Continuum of Care (CoC) Board of Directors Meeting
Fort Worth/ Arlington/ Tarrant County (TX-601)

May 23, 2022
In Person Meeting @ True Worth Place

I)	**Call to Order**	Montgomery, Chair

II)	**Reports and Discussion**	
	A) Executive Director Report (brief)	King, Lauren
	(i) Number housed through 4/30/22	
	(ii) Watching numbers as we enter summer	
	(iii) Recap/feedback on 2021 NOFO	
	(iv) ARPA capital request update	
	B) Standing Committees	
	1) CoC Board Executive Committee (no report)	--
	2) Allocations Committee (220523-273)	King, Leah/Williams
	3) CoC Governance Committee (220523-274)	Owen
	4) HMIS Governance Committee (220523-275)	Hogg
	5) Housing Committee (no report)	--
	6) Improvement, Coordination, and Training (220523-276)	Browne

III)	**Board Action Items**	Montgomery
	A) Approval of CoC Board Meeting Minutes from March 28, 2022 (220523-277)	
	B) Approval of ICT recommendation to prioritize families for housing (22052-278)	
	C) Approval of Ranking Workgroup recommendations for funding for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project grants (220523-279)	

IV)	**Request for Future Agenda Items**	Montgomery
V)	**Public Comment** (Remarks will be limited to 3 minutes. Time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair.)	Montgomery
VI)	**Adjournment**	Montgomery

CoC Board Membership will meet July 25th @ 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 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. More information is available at www.AHomeWithHope.org.

May 2022 Allocations Committee Report

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

Last	*Next*
May 20, 2022 Virtual	TBD- as needed

Report
The Allocations Committee met for a regular meeting in March. System needs were discussed, along with new funding available. Systems needs include:
- Housing-focused street outreach
- Diversion for Arlington residents
- Long-term rental assistance and emergency housing vouchers
- Continued rapid exit and rapid rehousing
- Creating new units and way to reserve units for people exiting

Competitions being held this year:
- YHDP- late spring 2022
- HUD NOFO- summer 2022?
- ARPA funding from municipalities

Discussion was also had regarding taking the Allocations Committee back to a funding committee, working on ranking and allocating funding to community partners. The Ranking Workgroup met to rank and allocate funds for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project on May 20. Their allocations will be shared with CoC Membership and Leadership Councils on Monday, May 23, prior to the board meeting.

Key Takeaways
Allocations returning to a funding allocations committee.

Recommendations for YHDP funding provided to the Board.

Recommendations to CoC Board
Allocations Committee recommends the CoC Board approve the YHDP projects as ranked and allocated. The Homeless Coalition will submit this ranking and allocation recommendation to HUD following Board approval.

May 2022 Governance Committee Report

Schedule
Quarterly, first Thursday 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Last	Next
May 12, 2022 Virtual	August 5, 2022

Report
The Governance Committee met in May. Toby Owen was elected chair of committee, replacing Eddie Broussard (resigned from Board early 2022).

The Committee discussed board transitions at the end of 2022.
- Business Rep (to complete Eddie Broussard's term through 2024)
- Faith based rep
- Foundation rep
- Affordable housing rep
  - Membership Council
  - Leadership Council

The Committee also discussed officers and committee chairs
- Discussed people/positions who are ineligible for chair due to being a service provider and/or receiving CoC/entitlement funds

Follow up item from March CoC Board Meeting: review of Allocations Committee purpose in charter
- Charter states that Allocations Committee is a ranking committee, so no vote or change is needed for this committee

Key Takeaways
Allocations returning to a funding allocations committee.

Strategic discussions had regarding people to bring on to the board.

Recommendations to CoC Board
None at this time.

April 2022 HMIS Committee Report

Schedule
Second Tuesday of every other month at 11

Last	Next
Date 4/19/2022	Date 7/19/2022
In Person	In Person

Report
The Homeless Coalition successfully submitted the Housing Inventory Count and Point In Time Count to HUD at the end of April.

Committee discussed a mass data clean-up for overnight shelters; this would involve dismissing thousands of clients who have not been active in the system.

Moving HMIS Committee to Quarterly meetings

Committee discussed increase in HMIS cost. The Homeless Coalition's contract with Social Solutions includes a 5% increase in fees every year. Historically, this cost has not been passed onto agencies. The CoC increased fees for the first time in five years in 2021. The CoC needs to get on a regular increase schedule to keep up with contract increases. The current HMIS contract ends in 2024. We will need to put out an RFP for services.

Key Takeaways
Voted to move HMIS To quarterly

More details on cost increase of HMIS to be discussed in following meetings.

Recommendations to CoC Board
None at this time.

April/May 2022 ICT Committee Report

Schedule
Meeting Occurrence & Time

Last	*Next*
Date 5/20/2022	Date 6/20/2022
In Person	In Person

Report
<u>April</u>

The committee discussed mental health and housing/housing case management standard of care. Concerns have been expressed from agencies that clients are becoming more acute and need a higher level of care when in housing. The Homeless Coalition Training Department is working with MHMR to provide training for case managers. Training will launch this summer.

Additionally, the committee discussed how to prioritize 23 new Emergency Housing Vouchers from Tarrant County.

May

The Committee had extensive discussion on the ICT dashboard. The committee would like to see monthly data and comparisons to last year for reference. Committee also discussed what data is most useful for partners.

Committee discussed housing prioritization and changing which populations are prioritized for housing. In looking at numbers, there are more families without options than veterans, and veterans have more housing subsidies set aside for them. The Committee voted to prioritize families going forward.

Shared housing was discussed, however there are many way and regulations that impact this type of housing when implementing. The Homeless Coalition will get guidance from HUD and will create a document to share with partners and use in training.

Key Takeaways
<u>April</u>

- CoC needs additional tenant based supportive services; training being developed to meet this need.
- Meet with clients once a week for the first 3 months
- Committee voted to utilize vouchers as move-on for people in Rapid Rehousing and PSH.

<u>May</u>

- Committee requested that dashboard be changed to better capture more meaningful data.
- Committee voted to change special population prioritization; families are now first priority, followed by veterans and youth.

April/May 2022 ICT Committee Report

- The Homeless Coalition will create a guidance document for shared housing and with housing programs to understand how to best implement shared housing in our community.

Recommendations to CoC Board

The ICT Committee recommends that the CoC Board approve making families the highest priority for housing.