

# Continuum of Care (CoC) Board of Directors Meeting

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

November 29 at 1:00pm  
Hybrid

I) <b>Call to Order</b>	Montgomery, Chair
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II) <b>Reports and Discussion</b>	
A) Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (211129-258)	King, Lauren
(a) Executive Director Report	
(i) System Overview & Update	
(ii) Monthly Metrics	
(iii) COVID-19 Update	
(iv) 2022 Dates to Know	
B) Standing Committees	
1) CoC Board Executive Committee (no report)	--
2) Allocations Committee (211129-259)	King, Leah
3) CoC Governance Committee (211129-260)	Broussard
4) HMIS Governance Committee (no report)	Hogg
5) Housing Committee (no report)	--
6) Improvement, Coordination, and Training (211129-262)	Browne
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III) <b>Board Action Items</b>	Montgomery
A) Approval of CoC Board Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2021 (211129-263)	
B) Approval of 2022 Board of Directors nominations (211129-264)	
C) Approval of change in prioritization method for housing (211129-265)	
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IV) <b>Request for Future Agenda Items</b>	Montgomery
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V) <b>Public Comment</b> (Remarks will be limited to 3 minutes. Time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair.)	Montgomery
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VI) <b>Adjournment</b>	Montgomery
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CoC Board Membership will meet January 24 @ 1:00pm

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# Executive Director Report

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# System Overview

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- 2022 System Challenge: house 2200 in 2022
  - Mapping monthly goals and expectations
  - Housing focused
  - Looking at additional resources needed
- 2022 Public Kick Off
  - Wednesday, January 12 @ 8:30
- System changes
  - New housing assessment
  - Common housing application

# System Updates

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- HUD CoC NOFA submitted Friday, 11/12
  - ARD is \$15.5M
  - All existing projects were auto-renewals
  - Two bonus projects approved
- House America Initiative
- ARPA opportunities for capital
- Launching consulting in Q1 of 2022
- Point in Time Count required in 2022

# Monthly System Metrics

	Street Outreach	Emergency Shelter	Housing Match	Available Units	Rapid Rehousing	Other Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing	Other Permanent Housing
<b>Metrics</b>	Number exited to shelter	Number of people seeking shelter	Number matched	Number of Units available	Capacity vs Occupancy			
	Number of contacts							
	Number of diversions		Average time to match	Percentage decrease/increase	Number leased (housing placement)			
	Number exited to housing				Time from housing match to housing placement			
<b>Agencies measured</b>	DRC, Hands of Hope, VA, JPS, MHMR, PNS, GP Outreach, TSA-FW, TSA- Arlington, UGM, CTL, ALS		TCHC		PNS, DRC, FWHS, CTL, TSA- FW, TSA- Arlington, AHA, SafeHaven, MHMR, Endeavors, RRC, AOC, City Square, Seasons of Change, ACH, Sam House, Tarrant County Community Development, Tarrant County Housing Assistance Office			

# COVID-19 Update

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- System response will continue into 2022
- Cases down significantly
- COVID+ shelter will continue into 2022
  - Working on shelter response
  - Homeless Coalition no longer directly providing this service
- Bi-weekly calls through end of year

# Dates to Know

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- Annual Awards Luncheon: Friday, December 12 @ 11:30 AM
- Homeless Memorial: Tuesday, December 21 @ 9:00 AM
- 2022 Kick Off: Wednesday, January 12 @ 8:30 AM
- 2022 Point in Time Count: Thursday, January 27 @ 6:00 PM
- State of the Homeless Address: Wednesday, March 23 @9:00 AM

## November 2021 Allocations Committee Report

### Schedule

Quarterly First Tuesday at 10:00 AM

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
October 13, 2021 Virtual Public Briefing	December 8, 2021 Virtual

### Report

The Allocations Committee has not had a regular meeting since the last CoC Board meeting but did hold a required public briefing on the 2021 HUD NOFO on October 13, 2021 via zoom.

#### Ranking Workgroup

The Ranking Workgroup met on Monday, October 18 to rank existing projects and review and rank new projects. Existing projects were ranked based on FY20 scorecard, as outlined in the CoC Ranking Policy passed by the CoC Board in the March 2021 meeting. The CoC Board voted in an August special meeting to approve an auto-renewal of existing projects.

Two new projects were recommended for funding: Presbyterian Night Shelter HOSO Expansion and a DV Bonus project to expand Coordinated Entry services at the Homeless Coalition. The Ranking Workgroup asked that formal letters be sent to one project that did not submit their renewal application by the deadline and also to projects with low utilization rates. Ranking Workgroup suggested this be a focus as we move into 2022 and look to significantly decrease homelessness.

Total funding requested for all projects is \$16,253,089.50, including the non-competitive CoC Planning grant awarded to the Lead Agency.

Final ranking was sent the CoC Membership Council on Tuesday, October 19 and to Leadership Council on Thursday, October 21. Final project ranking is attached to this report.

### Key Takeaways

CoC NOFA was submitted on November 12, 2021 for a total ask of \$16,253,089.

### Recommendations to CoC Board

None at this time.



