

Continuum of Care (CoC) Board of Directors Meeting

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

September 27, 2021 at 1:00pm
Hybrid

I) Call to Order	Montgomery, Chair
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II) Reports and Discussion	
A) Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (210927-252)	King, Lauren
(a) Executive Director Report	
(i) System Overview	
(ii) COVID-19 Update	
(iii) CoC NOFA update	
(iv) Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project	
(v) On the Horizon	
B) Standing Committees	
1) CoC Board Executive Committee (no report)	--
2) Allocations Committee (210927-253)	King, Leah
3) CoC Governance Committee (210927-254)	Broussard
4) HMIS Governance Committee (210927-255)	Hogg
5) Housing Committee (no report)	--
6) Improvement, Coordination, and Training (210927-256)	Browne
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III) Board Action Items	Montgomery
A) Approval of CoC Board Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2021 (210927-257)	
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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
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CoC Board Membership will meet November 29th @ 1:00pm

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Executive Director Report

CoC Board Meeting
September 27, 2021

System Overview

- 2022 System Challenge: house 2200 in 2022
 - Remove barriers
 - Housing focused
- System changes
 - New housing assessment
 - Common housing application
 - Agreed upon metrics for all programs in CoC
- ARPA opportunities for capital
- Update on new legislation

COVID-19 Update

- Shelters and other service providers continue screening protocol
 - Masks recommended regardless of vaccination status
- Had a spike in cases end of August
- Homeless Coalition overseeing COVID+ isolation shelter
 - Planning to continue into 2022
- Refocus on ways to increase vaccination rates in population
 - Vaccines available daily at True Worth Clinic
 - Financial incentives are now available

CoC NOFA Update

- HUD CoC NOFA released August 18
- ARD is \$15.5M; eligible for bonus money
- Board approved all existing projects to be auto-renewals
- RFP for new projects currently open
- Ranking Workgroup meets Monday, 10/18
- Project ranking will be presented to CoC Board for approval
- Final application due to HUD Friday, 11/12

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project

- HUGE VICTORY!
- Award: \$4,083,000 over two years
- Serves young adults 18-24
- Coordinated community approach to addressing youth homelessness
- Approach must be youth-led

On the Horizon

- New prioritization for housing
- ARPA capital opportunities
- System mapping and maximizing resources
- Continued communication and education about homelessness, including partner highlights

Dates to Know

- Bubbles & Bras: Thursday, October 21
- CEO Breakfast: Friday, November 5
- HUD CoC Application due: Friday, November 12
- National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week: November 13-21
- CoC Board of Directors Meeting: Monday, November 29
- Annual Awards Luncheon: Friday, December 12
- Homeless Memorial: Tuesday, December 21

September 2021 Allocations Committee Report

Schedule

Quarterly First Tuesday at 10:00 AM

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
September 8, 2021 Virtual	November 2, 2021 Virtual

Report

The Allocations Committee met in September and primarily focused on NOFA information and resource use in our community. Topics covered included:

- CoC Update on data trends and monthly inflow
- HUD CoC NOFA was released on 8/18
 - Ranking Workgroup re-populated
 - Rank the projects that we submit to HUD
 - Anyone who receives funding or is on a board that receives funding can not be part of the workgroup.
 - Must live or work in Tarrant/Parker County.
 - Would prefer individuals that have experience in social services or homeless services.
 - Auto Renewal
 - The Board has approved using the 2020 score cards for the competition.
 - The Board has also approved auto renewal for existing projects, they will still need to submit an application to HUD.
 - HUD priorities
 - Ending homelessness for all persons
 - Use a Housing First approach
 - Reduce unsheltered homelessness
 - Improve system performance
 - Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
 - Racial Equity
 - Persons with Lived Experience
 - CoC priorities
 - All HUD priorities and:
 - Dedicated PSH that is Sponsor-Based or Project-Based
 - Projects to serve people with mental illness or substance use who cannot safely live in a “normal” apartment (SRO PSH, RRH, or Joint TH-RRH)
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - Geographic Distribution
 - Projects that serve people with criminal records, sex offenders, behavioral health disorders
- Funding Need Discussion: True Worth Place
 - This is something we will need to address as far as long-term resource allocation goes.
 - How do we want to sustain this as a community?
 - This is our only day shelter in our continuum.

