

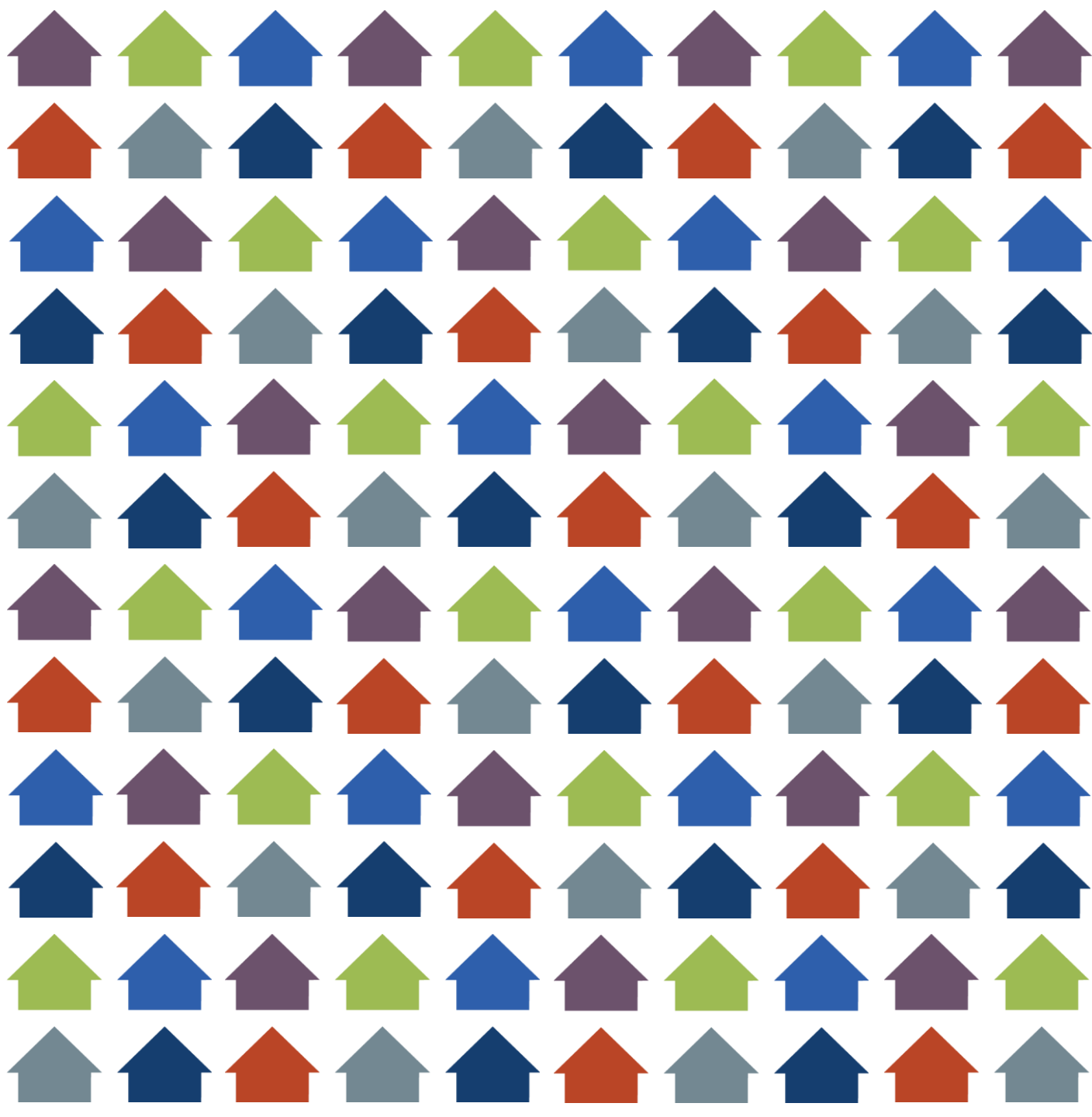
TX BoS CoC General Meeting

September 26, 2018 10:30 A.M.
Prior to the Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness

Agenda

Pre-meeting activity: [write about community successes](#)

- I. **Welcome and Introductions**
- II. **2017-18 Year-in-Review**
 - a. BoS communities
 - b. TX BoS CoC
- III. **State of the CoC Address**
- IV. **Federal Plan** -- [Home, Together: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#) by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)
- V. **Annual Review** – CoC Governance Charter, CoC Policies and Procedures, and CoC Written Standards
- VI. **Announcements**
 - a. Point In Time (PIT) Count, Thursday, January 24, 2019
 - b. CoC General Meeting schedule for 2018-19
 - c. Board elections
- VII. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 2:00 P.M., via webinar
- VIII. **TX BoS CoC track of conference sessions**



TX BoS CoC General Meeting

September 26,
2018

Strategies For Change

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Overview



THN

- Incorporated in 1991 to help the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless (TICH) carry out its legislatively mandated activities
- Mission: *Texas Homeless Network (THN) provides support to agencies and communities that are building systems to end homelessness in Texas through education, resources, and advocacy.*
- Funding from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).



What is a CoC?

A CoC, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the CoC Program Interim Rule at 24 CFR Part 578.3, is the group organized to carry out the responsibilities required under the CoC Program for a defined geographic area.

A community-based planning network for homelessness assistance.

