

TX BoS CoC General Meeting

Notes

October 8, 2019, 8:35 a.m.

This meeting was held in person at the 2019 Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness

- I. **Welcome, Introductions, Thanks—** *Sophia Checa, CoC Director*
 - A. Thanks to outgoing board members
 - B. Thanks to newly elected board members – board members announced
 - C. Thanks to current board members

- II. **State of the CoC—** *Dani Shaw, CoC Board Chair*

- III. **Strategic Planning Presentation—** *Corey Masson of NXTBoard*
 - A. Corey Masson presented gave a presentation about strategic planning and led a team-building exercise
 - B. Strategic Planning Committee members introduced

- IV. **Strategic Planning Exercise**
 - A. Strategic planning committee members each led a table of CoC general members in a group exercise. Each group came up with Challenge Statements based off a list of Themes – *see meeting materials*.
 - B. Online discussion lead via webinar by Andrew Willard, CoC Performance Coordinator – *see meeting recordings*
 - C. Results Reported by SPC members
 1. Chad Wheeler
 - a. Funding - find diverse funding sources for diverse populations that correspond to the specific needs in the community within the timeframe; ID, apply for, and monitor funding sources
 - b. Homeless subpopulations - how we might support stable housing for subpopulations? Some people are more vulnerable
 - c. Systems - how to improve systems: need to build capacity at the organizational level

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2. Dani Shaw
 - a. HMIS and Data - how can we better share data across boundaries?
 3. Katherine Bisson
 - a. Affordable housing - how might we increase the number of affordable housing options?
 4. Shane Williamson
 - a. Youth - how do we address systemic poverty for youth and young adults and build supports physically, mentally, and spiritually to prevent homelessness?
 5. Marsha Wilson-Rappaport
 - a. Funding - organizational capacity to seek and administer funding
 - b. Discrimination - how do we empower our vulnerable subpopulations who feel they aren't being heard due to discrimination and aren't seeking assistance?
 6. Sophia Checa
 - a. Prevention - how can we ensure that we are preventing homelessness for all people?
 7. Andrew Willard (online discussion)
 - a. Landlords - how do you build meaningful connections with landlords?
 - b. Housing retention - how do we support people in housing?
- D. Hopes
1. Daisy Lopez
 - a. more focus on domestic violence victims who are experiencing homelessness
 - b. more communication across the board, communication with landlords
 2. Jim Ward - keep the person-centered approach; honoring the unique experience of the people we serve
 3. Sophia Checa - we develop a plan that resonates with what's happening on the local level
- E. Fears
1. Chad - we know how to end homelessness; it's attainable; the fear is that we'll have all the things in front of us that we could be doing but because of our "divided-ness" we won't do what we need to do

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V. Get Involved with the CoC

- A. New Committees
 - 1. CESC, Victim Services Provider, Performance Evaluation
 - 2. Data
 - 3. Strategic Planning
- B. Changes to CoC General Meetings for 2019-20--every 2 months
- C. Point-In-Time (PIT) Count--January 24, 2020 (back-up date is Jan. 30th)
- D. Public Comment on items throughout the year
- E. Run for a seat on the CoC Board next year
- F. Newsletter, website, and social media