FY2021 HUD CoC Competition Funding Recommendations

Rank	Applicant Name	Project Name	Housing Type	Project Type	Project Requested Amount	Project Recommended Award	FY20 Total Score	
<b>Tier 1</b>								
1	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	CoC Coordinated Entry System	N/A	Renewal	\$ 491,048.00	\$ 491,048.00	N/A	
2	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	CoC HMIS	N/A	Renewal	\$ 370,122.00	\$ 370,122.00	N/A	
3	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	SafeSolutions	RRH	Renewal	\$ 139,536.00	\$ 139,536.00	96%	
4	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	SafeFoundations for Rapid Rehousing	RRH	Renewal	\$ 249,540.00	\$ 249,540.00	92%	
5	MHMR	Gateway to Housing	PSH	Renewal	\$ 394,248.00	\$ 394,248.00	89%	
6	Center for Transforming Lives	CTL Rapid Rehousing Expansion	RRH	Renewal	\$ 823,446.00	\$ 823,446.00	87%	
7	Tarrant County	Housing SPC	PSH	Renewal	\$ 96,636.00	\$ 96,636.00	85%	
8	Arlington Housing Authority	Arlington Housing Rapid Rehousing	RRH	Renewal	\$ 275,231.00	\$ 275,231.00	84%	
9	Tarrant County	CEC 3CP	RRH	Renewal	\$ 375,045.00	\$ 375,045.00	83%	
10	Tarrant County	TBLA 114	RRH	Renewal	\$ 1,267,658.00	\$ 1,267,658.00	80%	
11	Tarrant County	Samaritan House Grace Village	PSH	Renewal	\$ 118,053.00	\$ 118,053.00	78%	
12	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	SPC1 2018-2019	PSH	Renewal	\$ 1,856,290.00	\$ 1,856,290.00	76%	
13	Tarrant County	SafeTomorrows	PSH	Renewal	\$ 142,224.00	\$ 142,224.00	76%	
14	Tarrant County	TBLA 15 Samaritan House	PSH	Renewal	\$ 112,447.00	\$ 112,447.00	76%	
15	Tarrant County (two programs merged)	TSA Housing First PSH II	PSH	Renewal	\$ 719,848.00	\$ 719,848.00	74%	
		TSA Housing First PSH I						
16	Recovery Resource Council	Hope Today Combined	PSH	Renewal	\$ 296,031.00	\$ 296,031.00	74%	
17	Presbyterian Night Shelter	Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	SH	Renewal	\$ 184,526.00	\$ 184,526.00	74%	
18	Tarrant County	TBLA 13 MHMR	PSH	Renewal	\$ 169,325.00	\$ 169,325.00	72%	
19	Presbyterian Night Shelter	Housing Solutions Combined	PSH	Renewal	\$ 1,837,346.00	\$ 1,837,346.00	71%	
20	Recovery Resource Council	Project New Start	PSH	Renewal	\$ 545,619.00	\$ 545,619.00	71%	
21	Tarrant County	TBLA 17 MHMR	PSH	Renewal	\$ 205,235.00	\$ 205,235.00	71%	
22	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	SPC 2 2018-2019	PSH	Renewal	\$ 1,442,723.00	\$ 1,442,723.00	70%	
23	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	SPC 6 2018-2019	PSH	Renewal	\$ 218,987.00	\$ 218,987.00	69%	
24	Arlington Housing Authority	Arlington Nurse Family Partnership	RRH	Renewal	\$ 52,320.00	\$ 52,320.00	68%	
25	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	Supporting Safe Solutions	RRH	Renewal	\$ 111,199.00	\$ 111,199.00	67%	
26	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	CHANGES 2018-2019	PSH	Renewal	\$ 204,115.00	\$ 204,115.00	66%	
27	Tarrant County	Salvation Army Veterans PSH	PSH	Renewal	\$ 431,717.00	\$ 431,717.00	65%	
28	City Square (merged)	On Trac Tarrant RRH	RRH	Renewal	\$ 118,439.00	\$ 118,439.00	62%	
		On Trac Tarrant TH	TH					
29	Arlington Housing Authority	AHA SPC Expansion	PSH	Renewal	\$ 388,447.00	\$ 388,447.00	56%	
30	Hearts Full of Love	RRH	RRH	Renewal	\$ 273,969.00	\$ 273,969.00	55%	
31	Tarrant County	TSA SIMON PSH	PSH	Renewal	\$ 637,187.00	\$ 637,187.00	51%	
32	DRC Solutions	Quail Trail	PSH	Renewal	\$ 477,209.00	\$ 477,209.00	NEW PROJECT	
<b>Tier 2</b>								
33	Presbyterian Night Shelter	Housing Solutions Expansion	PSH	Expansion	\$ 708,158.00	\$ 708,158.00		
34	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	Coordinated Entry DV Bonus	N/A	New	\$ 68,392.50	\$ 68,392.50		
35	Volunteers of America	PSH	PSH	New	\$ 447,856.00	--		
					<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,250,172.50</b>	<b>\$ 15,802,316.50</b>	
Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (non-competitive)						\$ 450,773.00	\$450,773.00	--
					<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$16,253,089.50</b>		

## November 2021 ICT Report

### Schedule

Monthly, third Monday 12PM- 1:30PM

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
November 22, 2021 Virtual/Hybrid/In Person	January 10, 2021 In Person

### Report

The October 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 in November, 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
- 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

The November meeting was a status update on topics above and focused primarily on housing prioritization.

