

Continuum of Care (CoC) Board of Directors Meeting

Fort Worth/ Arlington/ Tarrant County (TX-601)

January 25, 2021 at 1:30pm
Virtual

I) Call to Order	Montgomery, Chair
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II) Reports and Discussion	
A) Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC) (210125-220)	King
(a) Executive Director Report	
(i) End of Year Housing Challenge Celebration	
(ii) COVID system update	
(iii) Strategic Goal highlights	
(iv) Presentation on new training and technical assistance	
(v) Legislative preview (Texas Homeless Network)	
B) Standing Committees	
1) CoC Board Executive Committee- no report	Montgomery
2) Allocations Committee (210125-221)	Dunn
3) CoC Governance Committee- no report	Broussard
4) HMIS Governance Committee (210125-222)	Hogg
5) Housing Committee- no report	King
6) Improvement, Coordination, and Training (210125-223)	Browne
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III) Board Action Items	Montgomery/Wach
A) Approval of CoC Board Meeting Minutes from November 30, 2020 (210125-224)	
B) Resolution of Support for Family Subcommittee priorities (210125-225)	
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IV) Request for Future Agenda Items	Montgomery/Wach
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V) Public Comment (Remarks will be limited to 3 minutes. Time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair.)	Montgomery/Wach
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VI) Adjournment	Montgomery/Wach

CoC Board Membership will meet March 22 @ 1:30pm

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Executive Director Report

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Housing 500 Challenge

- CELEBRATE! Housed 520 people October 1 to December 31.
- Challenges identified:
 - COVID creating significant barriers
 - Unable to obtain IDs and other documents
 - New program implementation taking longer than anticipated
 - Lack of ability to do a public kickoff to build excitement and momentum
- Need to identify a weekly goal for housing
 - Identify trends
 - Alert partners about slow downs

System Update

- Served fewer people in Q1 (Oct-Dec) as compared to 2019
- Access to services continues to be reduced
- Cold weather shelter plans in place and activating
- Eviction moratorium extended to 3/31
- More people served by system now facing eviction

COVID Update

- Shelters and other service providers continue screening protocol
- Several clusters of cases, but no significant outbreaks
- Shelters remain at reduced capacity due to social distancing
- Homeless Coalition overseeing COVID+ isolation shelter
- Vaccine distribution now in process for staff and clients
- Watching CDC and HUD for guidance on increasing capacity

Strategic Goal Highlights

1. Prioritizing people most vulnerable to COVID-19 for housing
2. HMIS Committee being repopulated
3. Awarded \$500,000 for landlord incentives; Hiring Landlord Engagement Coordinator for Arlington
4. Focus on neighborhood and elected official engagement
5. CoC NOFA is an autorenewal for all existing projects
 - Additional NOFAs expected in 2021

NEW: Training and Technical Assistance

- Create, promote and foster individual and organizational effectiveness;
- Develop and offer an array of innovative and diverse training programs; and
- Provide technical assistance (TA) to support further our commitment to training and professional development within the CoC
- Increase program performance and improve services offered to people experiencing homelessness

NEW: Training and Technical Assistance



On the Horizon

- Point in Time Count
 - January 28- February 11
- State of the Homeless Address
 - March 24, virtual

January 2021 Allocations Committee Report

Schedule

Quarterly First Tuesday at 10:00 AM

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
October 1, 2020 Virtual	February 2, 2021 Virtual

Report

The Allocations Committee met in October to review the proposed structure of the Committee, including changes to the Performance and Ranking Workgroups. The Committee is in a transition as it moves to the new structure and all groups are repopulated to align with strategic goals. The Allocations Committee will resume meeting with this new structure with its first meeting on February 2, 2021.

The Homeless Coalition received an allocation of \$3,537,894 on behalf of our local CoC and has now completed a local competition for these funds. In Round II, these funds were restricted to homeless prevention, rapid rehousing and landlord engagement. Additionally, applicants were restricted to currently CoC funded agencies and had a minimum request amount of \$500,000. Due to the Allocations Committee being in transition, the Executive Committee approved recommended allocations, followed by both the Membership and Leadership Councils of the CoC Board. The Homeless Coalition submitted funding allocations to TDHCA on 11/21/2020.

