

# Continuum of Care (CoC) Board of Directors Meeting

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

March 28, 2022 at 1:00pm  
Hybrid

I) Call to Order	Montgomery, Chair
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II) Reports and Discussion	
A) Discussion on Committee Participation and Membership (220328-266)	Montgomery
B) Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (220328-267)	King, Lauren
(a) Executive Director Report	
(i) System Overview	
(ii) House America	
(iii) CoC NOFA update	
(iv) Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project	
C) Standing Committees	
1) CoC Board Executive Committee (no report)	--
2) Allocations Committee (no report)	--
3) CoC Governance Committee (220328-269)	King, Lauren
4) HMIS Governance Committee (220328-270)	Hogg
5) Housing Committee (no report)	--
6) Improvement, Coordination, and Training (220328-271)	Browne
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III) Board Action Items	Montgomery
A) Approval of CoC Board Meeting Minutes from November 29, 2021 (220328-272)	
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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 May 23rd @ 1:00pm*

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### Committee Purpose and Alignment

#### Allocations

*Purpose:* The Allocations Committee aligns needs with resources, with the goal of increasing system dollars and improving performance across the homeless services system. This includes all services from prevention of homelessness and diversion all the way to emergency shelter and housing programs.

*Strategic Plan Alignment:* Goal 5: Committed Resources

#### Governance

*Purpose:* The Governance Committee conducts the annual nominations process for the CoC Board of Directors. Committee members must include three members of the Leadership Council and three members of the Membership Council.

#### HMIS Governance Committee

*Purpose:* The HMIS Governance Committee oversees the Homeless Information Systems Management, including planning, participation, selection, implementation and ongoing oversight of data systems such as ETO, Green River and Outreach Grid.

*Strategic Plan Alignment:* Goal 2: Data Driven Solutions

#### Housing Committee

*Purpose:* The Housing Committee makes recommendations to the CoC Board on the planning, CoC wide policies, procedures, implementation and oversight needed to ensure adequate housing stock and access for those at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

*Strategic Plan Alignment:* Goal 3: Housing Focused

#### Improvement, Coordination & Training Committee

*Purpose:* The ICT Committee oversees the development and implementation of CoC-wide policies, processes and training and oversees all provider workgroups and special population ad hoc subcommittees.

*Strategic Plan Alignment:* Goal: 1: Effective Response System

# Executive Director Report

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# System Overview

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- 2022 System Challenge: house 2200 in 2022
  - Housed 188 through February
  - Providing monthly metrics to partners
- System changes
  - New housing assessment live- BIG DEAL
  - Common housing application under discussion
- House America
  - HUD asked to join
  - Identify # housed goal and # unit goal
  - Leadership Council on board

# Funding Updates

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- HUD CoC NOFA Awards announced
  - All existing projects were renewed and increased
  - Two bonus projects awarded
- Capital for PSH and supportive housing awarded
- Coordinated Community Plan APPROVED
  - No edits from HUD!
  - Youth competition likely in May
- Possibility for more EHV's due to high performance

## January 2022 Allocations Committee Report

### Schedule

Quarterly, second Wednesday 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
December 8, 2021 Virtual	March 9, 2022

### Report

The December meeting focused on ensuring enough resources are available to meet the 2,200 in 2022 goal and to reach and maintain functional zero of homelessness in the CoC.

The committee brainstormed how to overcome barriers identified to housing 2,200 in 2022. Potential options for the CoC include:

- Using ESG to master lease units so that people can move in more quickly
- Reaching out to private complexes and owners to take more people experiencing homelessness
- Reaching out to developers who requested letters of support from United Way and other nonprofits in their city applications or zoning applications and asking them to take more people experiencing homelessness.

The committee also reviewed our jurisdictions' investment in PSH compared to other major cities and their rates of homelessness and chronic homelessness.

- This showed a need for more jurisdiction investment in PSH and capital development to reduce homelessness.
- The committee reviewed the CoC's ARPA request to the jurisdictions for capital development.

In future meetings, the committee will review additional details about the CoC's ARPA requests and the resources needed to reach *and maintain* functional zero. The committee will also review ongoing progress on YHDP and prepare for a YHDP competition.

### Key Takeaways

Jurisdictions in Tarrant County CoC have not invested as much in homelessness as other jurisdictions in Texas.

Reaching and maintaining functional zero in the CoC will be easier with additional capital investment.

### Recommendations to CoC Board

None at this time.

## February 2022 Governance Committee Report

### Schedule

#### Meeting Occurrence & Time

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
2.3.2022 Virtual	5.12.2022 Virtual

### Report

Governance Committee met in February and primarily discussed representative needs on the Board.

- Business Representative for Membership Council
  - Eddie Broussard tendered resignation in January
  - Also need to fill Vice Chair position
  - Need to fill Governance Chair position
- Board member committee assignments
  - Board communication about requirement to serve on committee
  - Any members specifically to ask about Governance Committee
- Representative of Affordable Housing Industry, appointed by Leadership Council
  - Suggested nominee: Kim Robinson, CEO of Samaritan House

### Key Takeaways

- Board committees need to be filled by board members
- Ask board for other suggestions on who could be brought onto committees to roll onto board
- Board needs to be more intentional about cultivation

### Recommendations to CoC Board

- None at this time

## February 2022 HMIS Committee Report

### Schedule

Bi-Monthly, second Tuesday 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
February 15, 2022 Virtual	April 19, 2022