The geographic area covered by the community-based planning network.

A program operated by the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. (HUD)



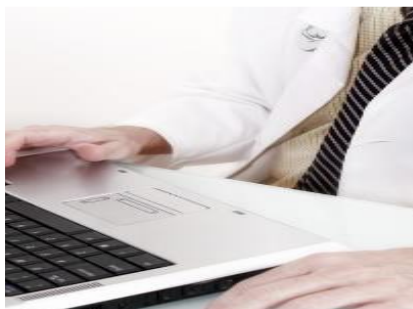
CoC Lead Agency Responsibilities



Establish a
CoC and a
CoC Board



Conduct CoC
Planning and
Operations



Administer
and
Operate
HMIS

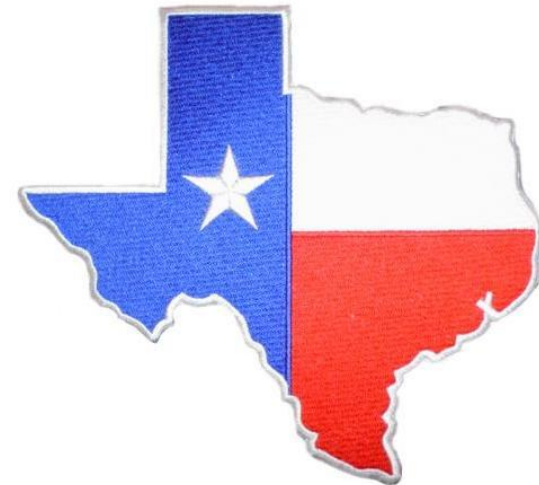


Facilitate
Application
for Funds

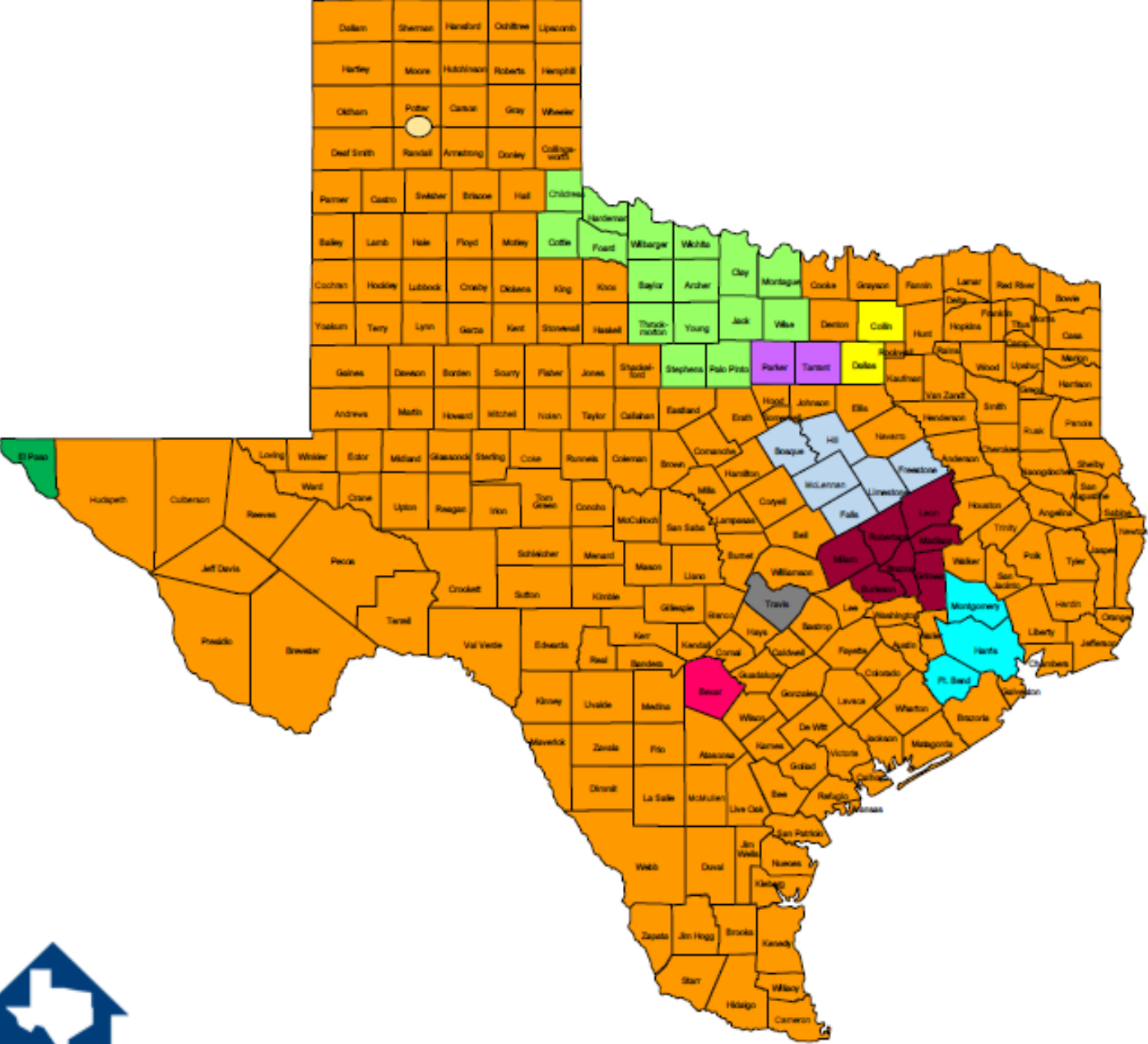



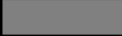





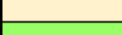



THN and the TX BoS CoC

- THN is the Lead Agency for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC)
- THN is the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Agency for the TX BoS CoC
- TX BoS CoC covers 215 of Texas' 254 counties (85% of Texas's land mass)