Performance Workgroup invited all CoC-funded entities to its December meeting on December 15 to review proposed changes to the CoC NOFA scorecard for the 2021 NOFA. All agencies had an opportunity to provide feedback on the scorecard and general consensus was reached on: the utilization rate points, projected project spend down calculation, cost efficiency calculation, an auto-renewal for projects less than 2 years old, and the ranking committee considering geography and special populations in comparing projects.

Key Takeaways

The Allocations Committee will begin its new structure to broaden its focus to fully meet Strategic Plan Goal 5. The Allocations Committee will evaluate system needs, align community resources to prevent and respond to homelessness, and evaluate the community's performance in preventing and responding to homelessness. Structure attached.

The CoC is reviewing changes to the NOFA scorecard based on agency feedback.

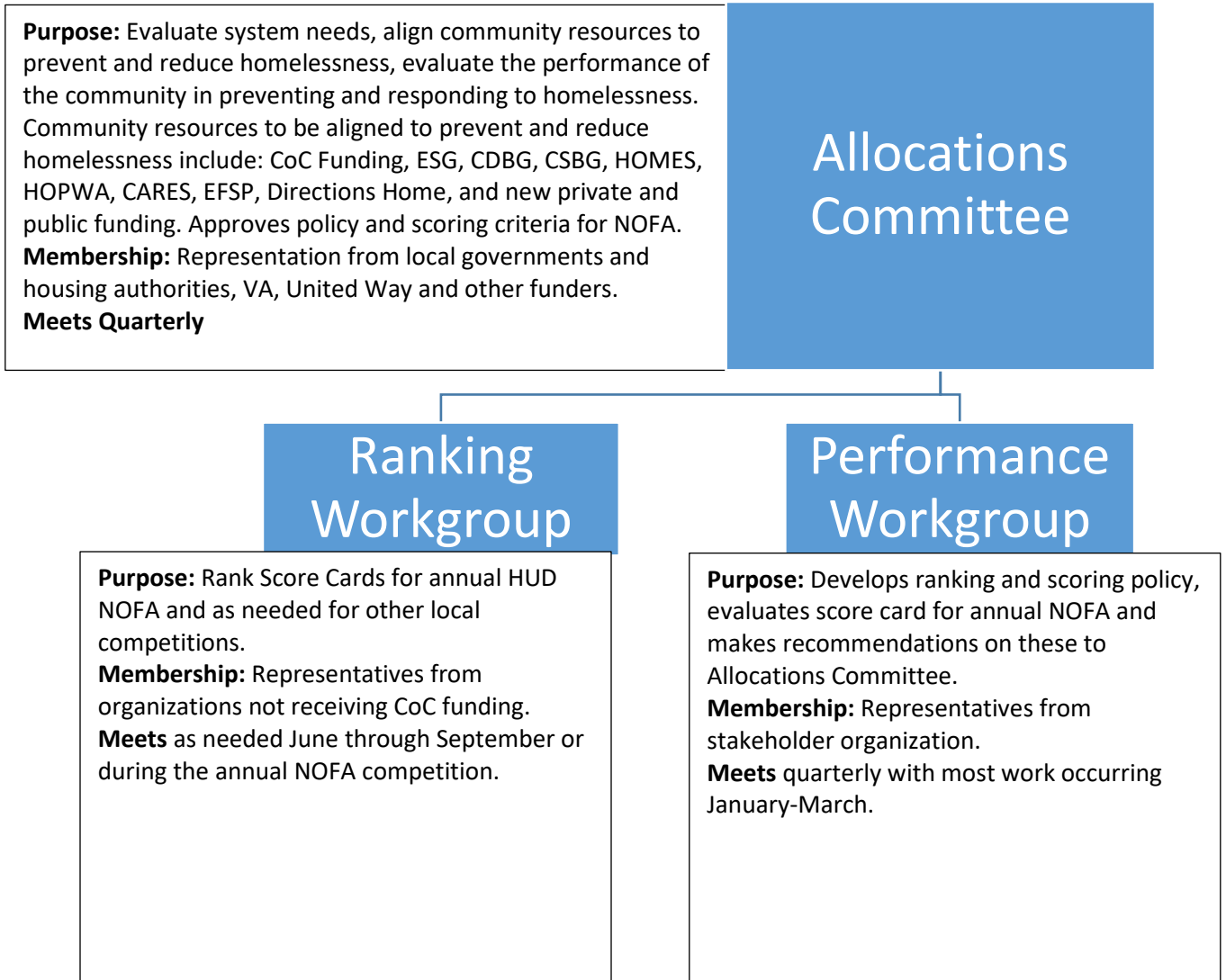
Recommendations to CoC Board

None at this time; ESG competition approvals completed via email.