September 2021 Allocations Committee Report

- System Plan: 2,200 housed in 2022
 - Meeting the number requires:
 - Continued ESG investment in RRH
 - Diversions, shallow subsidies, better transitional housing referrals, and expansion for SIMON program for people who cannot live safely on their own
 - Barriers identified:
 - Units for people to occupy
 - Accountability on programs and TCHC regarding housing matches
 - Critical documents
 - Enough staff in programs to get people through the “push” into housing
 - Documentation of chronicity and disability for PSH

Key Takeaways

CoC NOFA has been released and Homeless Coalition is conducting annual competition process. Ranking Workgroup will bring funding recommendations to CoC Board in October.

Achieving system goals will be achieved with highest and best use of resources. It is critical that Allocations Committee continue to work together to understand system need and direct resources where needed.

Recommendations to CoC Board

None at this time.

August 2021 Governance Committee Report

Schedule

Quarterly First Thursday of second month at 8:30AM

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
August 5, 2021 Virtual	November 4, 2021 Virtual

Report

The Governance Committee met to discuss the CoC agency membership and Board nominations. policy and strategy around board members.

1. CoC Membership update: agencies in process
 - a. Helen's Project
 - b. DUNE's LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation
 - c. Segue Living Center
 - d. Grand Prairie Homeless Outreach
 - e. When We Love

The Committee continued discussion regarding positions expiring at the end of 2021. There was continued discussion around efforts to be more strategic about committee membership and inviting stakeholders to be on Board committees, who might then roll onto the Board in various positions. Equity and creating a board reflective of the population will be a focus for these efforts. The positions discussed are listed below.

2. Board member strategy discussion

Board Members with term ending in 2021:

 - Independent School District, Director of Special Programs or designee: currently Tori Sisk, Arlington ISD.
 - Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County, Executive Director or designee: currently Shannon Spriggs.
 - US Department of Veteran's Affairs, Director or designee: currently Artie Williams
 - Representative of Affordable Housing Industry, appointed by Leadership Council: currently Gage Yager
 - Business Leader, appointed by Membership Council: currently Eddie Broussard

Key Takeaways

Continued work on slate of members for 2022. Committee will bring a proposed slate to the board at the November meeting.

Recommendations to CoC Board

None at this time.

September 2021 HMIS Report

Schedule

Quarterly

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
August 17, 2021 Virtual	TBD Virtual

Report

The Committee met and reviewed HMIS and data information. Committee is moving to quarterly meeting, with next meeting date to be determined.

- HMIS Dashboard
 - Reviewed and discussed HMIS Dashboard (10/1/20-6/30/21)
 - Have had a lot of ESG programs added to our system, believe this is where the data quality issues for PSH and RRH are steaming from.
- HMIS Billing
 - Will start sending out invoices in late Sept./early Oct.
- 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.
 - Will make available on website
 - Shelters just need to post the letter
 - Will work on a process for Street Outreach
- Q3 Pass/Fail Report Spreadsheet Overview
 - Reviewed and discussed Q3 Pass/Fail Report Spreadsheet
 - Steps for “no responses” to data cleanup (Pass/Fail quarterly reports)

Key Takeaways

Updated Privacy Policy Client letter and ending the Release Of Information.

Recommendations to CoC Board

None at this time.

September 2021 ICT Report

Schedule

Monthly, third Monday 12PM- 1:30PM

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
September 20, 2021 Virtual/Hybrid/In Person	October 18, 2021 Virtual/Hybrid/In Person

Report

Committee met in July specifically to discuss progress on Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV). Barriers and additional support needed were discussed.