CoCs in Texas



Map Key		
	TX-500	San Antonio/Bexar County CoC
	TX-503	Austin/Travis County CoC
	TX-600	Dallas City & County, Irving CoC
	TX-601	Fort Worth, Arlington/Tarrant County CoC
	TX-603	El Paso City & County CoC
	TX-604	Waco/McLennan County CoC
	TX-607	Texas Balance of State CoC
	TX-611	Amarillo CoC
	TX-624	Wichita Falls/Wise, Palo Pinto, Wichita, Archer Counties CoC
	TX-700	Houston, Pasadena/Harris, Fort Bend Counties CoC
	TX-701	Bryan, College Station/Brazos Valley CoC



LHCs

- LHCs are groups that plan, deliver, and evaluate homeless services, housing, and supportive services in communities
- LHCs have broad membership that includes a variety of stakeholders
- LHCs' goals align with the CoC's goals and revolve around preventing and ending homelessness
- LHC Chairpersons serve as liaisons to the CoC
- LHCs cover portions of the CoC geography



LHCs Are Important!



Year In Review

October 2017 – September 2018



Expanded Our Team

New Positions

Assistant
Director of
Data

HMIS Help
Desk
Specialist

Coordinated
Entry VISTA

Local
Homeless
Coalition
VISTA

Data VISTA

HMIS
Project
Coordinator



Provided Support through Trainings and Technical Assistance

Trainings

Technical Assistance



Enhanced Governance

Policies and Procedures

Anti-discrimination
and Equal Access to
Housing

VAWA Emergency
Transfer Plan

Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs)

Linked with Local
Mental Health
Authorities (LMHAs)

LHC VISTA hired

New Groups

Coordinated Entry
Planning Entities
(CEPEs)

Persons with lived
experience of
homelessness



Increased Engagement with Stakeholders

- ✓ Coordinated Entry Planning Entities (CEPEs)
- ✓ Point-In-Time (PIT) Count communities
- ✓ General Meeting attendees
- ✓ Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs) and Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)
- ✓ Consolidated Plan jurisdictions, including ESG Recipients

