

Continuum of Care (CoC) Board of Directors Meeting

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

July 26, 2021 at 1:00pm
Hybrid

I) Call to Order	Montgomery, Chair
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II) Reports and Discussion	
A) Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (210726-245)	King, Lauren
(a) Executive Director Report	
(i) System Overview	
(ii) COVID-19 Update	
(iii) Strategic Goal Highlights	
(iv) On the Horizon	
B) Standing Committees	
1) CoC Board Executive Committee (no report)	Montgomery
2) Allocations Committee (210726-246)	King, Leah
3) CoC Governance Committee (no report)	Broussard
4) HMIS Governance Committee (210726-247)	Hogg
5) Housing Committee (210726-248)	King, Lauren
6) Improvement, Coordination, and Training (210726-249)	Browne
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III) Board Action Items	Montgomery
A) Approval of CoC Board Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2021 (210726-250)	
B) Approval of 2022 HMIS fees (210726-251)	
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IV) Request for Future Agenda Items	Montgomery
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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
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VI) Adjournment	Montgomery

CoC Board Membership will meet September 27th @ 1:00pm

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Executive Director Report

CoC Board Meeting

July 26, 2021

System Overview

- System reset and mapping
 - Ensure maximizing of resources
 - Remove barriers in system
 - Housing people as quickly as possible
- Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)
 - 307 vouchers available to CoC via Housing Authorities
 - Big part of system reset
 - Concern: Backfilling CoC programs
- Diversion training/technical assistance continues

COVID-19 Update

- Shelters and other service providers continue screening protocol
 - Masks recommended regardless of vaccination status
- Had a rise in cases at end of June
- Homeless Coalition overseeing COVID+ isolation shelter
- Refocus on ways to increase vaccination rates in population
 - Vaccines available daily at True Worth Clinic
 - Financial incentives are now available

CoC Strategic Workplan

- Progress report coming in September
- Proposed 2022 plan to Board in September
- Challenge: landscape has changed significantly
- Good news: we have accomplished a lot together
- Good news: lots of possibilities because of increased funding
- Ask: Committees should plan to discuss in their next meeting

On the Horizon

- CoC NOFA expected soon
- System mapping and resource coordination
- HOME funding available- guidance expected in fall
- New member agencies in pipeline
- Increased communication and education about homelessness, including partner highlights

July 2021 Allocations Committee Report

Schedule

Quarterly First Tuesday at 10:00 AM

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
June 22, 2021 Virtual	August 3, 2021 Virtual

Report

The Allocations Committee met June 22, 2021. The Committee discussed the need for the Ranking Workgroup to be repopulated as we prepare for a HUD COC NOFA. The desired number of participants is 8 to 10 and the work will occur in the late summer and early Fall. Agencies that receive funding are not eligible to serve on the Ranking Workgroup. Artie Williams is chair of the Ranking Workgroup.

The Committee also reviewed a plan for a potential wave of people becoming homeless due to evictions. Preventing a big number of people becoming homeless due to evictions includes targeting homeless prevention resources to people that were previously homeless, using Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance when possible, increasing diversion, and adding new resources to the continuum of care. MHMR received funding through HR-133 of a Supplemental Block Grant that will be used to add shallow subsidy and expand a housing program for people who cannot safely live independently due to a severe mental health or substance use disorder.

The Committee also reviewed the “system reset” and discussed how resources could be aligned to help reach functional zero in homelessness.

The Committee reviewed TCHC’s recommendations for new HOME funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, including capital investments for permanent supportive housing, alternative housing, shared housing, and recuperative care. Across the continuum, the jurisdictions are receiving an additional \$20 million in HOME funding above their normal allocations.

Key Takeaways

Volunteers are needed for the Ranking Workgroup. Interested parties should contact Artie Williams and Alex Dunn at Artie.Williams@va.gov and alex@ahomewithhope.org.

Recommendations to CoC Board

None at this time.

July 2021 HMIS Report

Schedule

Meeting Occurrence & Time

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
Date 6/15/2021 Virtual	Date 8/17/2021 Virtual

Report

- The Committee worked to change the fee structure and the amount per program; the HMIS fee schedule has not changed since 2017.
 - Programs 1 through 8 will cost \$1,200 each. Agencies with 9+ programs will cost a flat fee of \$10,800. New programs will pay a pro-rated rate per program regardless of how many programs the agencies have for the first year.
- Steps for nonpayment, 30-day notice, and cut off access after 60 days of nonpayment (at TCHC'S discretion)
- Release of information(ROI) is no longer required for entry into ETO as long as agencies post the new HMIS Privacy Policy Client letter. Individual Agencies can still choose to collect, but TCHC will not oversee the process. Best practice from HUD is that an HMIS Privacy Policy Client letter is sufficient for HMIS and that ROI can be a barrier to Coordinated Entry.

Key Takeaways

- Updated fee schedule proposed to the Board
- Updated Privacy Policy Client letter and ending the Release Of Information.