- Our CoC is moving away from the ViSPDAT and to a housing assessment that helps case managers know what type of housing assistance a person or household needs.
- Testing on the assessment has begun, but more tests are needed to ensure we are collecting the right data and it is meaningful to getting people housed.
- In moving away from the ViSPDAT, prioritization will now be determined by length of time homeless. Along with this change, extra points will no longer be given to subpopulations (youth, veterans, chronic, families)
  - These populations are served quickly in our system regardless of these extra points because there is housing assistance specifically for them, so these programs automatically have more openings and are only open to subpopulations.

### Key Takeaways

Changes and improvements continue to ensure all resources are maximized and we are fully focused on housing.

## November 2021 ICT Report

Committee is proposing to change housing prioritization from ViSPDAT score to length of time homeless.

### [Recommendations to CoC Board](#)

Housing prioritization policy will be presented for Board approval.

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## 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

- 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
  - Camping band went into effect on 09/01

##### (ii) 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 TWC
  - Financial incentives are now available

##### (iii) CoC NOFA update

- HID CoC NOFA released August 18
- ARD is \$15.5M; eligible for bonus money
- Board approval 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 HID Friday, 11/12

##### (iv) Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project

- HUGE VICTORY!
- Award: \$4,083,000 over two years
- Serves young adults 18-24

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- Coordinated community approach to addressing youth homelessness
- Approach must be youth-led
- (v) 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 and Bras- 10/21

CEO Breakfast- 11/5

HUD CoC Application due- 11/12

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week: 11/13-11/21

CoC BOD Meeting- 12/6

Annual Awards Lunch- 12/12

Homeless Memorial- 12/21

### B) Standing Committees

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| 1) | CoC Board Executive Committee (no report)   | --         |
| 2) | Allocations Committee (210927-253) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CoC NOFA has been released and Homeless Coalition is conducting annual competition process. Ranking Workgroup will bring funding recommendations to CoC Board in October.</li> <li>• 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 needs and direct resources where needed.</li> <li>• No recommendations the CoC Board at this time.</li> </ul> | King, Leah |
| 3) | CoC Governance Committee (210927-254) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued work on slate of members for 2022. Committee will bring proposed slate to the board at the November meeting.</li> <li>• No recommendations to the CoC Board at this time.</li> </ul>   | Broussard  |
| 4) | HMIS Governance Committee (210927-255) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated Privacy Policy Client letter and ending the Release of Information.</li> <li>• No recommendations to the CoC Board at this time.</li> </ul>   | Hogg       |
| 5) | Housing Committee (no report)   | --         |
| 6) | Improvement, Coordination, and Training (210927-256) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of changes coming up to ensure all resources are maximized and we are fully focused on housing.</li> <li>• ICT will bring policy change to the next board meeting to formally change how we prioritize people for housing.</li> <li>• Committees will begin meeting again in October</li> <li>• No recommendations t to the CoC Board at the time.</li> </ul>  | Browne     |

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### III) Board Action Items

Montgomery

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A) Approval of CoC Board Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2021 (210726-250)

- Motion- E. Broussard
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Leah King
- Motion passed

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IV) **Request for Future Agenda Items** Montgomery

- None

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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

- None

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VI) **Adjournment** Montgomery

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*CoC Board Membership will meet December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm*

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## CoC Prioritization Policy for Housing Assistance

The Continuum of Care adopts strategies to establish eligibility and determine prioritization of clients for housing assistance. These standards reflect the housing and service resources available within the CoC and reflect local and national priorities.

The Coordinated Entry system is designed to ensure participants have fair and consistent access to available housing resources and is the system in which participants are matched to the most appropriate type of housing. This policy will help ensure housing resources are maximized and meet needs in the most efficient and effective manner.

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines to determine how participants are prioritized for housing resources in Rapid Rehousing programs and Permanent Supportive Housing programs.

### Prioritization

All participants in the CoC in need of housing assistance complete a HUD and local housing assessment. The housing assessment determines what type of housing assistance is most appropriate for the participant and helps programs determine additional need. The target population for Rapid Rehousing is non-chronic, less vulnerable and newly homeless individuals and households. The target population for Permanent Supportive Housing is chronically homeless households.

The CoC, by way of the Coordinated Entry system, prioritizes participants for housing assistance based on the length of time homeless. Participants with the longest length of time homeless will have the highest priority for housing assistance in both Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing.

Should a tie result after prioritization based on length of time homeless, Green River, the automated Coordinated Entry system, will perform a coin-flip tie breaker. The participant selected by the coin-flip will be offered the housing match first.

HOUSING INTERVENTION	TARGET POPULATION	PRIORITIZATION
<b>RAPID RE-HOUSING</b>	Non-chronic, less vulnerable, and newly homeless individuals and households	Length of Homelessness
<b>PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING</b>	Chronically homeless households	Length of Time Homeless