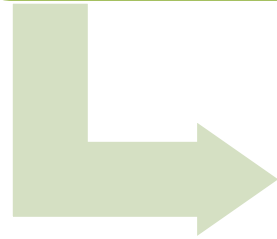


Submitted the FY2017 CoC Program Consolidated Application

NOFA released
July 14, 2017



Submitted
November 15,
2017 due to
Hurricane Harvey



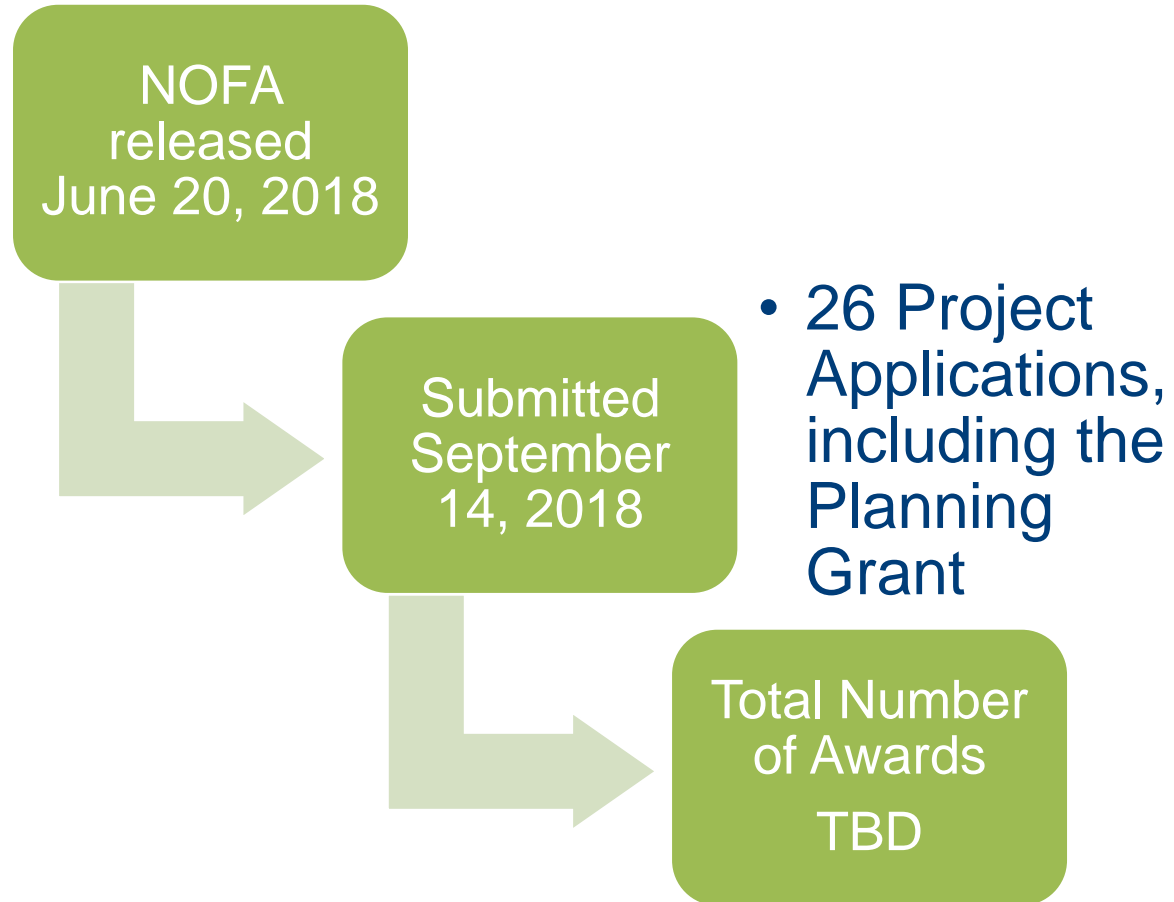
Total Number of
Awards

- 26 Project Applications, including the Planning Grant

- 24 Project Applications, including the Planning Grant



Submitted the FY2018 CoC Program Consolidated Application



Focused on the Performance of CoC Program-Funded Projects

RRH Learning Collaborative

CoC Program Recipient Clinic

Quarterly Performance Scorecard

Trainings



Continued the emphasis on data quality

AHAR submitted

Quarterly Data
Quality Review

Applied to
expand the
HMIS team in
2017 and 2018

Hired new staff

255
HMIS Trainings



Submitted the 2018 Point In Time Count and Housing Inventory Count

2017

Total Homeless:

6,048

Beds available:

6,852

2018

Total Homeless:

7,153

Beds available:

6,652



Submitted the FY17 System Performance Measures

Texas Homeless Network				
System Performance Measures Summary - Year to Year Comparison				
FY 2016 : October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016 , vs.				
FY 2017: October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017				
#	Measure	Desired Change	Year to Year Change	System Wide Trend
1	Length of time Persons Remain Homeless (ES, SH, TH)	↓	↓ 2%	Average stays in shelters, safe havens, and transitional housing went from 58 days in FY16 to 57 days in FY17
2	Returns to Homelessness	↓	↓ 1%	The percent of persons who return to homelessness decreased from 17% in FY16 to 16% in FY17
3.1	Number of Homeless Persons	↓	↑ 18%	The number of persons counted homeless during the PIT increased from 6048 in FY16 to 7153 in FY17
4.3	Income Growth for Persons Active in Programs	↑	↑ 12%	The percent of adults who increased their total income while enrolled in a program (stayers) increased from 34% in FY16 to 46% in FY17
4.6	Income Growth for Persons who Exited Programs	↑	↓ 10%	The percent of adult who increased their total income from entry to exit for persons who have exited (leavers) decreased from 40% in FY16 to 30% in FY17
5.1	Number of Newly Homeless (ES, SH,TH)	↓	↑ 10%	The number of persons who became homeless for the first time increased from 6,536 in FY16 to 7,217 in FY17
5.2	Number of Newly Homeless (ES, SH,TH,PH)	↓	↑ 21%	The number of persons who became homeless for the first time increased from 7,214 in FY16 to 8715 in FY17
7b.1	Successful Housing Placement (ES, SH, TH, RRH)	↑	↑ 5%	The housing placement rate increased from 33% in FY16 to 36% in FY17



Continued Supporting Communities with Systems Change

Launch of Coordinated Entry

100 Day Challenges

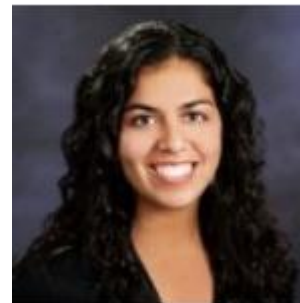
Coordinated Entry VISTA



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THANK YOU!





Home, Together: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*

Summary of the Plan

The Plan:

To end homelessness, every community needs to be able to implement a systemic response that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible or, if it can't be prevented, it is a rare, brief, and onetime experience, and the systemic response must endure for the long term. The development of such capacity cannot be achieved by any one level of government or agency, or by any one sector alone, and requires the investment of time, effort, and financial resources by federal, state, and local public and private partners, working together in close collaboration.

The Plan focuses on identifying and describing essential federal strategies that will help states, communities, and public and private partners build effective, lasting systems that will drive toward the goals now, and be able to respond quickly and efficiently when housing instability and homelessness occur in the future.

The Plan also seeks to serve as a road map for non-federal agencies and partners, providing a detailed framework through which they can identify and implement their own strategic activities and align their efforts with federal agencies and other partners.