January 2021 Allocations Committee Report

Allocations Committee Proposed Reformatting

Purpose: Allocation Committee’s purpose is to align needs with resources, increase system dollars and improve performance across the continuum. Improving performance across the continuum includes prevention of homelessness and diversion all the way to emergency shelter and homeless response programs.



January 2021 HMIS Governance Committee Report

Schedule

3rd Tuesday of every other month @noon

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
December 15, 2020 12noon, virtual	February 16, 2021 12noon, virtual

Report

HMIS data quality dashboards were demoed for the committee. These are a “pass/fail” report measuring data quality. This report will launch and be sent to organizations during the last week of January. Organizations can then set up meetings to work on cleaning data. These dashboards will show data quality metrics for all programs and will be visible only to the program staff/management.

The LSA deadline has been extended to January 29, 2021.

The Statewide Data Sharing warehouse is live. We are one of only 3 CoCs sharing data. This warehouse will help us see trends in Homelessness on the state level and also help clients generate homeless history from other CoCs.

Key Takeaways

Dashboards will be available at the end of this week.

Recommendations to CoC Board

No recommendations at this time.

January 2021 ICT Committee Report

Schedule

3rd Monday at 12:00 PM

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
December 14, 2020 Virtual	February 22, 2021 Virtual

Report

The ICT Committee met in December. The following was discussed:

- Introduce working on new housing options with new and former partners for the CoC; acknowledgement that there are not enough housing resources in our Continuum so we need these partners to come back and work with us.
- Ranking priority populations: this will be an ongoing discussion. Committee discussed if we wanted to continue population ranking as is. We have traditionally followed national priorities but should now consider what we want to do locally. Are these also our local priorities. Continued discussion will happen with timeline being set in February.
- 520 housed during Housing 500 Challenge.
- Bridge Housing Workgroup: The workgroup is to help prioritize who gets into PSH Housing, clients needing to transfer over from RRH to PSH or clients currently experiencing homelessness. Partners are determining how Bridge Housing should work in our CoC.

The committee did not meet in January.

Key Takeaways

CoC Board should expect to have a recommendation from ICT on priority populations by summer 2021.

Bridge Housing group will complete their work soon and push out information on how this process will work.

Family and Veteran Subcommittees have each selected three focus areas to move them toward the USICH benchmarks to end homelessness for these populations.

Recommendations to CoC Board

Subcommittees are presenting their chosen priorities to the CoC Board and asking for a resolution of support for those priorities.

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November 30, 2020 at 1:30pm
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I) **Call to Order**
1:34 pm

Victoria Farrar-Myers, Chair

II) **Reports and Discussion**

A) Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC) (201130-210)

King

(a) Interim Executive Director Report
(Report included in Board Packet)

System Update

- System of Care served 11,439 people: 6% increase from last year.
- COVID-19 response remains high priority
All shelters and providers continue standard processes.
Priority: Transition of COVID+ shelter to CoC control
- Cold weather shelter plans in place
- Housing 500 Challenge proving to be challenging
Huge barrier has been not being able to get IDs.
- More people served by system now facing eviction

Goal 1: Effective System

- Prioritizing people most vulnerable to COVID-19 for housing
- Number of veterans experiencing homelessness increasing
- Family committee considering USICH benchmarks
- Employment is a significant challenge
- System/program dashboards being developed

Goal 2: Data Driven

- Scorecard dashboards being developed.
Moves system to continuous feedback, away from once per year
- New Coordinated Entry process launched October 1
- Data quality dashboards being developed
- Conversations started with criminal justice system
Jail inreach suggested intervention

Goal 3: Housing Focused

- Develop Solutions
119 PSH start to be online as of 11/30
48 PSH units online first quarter 2021
\$7M available for RRH
- Landlord Engagement
Held first mediation November
Property damage surveys and assistance
Will have \$500,000 for landlord incentives in the first quarter of 2021

