Schedule

Quarterly First Tuesday at 10:00 AM

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| March 15, 2021Virtual | April 19, 2021Virtual |

## Report

The ICT Committee met in February and March. The Committee has been repopulated, with each CoC member organization designating one voting member for their agency. Others are welcome to join the meeting, but only designated members can vote on policy change presented to the board. A roster is attached to this report.

February discussion:

* Update from the Bridge Housing Workgroup; discussed challenges in prioritizing various populations for housing and what the workgroup was thinking.
* Examined slowdowns in Coordinated Entry process; although the general thought was that critical documents were the biggest slow down, based on a housing match study it was lack of communication between staff working together to get people housed or incorrect data in the matching system. This information gives the Homeless Coalition information to work with partners on to improve housing process.
* Homeless Coalition was awarded $500,000 in landlord incentive money from TDHCA to be used to pay landlords a bonus for housing people exiting homelessness. All organizations
* Other: reviewed dashboard, discussed progress on community dashboards and starting disaster response planning.

March discussion:

* Celebrated that time to be housed through Coordinated Entry has decreased from 53 days to 32 days- a reduction of 3 weeks time!
* Committee approved Bridge Housing policy
	+ People who are in shelters and on the street will be prioritized for Project Based Vouchers
	+ People who are in Rapid Rehousing and need to bridge to PSH will be prioritized for Tenant Based Vouchers
	+ Policy also addresses who should be considered for bridge housing
* Two workgroups are being formed to address system issues
	+ ViSPDAT workgroup: to address possibility of using another assessment tool
	+ PSH Income workgroup: to address clients who continually do not pay their portion of rent but need housing and supportive services- how to best serve these clients

## Key Takeaways

Bridge Housing Workgroup determined best policy for CoC and is moving forward for formal CoC Board approval.

Committee was excited about looking at other tools to determine vulnerability and housing prioritization, as many issues with the ViSPDAT have been noted across the country.

## Recommendations to CoC Board

Committee recommends approval of the CoC Bridge Housing Policy