Recommendations to CoC Board

- Approve the proposed fee schedule
- Approving eliminating Release of Information for the requirement of entry into HMIS (recommended by HUD)

July 2021 Housing Committee Report

Schedule

Last Tuesday of every other month @ 1PM

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
June 22, 2021 Virtual	August 3, 2021 Virtual

Report

The Allocations Committee met June 22, 2021. Two committee members were able to attend in addition to staff. Committee members received an update on Landlord Engagement, including how many units were available for people exiting homelessness in Padmission and how many landlords were currently working with the CoC.

Landlords must sign an MOU with TCHC, on behalf of the CoC if they would like to have access to mediation and risk mitigation fees. Staff is working with landlords to get those who are access Landlord Incentive funds to formally partner.

The committee and board chair have discussed the need to determine purpose of committee. Members have been hesitant to act on policy in the past due to not wanting to overreach with colleagues.

Key Takeaways

The Housing Committee needs to revamp or figure out purpose. Strategic plan will be reviewed in the next meeting to determine direction and goals for next year. Committee also needs to select a Chair.

Recommendations to CoC Board

None at this time.

July 2021 ICT Report

Schedule

Meeting Occurrence & Time

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
Date 6/21/2021 Virtual/Hybrid/In Person	Date 8/16/2021 Virtual/Hybrid/In Person

Report

- Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) will go live on July 1st.
 - The script for those vouchers has been sent out to program managers.
- The housing assessment workgroup met in June.
 - We have established some first steps for creating a new housing assessment but will hold off the meeting until August.
- TCHC created a housing Pyramid that demonstrates how active clients are housed in our system.
- Lauren King discussed the new Membership Policy, and new members would also be given a seat on the ICT committee.

Key Takeaways

Subcommittees have been put on hold so the community can focus on EHV. July ICT will only be an update on EHV.

Recommendations to CoC Board

None at this time.

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May 24, 2021, at 1:00pm
Virtual

I) Call to Order

Montgomery, Chair

II) Reports and Discussion

A) Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (210524-239)

King, Lauren

(a) Executive Director Report (included in meeting packet)

(i) Public Facing Dashboards

- Reviewed Public Facing Dashboards on TCHC website.
- Some categories will be updated monthly and some quarterly.
- Updating it from individuals to households.

(ii) System Reset

- Reviewed and discussed system reset diagrams. (Included in meeting packet)
- System Update – May 2021
 - 1,094 Household experienced homelessness
 - 20 Safe Haven
 - 323 Unsheltered
 - 705 in shelter
 - 306 currently in housing search (matched to a program)
 - 121 households moved into housing.
- To house everyone
 - Need up to 667 additional vouchers.
 - 307 EHV's
 - 28 Quail Trail (20 already assigned)
 - 335 households without an intervention
- Emergency Housing Vouchers
 - Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)
 - Housing vouchers given to local housing authorities.
 - PHAs have the option to accept or turndown.
 - 307 total for CoC
 - 133 to Fort Worth

- 85 to Tarrant County
- 89 to Arlington
- Financial incentive to get this done fast.
- Want referrals now, goal of leasing on July 1.
- Process completed by November 1.
- Vouchers are for 9 years.
- All will have “light” case management.
- Treasury Funding
 - Lump sum received by municipalities
 - Recently released guidance on how to use for homeless
 - Three proposed populations
 - People who have been in the system before and are facing eviction
 - Extending CARES RRH for another year
 - Long term Rapid Exit (unsure about this)
 - Need landlord support for this
- HOME Funding
 - Additional allocation allocated to municipalities through ARPA
 - Four primary purposes, all specific to people exiting homelessness and 0%-30% AMI
 - Development of affordable housing
 - Tenant based rental assistance
 - Supportive services
 - Acquisition and rehab of non congregate shelter
 - Allocations
 - Fort Worth: \$10,537,030
 - Arlington: \$4,583,064
 - Tarrant County: \$5,281,656
 - Potential allocation for CoC
- (iii) Committees on Hiatus
 - No objections
- (iv) CoC NOFA
 - Discussed going ahead and doing everything we need for the NOFA ahead of time, so everyone is ready once it is released.

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FY2022 HMIS Fee Schedule

Site and Program Tier System by Number of Programs

Under this option, agencies would be charged a flat fee, per program, until reaching 9+ programs, at which point would reach a cap. Under this option, there would be a pro-rated, per-program, add-on fee for new programs starting during the course of a year, as well as a one-time fee of \$1,000 per program. New programs will not be added to HMIS until add-on fees collected. Annual fees (as below) would then be due October 1.

Level	Number of Programs	Fee
Tier I	per Program (1 through 8)	\$1,200.00
Tier II	9+ Programs	\$10,800.00

Examples:

1 program add-on to already existing Site in July.

Pro-rate would be \$400 for the remainder of the year (3 months).

Plus a one-time fee of \$1,000.

This would be an upfront cost totaling \$1,400 for this program prior to entry into HMIS.

Annual billing would fall under Tier I or II for the entire organization.

2 programs added at beginning of annual billing

\$0 pro-rate would apply if the program's start date aligns with the annual billing.

\$2,000 for one-time fees would be applied.

Upfront cost totaling \$2,000 for this program prior to entry into HMIS.

The programs would then fall under the annual billing for the entire organization (either Tier I or II).