Goal 4: Engaged Community

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- Leadership Council met October 12
- Membership
 - For agencies HMIS fee = membership fee
 - Online form to be completed to be considered fully “vetted”
 - Community membership link is active and website now
 - Larger public effort scheduled for first quarter
- Good engagement redirecting giving

Goal 5: Committed Resources

- All CoC programs were monitored in September to catch up
- No word on 2020 CoC NOFA
 - Have heard that it likely will happen, but indication on when
 - All steps needed to prepare for NOFA as complete
- Community homelessness response resources have been mapped out, including current and projected need
- CoC received an allocation of \$3.5M for State ESG
 - Restricted to prevention, rapid rehousing, and landlord engagement

(b) End of Year Housing Challenge

- COVID creating significant barriers
- Unable to obtain IDs and other documents
- New program implementation taking longer than anticipated; staff and program money not available quickly
- Lack of ability to do a public kickoff to build excitement and momentum
- Due to increase in cases in person property management and case management is limited

(c) Committee review and changes

- Reviewed Committee Review Diagram (included in meeting packet)

B) Standing Committees

1) CoC Board Executive Committee (201130-211)

Farrar-Myers

- All Board officers are willing to support in Executive Committee transition.
- Committees, workgroups, and subcommittees should work to ensure they remain focused in the CoC Strategic Plan and the actions laid out to move toward achievement of community goals.
- Vacancy in the Chair of Housing and the HMIS Governance Committee
- No recommendations for the Board

2) Allocations Committee (201130-212)

Williams

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- The Allocations Committee is finalizing new members to broaden it’s focus to fully meet Strategic Plan Goal 5. The Allocations Committee will evaluate system needs, align community resources to prevent and respond to homelessness, and evaluate the community’s performance in preventing and responding to homelessness. Structure attached.
 - A second competition was completed for State ESG funds.
 - No recommendations for the Board
- 3) CoC Governance Committee (201130-213) Broussard
- 2021 slate and charter changes are completed
 - Moved to a quarterly meeting schedule
 - The Governance Committee is presenting the CoC Membership Council with recommendations for the CoC Board Charter changes and the 2021 slate for approval.
(Recommendations and slate included in meeting packet)
- 4) HMIS Governance Committee (201130-214) Montgomery
- Dashboards will be available later this year or early 2021
 - HMIS Committee will begin meeting every other month on the even months
 - No recommendations for the Board
- 5) Housing Committee (201130-215) King
- Housing Committee in need of new chair. CoC Charter indicates that a community member can be appointed by the Executive Committee if a CoC Membership Council member is not able to fill the chair role.
- 6) Improvement, Coordination, and Training (201130-216) Browne
- Bridge Housing Workgroup will begin meeting to design process for our community
 - The Housing 500 Challenge has identified some significant barriers to getting people housed
 - Public-facing dashboards should be available in the next few months
 - No recommendations for the Board

III) Board Action Items

Farrar-Myers

- A) Approval of CoC Board Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2020 (201130-217)
 Judge Carr- Moved for approval
 James Tapscott-Second
 All in favor
- B) Approval of CoC Board Charter changes (201130-218)
 Steve Montgomery- Moved for approval
 Eddie Broussard- Second
 All in favor
- C) Approval of 2021 Slate (201130-219)
 Robyn Micahlove- Moved for approval
 James Tapscott- Second

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All in favor

IV) Request for Future Agenda Items	Farrar-Myers
Would like the Family Committee to give a report of what the USICH benchmarks are. A review of all the community resources that are coming in.	
V) TCHC Executive Director Search Update	
It has been narrowed down to one nominee; Lauren King is now the soul finalist.	

VI) Public Comment (Remarks will be limited to 3 minutes. Time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair.)	Farrar-Myers
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VII) Adjournment	Farrar-Myers
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Family Committee Priorities

1. Develop a list of families experiencing homelessness and a case conferencing group.
2. Ensure our prevention and diversion for families is working.
 - Look at solidifying our new process of interns calling people with eviction orders who have been previously homeless.
3. Identify ways to increase the speed of families exiting to permanent housing.