October, 200 in November, and 200 in December.   + - 1. Membership Launch * Will formally launch membership initiative on October 1st, for agencies this will be their HMIS fee. * Will send out information on membership benefits. * With membership comes a vetting process. * There will be two live webpages. Once for signing up and one to highlight agencies that are members. | Samuels  King |
| * 1. Standing Committees      1. CoC Board Executive Committee   (Report Included in Board Packet)   * All Officers are transitioning out of their positions this year. The Governance Committee will address possible solutions going forward. * The second round of State ESG is set to be released this fall. TDHCA is planning to direct how funding is spent. The Executive Committee agreed this does not meet our CoC’s needs and we should work to advocate for flexibility in use of funding. * No recommendations to the CoC Board at this time.   + 1. Allocations   (Report Included in Board Packet)   * Allocations Committee will broaden its focus to fully meet Strategic Plan Goal 5. * The Allocations Committee will have two work groups:   Performance Workgroup: Develops NOFA score card and ranking policy recommendations.  Ranking Workgroup: Ranks score card for annual NOFA competition and as needed for other local or state competitions.  Lauren will send out structure information.   * No recommendations to the CoC Board at this time.   + 1. CoC Governance Committee   (Report Included in Board Packet)   * Governance Committee responsibilities are being decoupled from Community Education/Engagement activities (Strategic Goal 4). A new Community Relations workgroup has been formed and will have ownership of this effort. * CoC Board nominations were discussed, along with and intentional discussion around board diversity. * Governance committee will vote on a slate to present to CoC Board at the November meeting. * No recommendations to the CoC Board at this time.   + 1. HMIS Governance Committee   (Report Included in Board Packet)   * The HMIS structure and committee members were reviewed. The committee is moving to meet every other month, on the off months from Board meetings. The committee plans to add other systems data professionals as members. * Dashboards will be available later this fall * Recommendation to the CoC Board- The HMIS Committee recommends the TX-601 enter into the Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network.   + 1. Housing Committee   (Report Included in Board Packet)   * The Housing Committee is working to find a new committee chair. Andy Miller is no longer with the Morris Foundation and will no longer be serving on the board as of September 11th. * The Committee is working on looking at how to accomplish both long- and short-term goals; no changing priorities, just how we go about accomplishing them. * No recommendations to the CoC Board at this time.   + 1. Improvement, Coordination, and Training   (Report Included in Board Packet)   * ICT has been working to redesign the Coordinated Entry process. The process was initially implemented in 2016 and needs to be revised. The goal is to reduce the amount of time it takes for someone to get housed. * Housing 500 challenge is starting on October 1st. * Discussed what committees we to need to keep. * Discussed making a formal list of people attending the ICT meeting, allowing 1 vote per program. * Shared Coordinated Entry redesign video. Discussed sending it out to the CoC Board and the new Goal 4 Committee first. * No recommendations to the CoC Board at this time.   1. Community Strategic Plan      1. Update on review of committees, subcommittees, and work groups. * Most Committees have completed this task. ICT is still going through the process. Will be moving on to subcommittees and workgroups now. * Discussed if Coordinated Entry Implementation is still necessary, reduce or eliminate it? Since the board restructure, ICT is making the decisions and changes. | Farrar-Myers  Williams  Broussard  Montgomery  King  Browne  King |
| 1. **Board Action Items**    1. Approval of CoC Board Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2020   V.Farrar-Myers moved to approve July Minutes  1. J. Tapscott  2. E. Broussard  3. All Approved   * 1. Approval for participation in State-wide data sharing initiative   V. Farrar-Myers moved to approve the State-wide data sharing initiative.  1. J. Tapscott- No cost to us. HMIS and Governance will make any changes for the betterment of TCHC and the CoC.  2. Beckie Wach  3. All Approved | Farrar-Myers  Farrar-Myers |
| 1. **Request for Future Agenda Items** | Farrar-Myers |
| * Update of Coordinated Entry video once cleaned up and produced. * Report from Workgroup for Goal #4. * Update on data sharing initiative. | Farrar-Myers |
| 1. **TCHC Executive Director Search Update**   Lauren King and TCHC staff was asked to drop from the call. |  |
| 1. **Public Comment** (Remarks will be limited to 3 minutes. Time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair.)  * October 10th is World Homeless Day, the downtown Arlington library is hosting an event providing information on providers and programs. * November is Homeless Awareness month. | Farrar-Myers |
| 1. **Adjournment** | Farrar-Myers |

*CoC Board Membership will meet November 23rd @ 1:30pm at Virtual*

*The Fort Worth/ Arlington/ Tarrant County Continuum of Care (also known by its HUD designation, “TX-601”) serves as the planning and coordinating body for the efforts to prevent and end homelessness in Tarrant and Parker Counties. Meetings may be recorded. General Membership and Continuum of Care (CoC) Board meetings are open to the public. CoC Board Members are selected annually in accordance with the* [*CoC Charter*](http://www.ahomewithhope.org/tchc-services/continuum-of-care-program/coc-policies-procedures/) *and after a public call for nominations. The Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC) serves as the Lead Agency, Collaborative Applicant, and HMIS Administrator for TX-601.*

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