Goals:

- To end homelessness among Veterans
- To end chronic homelessness among people with disabilities
- To end homelessness among families with children
- To end homelessness among unaccompanied youth
- To end homelessness among all other individuals

Focus Areas:

1. *Ensure Homelessness is a Rare Experience*

- Objective 1.1: Collaboratively Build Lasting Systems that End Homelessness
- Objective 1.2: Increase Capacity and Strengthen Practices to Prevent Housing Crises and Homelessness

2. *Ensure Homelessness is a Brief Experience*

- Objective 2.1: Identify and Engage All People Experiencing Homelessness as Quickly as Possible
- Objective 2.2: Provide Immediate Access to Low-Barrier Emergency Shelter or other Temporary Accommodations to All Who Need it

- Objective 2.3: Implement Coordinated Entry to Standardize Assessment and Prioritization Process and Streamline Connections to Housing and Services
- Objective 2.4: Assist People to Move Swiftly into Permanent Housing with Appropriate and Person-Centered Services

3. *Ensure Homelessness is a One-Time Experience*

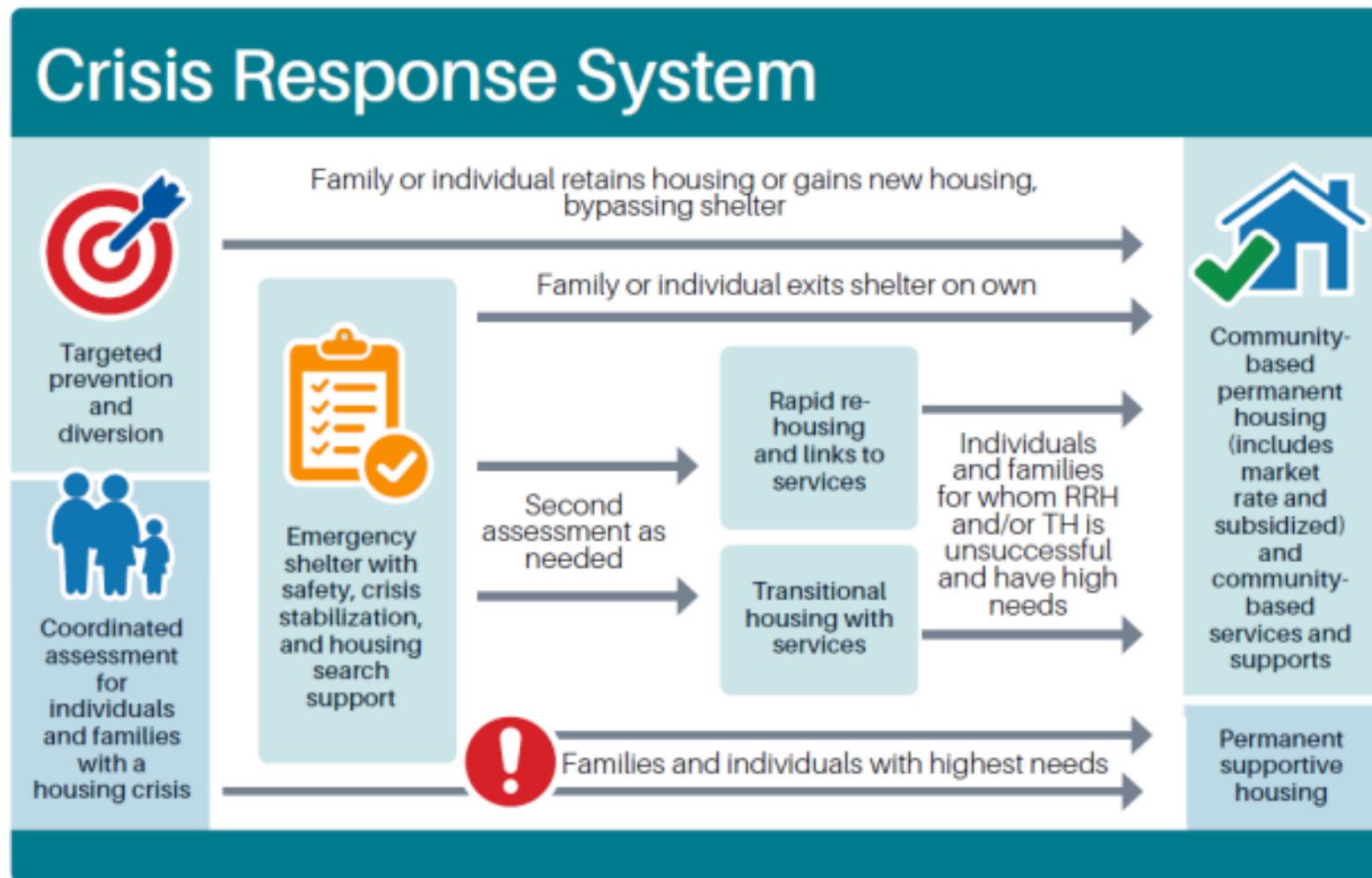
- Objective 3.1: Prevent Returns to Homelessness through Connections to Adequate Services and Opportunities

4. *Sustain an End to Homelessness*

- Objective 4.1: Sustain Practices and Systems at a Scale Necessary to Respond to Future Needs

**Home, Together: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. USICH, July 2018.*

Housing Crisis Response System



Source: United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

Home, Together Activity Questions

Use the questions below to have a roundtable discussion about either the *Home, Together Strategic Plan* or the *Summary of the Plan* document provided at the table. At the end of the activity, a representative from each table will be asked to share their main takeaways from their group discussion.