The August committee focused on the new housing assessment and the work of the Housing Assessment Workgroup. Additionally the committee discussed:

- EHV Update/PSH Backfill Update: numbers were shared
 - Discussion around barriers to getting people moved onto EHV's and if additional resources were needed to support this effort.
- Housing Assessment workgroup Update
 - How to prioritize people for housing with the new assessment
 - As a system we are proposing to move to using length of time homeless instead of vulnerability
 - Do we need vulnerability if we have enough resources to house everyone
 - Housing assessment will start testing next month, with plan to go live in November
 - Lots of training and feedback needed for this process
- Information shared on YDHP award
- Announcement regarding new Housing Navigators/Landlord Engagement Staff/Benefits Specialist Staff
- System reporting: proposed agency reports were shared as an example of what metrics would be provided to partners on a monthly basis
 - Example for outreach: number of contacts, number of diversions, number of people housed
- Common Housing Application will also launch this fall
 - Training is needed for partners
- Sub Committees have been on hiatus for the summer, will start meeting again in October

Key Takeaways

Lots of changes coming up to ensure all resources are maximized and we are fully focused on housing.

ICT will bring a policy change to the next board meeting to formally change how we prioritize people for housing.

Recommendations to CoC Board

None at this time.

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July 26,2021 at 1:00pm
Hybrid

I) Call to Order

Montgomery, Chair

II) Reports and Discussion

A) Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (210726-245)

King, Lauren

(a) Executive Director Report

(i) 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

(ii) COVID-19 Update

- Shelters and other service providers continue screening protocol
 - Masks recommended regardless of vaccination status
- Had a rise in cases at the end of June
- Homeless Coalition overseeing COVID+ isolation shelter
- Refocus on ways to increase vaccination rates in population
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(iii) Strategic Goal Highlights

- 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

(iv) On the Horizon

- CoC NOFA expected soon
- System mapping and resource coordination
- HOME funding available- guidance expected in fall
- New member agencies in pipeline

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- Increased communication and education about homelessness, including partner highlights

B) Standing Committees

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| 1) CoC Board Executive Committee (no report) | Montgomery |
| 2) Allocations Committee (210726-246) | King, Leah |
| – Key Takeaways: Volunteers are needed for the Ranking Workgroup, interested parties should contact Artie Williams and Alex Dunn. | |
| – Recommendations to the board: None at this time | |
| 3) CoC Governance Committee (no report) | Broussard |
| 4) HMIS Governance Committee (210726-247) | Hogg |
| – Updated fee schedule proposed to the Board | |
| – Updated Privacy Policy Client letter and ending the Release of information | |
| – Recommendations to the board: | |
| • Approve the proposed fee schedule | |
| • Approving eliminating Release of information for the requirement of entry into HMIS (recommended by HUD) | |
| 5) Housing Committee (210726-248) | King, Lauren |
| – The Housing Committee needs to revamp or figure out the 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 the board: None at this time. | |
| 6) Improvement, Coordination, and Training (210726-249) | Browne |
| – Subcommittees have been put on hold so the community can focus on EHV. July ICT will only be update on EHV. | |
| – Recommendation to the board: None at this time | |

III) Board Action Items Montgomery

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| A) Approval of CoC Board Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2021 (210726-250) | |
| – Motioned: D. Browne | |
| – Second: G. Yager | |
| – All in favor | |
| – Motion Passed | |
| B) Approval of 2022 HMIS fees (210726-251) | |
| – Motioned: Judge Carr | |
| – Second: E. Broussard | |
| – All in favor | |
| – Motion Passed | |

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

Attendees:

Mayor Parker, Steve Montgomery, Beckie Wach, Tara Perez, Dr. Barbara Odom-Wesley, Tori Sisk, Mary-Margaret Lemons, Joy Parker, Shannon Spriggs, Leah King, Dee Browne, Artie Williams, Toby Owen, Gage Yager, Eddie Broussard, Whitnee Boyd, James Tapscott, Brent Carr

TCHC Staff and guest: Lauren King, Marti Lawrence, Anthony Hogg, Kimberly Doty, Kayla Mosley, Shannon Barnes, Alex Dunn, Jenny Finely, Janet Williams, Chris Gorrie, Heather Lowe, Lindsey Smith, Sheryl Kenney, Kathryn Rotter, Mindy, Don Shisler, Janel Holt

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