Continuum of Care (CoC) Board of Directors Meeting

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

March 22, 2021 at 1:00pm  
Virtual

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| 1. **Call to Order** | Montgomery, Chair |
| 1. **Reports and Discussion** |  |
| * 1. Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (210322-227)      + 1. Executive Director Report           1. System successes and overview   ***System Successes***   * The redesign worked; System reduced the time to be housed by **21 days,** * Continued to add new properties willing to house people exiting homelessness. * COVID cases remain low among population   ***Systems Overview***   * Number of people entering homelessness gradually increasing each month in 2021 * System preparation for potential increase in newly homeless * Technical Assistance will be launched to agencies around diversion first to help offset potential inflow * Providers looking at how to safely increase capacity * Cold weather had significant impact on the population and providers   + - * 1. COVID-19 update * Shelters and other service providers continue screening protocol * No significant outbreaks * Shelters remain at reduced capacity due to social distancing * Homeless Coalition overseeing COVID+ isolation shelter * Vaccine CDC and HUD for guidance on increasing capacity * Moving into preparedness for future crises   + - * 1. Strategic Goal highlights  1. Refocused all population committees on USICH benchmarks 2. Public facing dashboards launching on Wednesday 3. Expanded Landlord Engagement: hired Arlington Coordinator 4. Membership policy being developed to vet agencies 5. Completed funding maps and 2021 projections    * + - 1. Equity work  * **TCU completed equity study on PSH programs**   Determined that race was a factor in entering homelessness, income earned and veteran status.  No demographic factor was a predictor of housing retention.   * **Homeless Coalition has been working with Heartland Foundation to dig into equity data**   Determining our “Desired Racial Equity Outcome”.  Identifying building blocks to be addressed.   * **Targeted efforts to be launched later this spring/summer**   + - * 1. State of the Homeless preview * **Point In Time Count conducted differently this year**   Two week time period, no volunteers   * **42% decrease**   2020: 2,028 people  2021: 1,234 people   * **Also saw a significant decrease in overall number served**   2020: 11,485  2021: 8,570   * **State of the Homeless address will focus on future and expectations**   Launching podcast and public dashboards   * + - * 1. On the Horizon * Homeless prevention and system preparation for evictions * Improved street outreach coordination * Focus on equity with the CoC * Continued alignment on family homelessness * Data sharing initiatives * Dashboards: public facing, data quality, scoreboards * Membership: formal vetting of agencies | King, Lauren |
| * 1. Standing Committees      1. CoC Board Executive Committee (no report)      2. Allocations Committee (210322-228) * The Performance Workgroup has recommended a scorecard and ranking policy for the 2021 CoC NOFA to the Board. * The Allocations Committee is reviewing estimated need and available resources in 2021.   + 1. CoC Governance Committee (210322-229) * Charter changes are necessary to keep our CoC in compliance with HUD guidelines. * Committee recommends approval of the CoC Board Charter Changes as presented.   + 1. HMIS Governance Committee (210322-230) * Charter changes are necessary to keep our CoC in compliance with HUD guidelines. * Revised HMIS policies are due to HUD end of March.   + 1. Housing Committee (no report)     2. Improvement, Coordination, and Training (210321-231) * 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 VISPDAT have been noted across the country. * Committee recommends approval of the CoC Bridge Housing Policy. | Montgomery  Dunn  Broussard  Hogg  n/a  Browne |
| 1. **Board Action Items** | Montgomery |
| * 1. Approval of CoC Board Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2021 (200322-232) * Motioned: E. Broussard * Second: J. Tapscott * All in favor * Motion passed.   1. Approval of proposed CoC Charter Change (200322-233) * Motioned: Judge B. Carr * Second: R. Micahlove * All in favor: * Motion passed.   1. Approval of proposed CoC Bridge Housing policy (200322-234) * Motioned: Judge B. Carr * Second: E. Broussard * All in favor. * Motion passed.   1. Approval of proposed 2021 Ranking Policy (200322-235) * Motioned: Dr. V. Farrar-Myers * Second: J. Tapscott * All in favor. * Motion passed:   1. Approval of proposed 2021 CoC Project Scorecard (200322-236) * Motioned: D. Browne * Second: Dr. V. Farrar-Myers * All in favor. * Motion passed.   1. Resolution of Support for Veteran Subcommittee priorities (200322-237) * Motioned: Leah King * Second: B. Johnson * All in favor. * Motion passed.   1. Resolution of Support for Youth Subcommittee priorities (200322-238) * Motioned: A. Williams * Second: Leah King * All in favor. * Motioned passed. |  |
| 1. **Request for Future Agenda Items**   None at this time | Montgomery |
| 1. **Public Comment** (Remarks will be limited to 3 minutes. Time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair.)   None at this time | Montgomery |
| 1. **Adjournment** | Montgomery |

*CoC Board Membership will meet May 24th @ 1:00pm*

*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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