1. What are your general impressions?
2. What questions do you still have?
3. What else have you read on this topic?
4. What stood out to you?
5. Anything that made you scratch your head or maybe feel skeptical?
6. Who do you think was the intended audience?
7. Did this piece change your perspective in any way?
8. Pretend you're the author of this piece. What else would you have included or changed and why?
9. Was there a "call to action?"
10. Is the piece putting forward controversial issues? How so? Who or what might be aligned on certain sides of the issue?

Governance Charter

Approval, Annual Review, and Update

- TX BoS CoC Board and membership will annually review and update, as necessary, the TX BoS CoC Governance Charter, in consultation with the Collaborative Applicant/CoC Lead Agency and the HMIS Lead Agency.



Components

- Charter describes:
 - Governance structure of the CoC regarding authority, decision-making, and accountability
 - Roles and responsibilities of the governance entities
 - General work of the TX BoS CoC
 - MOU for the CoC Lead and HMIS Lead Agency
- Policies & Procedures address:
 - Written standards for administering assistance
 - HMIS data quality and security
 - Coordinated Entry
 - Performance evaluation and reporting



Public Comment through October 19th

- Public comment period open for
 - TX BoS CoC Governance Charter
 - CoC Written Standards
- Allows for stakeholders in the CoC to review proposed policy, procedure, and statutory compliance implementation and provide feedback based on experience and expertise.



Submit Comments

- Documents with proposed changes at:
<https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/governance/>
- Submit comments at:
<https://goo.gl/forms/I4Hb8qEhTeNLL3Yz2>
- Deadline: Wednesday, October 19th at 11:59 P.M.



Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

2018-19 CoC General Meeting Schedule

#	Date	Time	Meeting Topic	Registration Link
1	Sept. 26	10:30 A.M.	Orientation, Housing Crisis Response System (HCRS), and "Home Together"	
2	Oct.	N/A	<No meeting>	<No meeting>
3	Nov. 14	2:00 P.M.	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Data	https://thn.adobeconnect.com/nov18genmtg/event/event_info.html
4	Dec. 12	2:00 P.M.	Coordinated Entry (CE)	https://thn.adobeconnect.com/dec18genmtg/event/event_info.html
5	Jan. 9	2:00 P.M.	Homelessness Prevention (HP) and Diversion	https://thn.adobeconnect.com/jan19genmtg/event/event_info.html
6	Feb. 13	2:00 P.M.	Outreach	https://thn.adobeconnect.com/feb19genmtg/event/event_info.html
7	March 13	2:00 P.M.	Emergency Shelter (ES) and Interim Housing	https://thn.adobeconnect.com/mar19genmtg/event/event_info.html
8	April 10	2:00 P.M.	Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)	https://thn.adobeconnect.com/apr19genmtg/event/event_info.html
9	May 8	2:00 P.M.	Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)	https://thn.adobeconnect.com/may19genmtg/event/event_info.html
10	June 12	2:00 P.M.	Affordable Housing	https://thn.adobeconnect.com/jun19genmtg/event/event_info.html
11	July 10	2:00 P.M.	CoC Program	https://thn.adobeconnect.com/jul19genmtg/event/event_info.html
12	Aug. 14	2:00 P.M.	Mainstream Partners and Funding; Member Feedback	https://thn.adobeconnect.com/aug19genmtg/event/event_info.html

All CoC General Meetings are open to anyone interested in participating.

Meetings are held by webinar so people can attend virtually.

Invitations to CoC General Meetings are sent via the TX BoS CoC's e-mail list. To subscribe to the email list, go to <https://goo.gl/WmAanB>.

The meeting schedule is posted on <http://thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/get-involved/>.

2018 CoC Board Elections

- CoC required to establish Board that acts on its behalf
- Board representative of relevant organizations within CoC's geographic area and of projects serving homeless subpopulations
 - Including at least one person with lived experience of homelessness
- Board Members' responsibilities described in Board Requirements Policies and Procedures
 - Including complying with Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest/recusal process



Nominees

Seat Number	Designation	Nominee 1	Nominee 2	Nominee 3
Seat 2	Homeless Veterans	Melissa Escamilla	John Meier	Tamara Wright
Seat 4	Homeless Families	Katherine Bisson	Arturo Garcia	Melanie Thornton-Lewis
Seat 6	Victim Services	Daisy Lopez	Morgan Raley	
Seat 8	Health/Medical	Luís T. Cerda		
Seat 10	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient	Marcela Cervantes	Christy Plemons	
Seat 12	Law Enforcement/ Criminal Justice	<i>no nominations received</i>		
Seat 14	Faith Community or Faith-based Organization	Daphné Adams		



Voting

- Anyone who works or lives in the TX BoS CoC's geographic area is a CoC General Member and may vote in the elections.
- Nominee information and paper ballot at:
<https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/governance/>
- Vote electronically at:
<https://thn.wufoo.com/forms/q1o1mij40r20ds6/>
- Voting information sent to CoC's email list. Subscribe at
<https://www.thn.org/updates-and-events/sign-news-updates/>
- Votes due October 10th at 11:59 P.M.



Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

TX BoS CoC Track of Conference Sessions

Wednesday, September 26	2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	1.5	100-Day Challenge to End Homelessness: How Your Community Can End Homelessness in 100 Days
	3:45 PM - 5:15 PM	2.5	Practical Application of Harm Reduction in a Housing Setting
Thursday, September 27	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	3.5	How are we doing and where do we go from here? An interactive look at how to understand data and use it to drive decision making
	10:15 AM - 11:45 AM	4.4	Adding to Your HMIS Toolbox: Building a set of HMIS Resources and Strategies for Your Data, Troubleshooting, and Training Needs
	1:45 PM - 3:15 PM	5.5	TX BoS CoC RRH Learning Collaborative (open only to CoC Program-funded RRH projects in the TX BoS CoC)
	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	6.5	#SystemsChange: The Only Constant Is Change
	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	--	TX BoS CoC Coordinated Entry Mix & Mingle
Friday, September 28	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	7.4	Homelessness and At-Risk of Homelessness Definitions (by TDHCA staff)

2018 CoC Full Member Meeting Attendance 9.26.18

First Name	Last Name	Company
Daphne	Adams	Christian Community Action
Marisela	Almeida	Good Neighbor Settlement House
Samuel	Anzaldua	Brownsville Literacy Center
Debra	Arsuaga	Corpus Christi Hope House
Adrienne	Arthur	City of Longview Housing Authority
Sue	Augustus	CSH
Stephanie	Barry	West Central Texas Regional Foundation
Tierra	Bishop	Christian Community Action
Katherine	Bisson	Abilene Hope Haven
Magda	Bolland	La Posada Providencia
Elaine	Brandon	Connections Ind & Fam Services, inc
Shelly	Brazil	Lamar County HRC
Rebecca	Bromley	Neighborhood Development Corp.
Rudy	Bustos	Lubbock Open Door
Venita	Byrd	SAFE-T Crisis Center
Jenny	Cantu	Behavioral Health Center of Nueces County
Zee	Carol	Texarkana Homeless Coalition
Marcela	Cervantes	City of Laredo
Susan	Clark	FaithWorks of Abilene
Courtney	Cross	United Way of Denton County
Dave	Dalzell	FaithWorks of Abilene
Joyce	Dalzell	FaithWorks of Abilene
Rachael	David	VA North Texas HCS
Jolinda	De Leon	Tropical Texas Behavioral health
Nathaniel	Dears	Denton County MHMR Center
Ruby	DeJesus	The Salvation Army of Denton
Mauricette	Diaz	South Texas Development Council
Osterline	Duclona	Community Healthcore
Melissa	Escamilla	Miss
Irma	Garza	Hidalgo County Urban County Program
Robin	Gradel	Central Counties Services
Susan	Grantham	SAFE-T Crisis Center
Ted	Henderson	Community Partner
Katherine	Hennecke	Lubbock Open Door
barbara	herron	Catholic Charities
Ricardo	Hinojosa	WestCare Foundation
Felicia	Holland	The Salvation Army of Tyler
Debra	Huffman	Neighborhood Development Corp
Alexzandra	Hust	Abilene Hope Haven

Mary	Jones	Dentin County homeless coalition
Melissa	Juarez	Corpus Christi Hope House
Chesley	Knowles	Sabine Valley Regional MHMR Center dba Community Healthcore
Kyle	Knutson	The Salvation Army of The Coastal Bend
Sabrina	Lang	Community HealthCore
Deanna	Lowrey-Green	Combined Community Action
Chetevea	Marshall	City of Longview
Jordan	McCarty	Denton County MHMR
Norma	Medina	School of Science and Technology
John	Meier	West Central Texas Regional Foundation
Kyle	Moore	Killeen Police Department
Kim	Ogilvie	The Salvation Army TX Headquarters
Laura	Ozuna	West Texas VA
Jo	Patillo	City of Beaumont
Gustavo	Perez	The Salvation Army of The Coastal Bend
Jean-Luc	Perez	THN VISTA
Christy	Plemons	The Salvation Army
Carol	Racz	Texana
Kim	Redmon	Spindletop Center
Dianeth	Rodriguez	Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
Juan	Rodriguez	South Texas Development Council
Tiffany	Ross	Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texas
Alisha	Rutherford	
Alejandra	Sauceda	City of Laredo
Tanteta	Scott	New Hope Center of Paris
Sherry	Seigman	The Salvation Army
Tom	Shaw	AGIF National Veterans Outreach Program
Connie	Sherman	Texarkana Homeless Coalition
Vicki	Smith	Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texas
Micah	Snead	CSH
Anne	Spanyers	Advocacy Outreach
Erika	Thomas	Odessa Links
Deinisha	Tryals	Gulf Coast Center
Chad	Wheeler	Lubbock Open Door
Jenny	Wilson	United Way of Lamar County
Michaelle	Wormly	Women Opting for More Affordable Housing Now, Inc. (WOMAN, Inc.)
Nannette	Wright	Community Healthcore
Michelle	Yates	La Posada

TX BoS CoC General Meeting

September 26, 2018 10:30 A.M.

Prior to the Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness

Notes

Attendance

THN Staff and VISTA Members: Jen Beardsley, Kraig Blaize-Fiero, Sophia Checa, Jesús DeLeón-Serratos, Matthew Devine, Tiffany Hart, Antonio Kufoy, Victoria Lopez, Elena Lusk, Marissa Ortega, Mary Stahlke, Jim Ward, Kristin Zakoor

CoC General Membership Attendees: See attached attendance list from the webinar and in-person sign-ins.

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Sophia Checa, CoC Director, welcomed members to the meeting. Attendees are participating via webinar and in person.