### Report

- I. LSA Completed
  - Report called Stella, LSA data feeds into this report. Have to do this every year, hardest report we have to report.
  - Were given the tools needed to fix errors in December. Working on the data cleanup throughout the year.
  - Stella report does not include street outreach, skews the data. HUD does not want to include it.
  - Green River is going to try and implement these tools, so we do not have to export them every time.
- II. HIC/PIT Next
  - Bambi is working on the HIC- Housing Inventory Count
  - PIT- did not do an unsheltered count this year. Only counting the individuals that were served in the shelters. Due the end of April/May
- III. Ongoing talks with JPS and Green River data sharing
  - Discussed sharing data and what benefits JPS will get.
  - Next talk will be with Boston Healthcare for the Homeless, they will share how they have used it.
  - Clients would sign a release at JPS, providers would be able to see the clients' appointments and any medications they should be taking.
  - \$55k sitting in reserves with Green River for this project, just needing to get JPS on board.
- IV. Billing increase plan
  - HMIS fees will more than likely increase this year.
  - Increased for Homeless Coalition already- \$25k.
  - 5% annual increase written into Social Solutions contract
  - No longer waiting every 5 years to increase the HMIS fees, this will now be a yearly occurrence.
  - Still have another 2–3-year contract with ETO, may look at switching to Green River after.

### Key Takeaways

- LSA submitted complete and on time for our community
- JPS data sharing discussion ongoing
- HMIS fees will increase on an annual basis

### Recommendations to CoC Board

None at this time.



## March 2022 ICT Committee Report

### Schedule

#### Meeting Occurrence & Time

<i>Last</i>	<i>Next</i>
Date 2/28/2022 and 3/21/2022 In Person	Date 4/18/22 In Person

### Report

ICT has moved to all in-person meetings, as of February.

#### February:

ICT met to review the Coordinated Community Plan for ending homelessness, related to the Youth Homeless Demonstration Project grant. Included was all information required by HUD and information on how the housing funding would be used and when a competition would be held. The Youth Committee and the Youth Action Board both approved the plan prior to submission to the Committee. ICT approved the plan as presented.

The new Housing Assessment Tool (HAT) went live on Feb 16. Very preliminary data was shared with the committee and a discussion on how this differed from what was previously being collected was had.

The Committee also discussed the CoC priority populations. Currently the priority populations (in order of rank) are: 1. Veterans 2. Youth 3. Families. The committee discussed how we use the priority populations now that we do not have a score for people experiencing homelessness. Committee also discussed whether or not the populations are in the correct priority order. We need more data before removing subpopulations as a factor in housing.

#### March:

Leadership training for managers- Shannon Barnes presented on the Homeless Coalition's Leadership Academy for managers. This is an area where our CoC could improve and agencies report needing support.

Housing Assessment numbers and data was shared.

Committee discussed need to push efforts to document chronicity in population. Soon there will be a large amount of PSH vouchers coming into the community and we do not have enough people chronicity proven or overall document ready

The Universal COC/ESG housing program application will launch on April 1.

### Key Takeaways

- ICT approved the YHDP CCP
- We need more data before removing Sub Populations
- We will currently use Sub-Populations and will continue to look at this issue once more data is presented.

## March 2022 ICT Committee Report

- Push to document chronicity over the next few months
- We will start using the Universal COC/ESG housing program Application on April 1.

### Recommendations to CoC Board

- None at this time; ICT recommended to the CoC board that the CCP be passed. The CoC conducted an electronic vote and approved the plan.

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November 29 at 1:00pm  
Hybrid

### I) Call to Order

Montgomery, Chair

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### II) Reports and Discussion

#### A) Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (211129-258)

King, Lauren

##### (a) Executive Director Report

##### (i) System Overview & Update

- 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
- 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

##### (ii) Monthly Metrics

- Reviewed and discussed Monthly System Metrics  
Mapping

##### (iii) COVID-19 Update

- 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

##### (iv) 2022 Dates to Know

- Annual Awards Luncheon: Friday, December 17 @11:30AM
- Homeless Memorial: Tuesday, December 21 @ 9:00AM
- 2022 Kick Off: Wednesday, January 12 @ 8:30AM
- 2022 PIT Count: Thursday, January 27 @ 6:00PM
- State of the Homeless Address: Wednesday, March 23 @ 9:00AM

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- B) Standing Committees
- 1) CoC Board Executive Committee (no report) --
  - 2) Allocations Committee (211129-259) King, Leah
    - CoC NOFA was submitted on November 12, 2021 for total ask of \$16,253,089.
  - 3) CoC Governance Committee (211129-260) Broussard
    - Slate of board members was passed and will be presented to the CoC Board.
    - Committee recommends approval of Board officer and member presented. (Slate attached in meeting packet)
  - 4) HMIS Governance Committee (no report) Hogg
  - 5) Housing Committee (no report) --
  - 6) Improvement, Coordination, and Training (211129-262) Browne
    - Changes and improvements continue to ensure all resources are maximized and we are fully focused on housing. Committee is proposing to change housing prioritization from ViSPDAT score to length of time homeless.
    - Housing prioritization policy will be presented for Board approval.

**III) Board Action Items** Montgomery

- A) Approval of CoC Board Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2021 (211129-263)
  - Motioned: James Tapscott
  - Second: Eddie Broussard
  - All in favor: motion passes
- B) Approval of 2022 Board of Directors nominations (211129-264)
  - Motioned: Leah King
  - Second: Joy Parker
  - All in favor: motion passes
- C) Approval of change in prioritization method for housing (211129-265)
  - Motioned: Jude Carr
  - Second: Beckie Wach
  - All in favor: motion passes

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

- Diversion Center Opening
- Report back on camping band and what progress has been made.

**V) Public Comment** (Remarks will be limited to 3 minutes. Time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair.) Montgomery

- Dr. Odom-Wesley: Ella B's Restaurant partnered with the City of Arlington, will be serving meals to families on 12/15. Families are being identified through AISD. Resource tables will also be present that evening.  
1004 N. Collins St.

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VI) Adjournment

Montgomery

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