- II. **2017-18 Year-in-Review**
 - a. BoS communities – Communities wrote about their successes and posted the notes on large sheets of paper hanging around the room. Staff mentioned two of the successes:
 - i. Denton found funding to hire a Housing Navigator
 - ii. Paris passed rental landlord standards with the City of Paris
 - b. TX BoS CoC – Staff gave a presentation on 2017-18 successes for the CoC.
 1. Who is THN? What is a CoC? What are LHCs?
 2. Year-in-Review
 - a. New positions for the CoC – Asst, Director of Data, HMIS Data Specialist
 - b. Training -- 225 one-on-one trainings, 12 group trainings, 18 webinars, 1,638 people, 416 cities (duplicated), 306 counties (duplicated)
 - c. Technical assistance (TA) -- 1,364 instances of technical assistance, 445 cities (duplicated), 371 counties (duplicated); 41,952 total minutes = 699 total hours = 58 hours/month
 - d. Governance and community engagement
 - e. CoC Program
 - i. Consolidated Application for FY 2017 (submitted Nov. 2018) -- 26 applications, 24 selected for funding
 - ii. Consolidated Application FY 2018 (submitted Sept. 2018) – 26 applications, don't know the awards yet
 - iii. What is the CoC Program? All projects are invited and encouraged to apply for funds available within the Permanent Housing Bonus



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- f. Performance of CoC Program-funded projects
- g. Data quality
- h. HMIS
- i. Point-In-Time (PIT) Count
 - i. Higher count – might reflect more people experiencing homelessness but might be a result of Increased # of communities, increased # of volunteers, used mobile app and web-based app, or both reasons
 - ii. 2017: 6.048 homeless persons, 6,852 beds available
 - iii. 2018: 7.153 homeless persons, 6,652 beds available
- j. System Performance Measures (SPMs) – 7 measures that help us measure how we're functioning as a system and how we're ending homelessness as a system
- k. Systems Change
 - i. Launched Coordinated Entry in 17 regions (46 counties)
 - ii. 100-Day Challenges in Abilene and Lubbock housed more than 125 people

III. State of the CoC Address

- a. We believe we can end homelessness.
- b. We need to have enough housing and services options in a Housing Crisis Response Systems
- c. We will talk with the CoC Board and CoC members about CoC goals for the year
- d. Sophia's promises
 - i. THN needs to "walk the talk"
 - ii. We will involve non-traditional partners
 - iii. We're going to take risks
 - iv. We'll put you at the center of our activities – more feedback about how things could have been done better
 - 1. NOFA committee will address the 118 lessons we learned in the FY 2018 competition
 - v. We'll focus on relationships--building and repairing
 - 1. More focus on things other than the CoC Program-funded projects
 - vi. We'll implement an internal structure so that we're taking the time to make things right; who needs to be involved? To whom do we need to reach out? Need more inclusion of members
 - vii. "Inclusion" and "intentional" are key words for the year
 - viii. We'll pick up the phone and Skype more

TX BoS CoC General Meeting

IV. **Federal Plan** -- [Home, Together: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#) by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) –

Attendees broke into small groups to discuss how the plan could be incorporated into their communities' and the CoC's work. Some comments from the small group reports to the large group:

- a. Challenges
 - i. Helping immigrants
 - ii. Working with groups that don't adhere to the same data standards
 - iii. Varying resources available from community to community
- b. Agree with 4 goals, specifically, to end homelessness among all other individuals, including persons who identify as LGBTQIA and/or are sex offenders
- c. Is there sufficient inventory? Is there an affordability crisis?
- d. Need to consider participant choice in housing
- e. "Home Together" is more streamlined than "Opening Doors"
- f. Odessa: there are more needs for homeless families than homeless veterans
- g. The length of time we can provide housing and services is too short (3 mos.)
 - i. Jim Ward: It's not an "either-or" proposition; our planning team can help your community to tailor the length of service provision to each participant's needs
- h. This plan is more specific and it has practical applications
- i. The plan is a bold call to action
- j. Are we providing the right training to our case managers?
- k. LHCs can use the plan to evaluate how the community is aligning (or not) with the plan
- l. Struggle that agencies have with the prioritization piece; the plan is asking us to fundamentally change the way we're addressing homelessness
- m. We like the outline, and it matches what we're doing.

V. **Annual Review** – CoC Governance Charter and CoC Written Standards

- a. THN staff has proposed changes to these documents. Public comment will be accepted from September 26-October 17.
- b. Documents with proposed changes at: <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuumcare/governance/>
- c. Submit comments at: <https://goo.gl/forms/I4Hb8qEhTeNLL3Yz2>

VI. **Announcements**

- a. Point In Time (PIT) Count, Thursday, January 24, 2019. Contact Kristin Zakoor at kristin@thn.org to participate.
- b. CoC General Meeting schedule for 2018-19 – see handout and THN's website

TX BoS CoC General Meeting

- c. Board elections
 - i. Voting open from September 26-October 10
 - ii. Nominee information and paper ballot at: <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuumcare/governance/>
 - iii. Vote electronically at:
<https://thn.wufoo.com/forms/q1o1mij40r2ods6/>

- VII. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 2:00 P.M., via webinar

- VIII. **TX BoS CoC track of conference sessions** – see handout