VI. Next Meeting

- A. No November meeting
- B. Meeting on December 11th at 2:00 P.M. by webinar,
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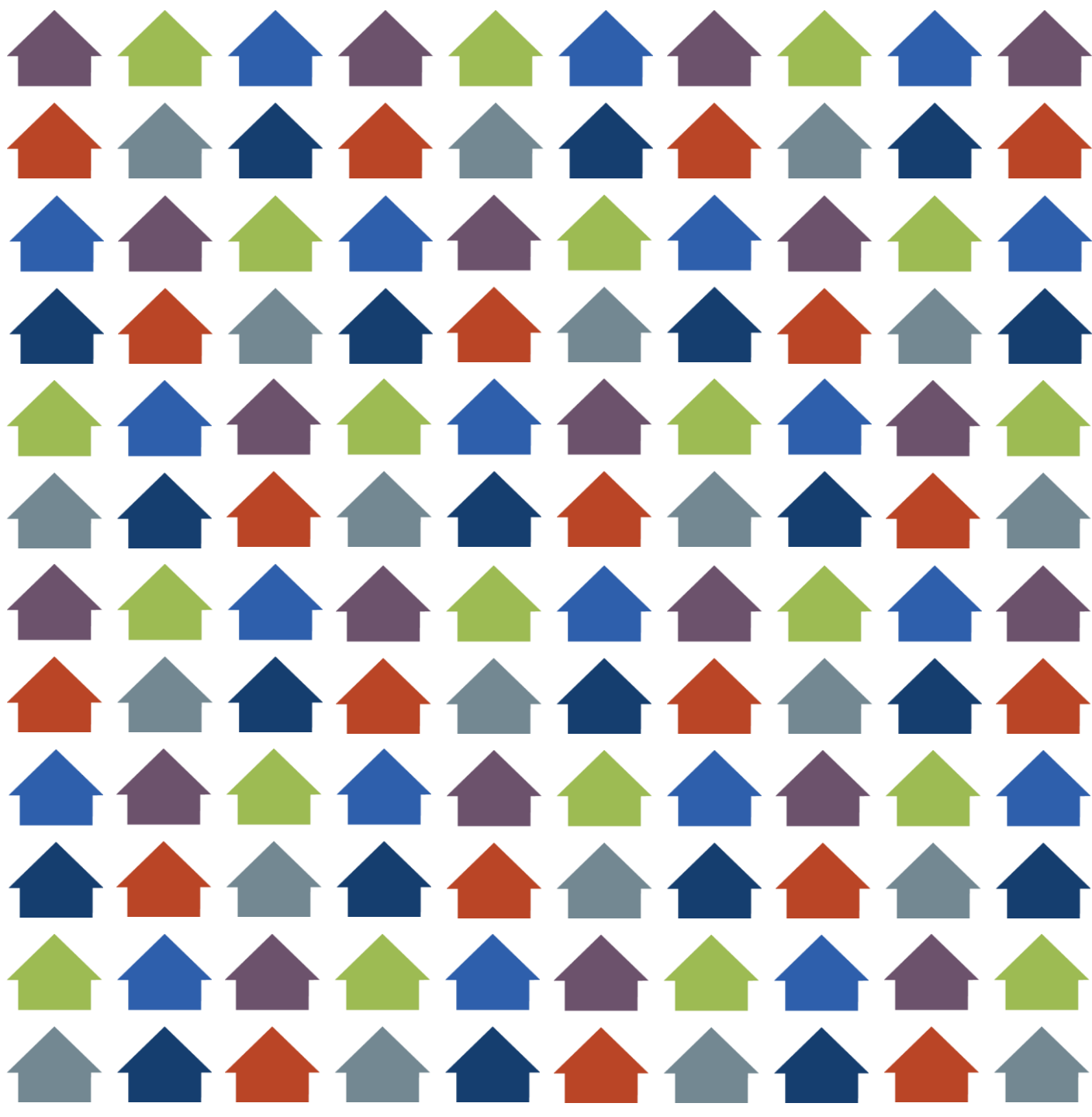
https://thn.adobeconnect.com/dec19gm/event/event_info.html

Become a CoC Member!

Anyone who works or lives in the CoC's geographic area, and all housing and homeless services projects in the CoC's geographic area, are considered to be members of the CoC. The CoC has an open invitation process, so people may become CoC members at any time.

THN invites members to participate in the CoC's activities. Learn more on the [email list](#), the [website](#), and [social media](#).

CoC General Meetings include presentations by and conversations between CoC members and staff on topics that are important to preventing and ending homelessness. See the [schedule](#) for dates, topics, and registration links. Meeting notes and recordings are posted on THN's website at <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/get-involved/>.



**2019-20 TX
BoS CoC Board
Members**

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- Seat 1 – John Meier
- Seat 2 – Melissa Escamilla
- Seat 3 – Andrea Omojola
- Seat 4 – Arturo Garcia
- Seat 5 – Norma Mercado
- Seat 6 – Daisy Lopez
- Seat 7 – Linda White
- Seat 8 – Luís T. Cerda
- Seat 9 – Danielle Shaw
- Seat 10 – Marcela Cervantes
- Seat 11 – Antonio Williams
- Seat 12 – Kyle Moore
- Seat 13 – Barry Wheeler
- Seat 14 – Daphne' Adams
- Seat 15 – Marqus Butler



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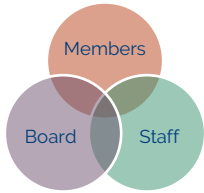
Seat #	Seat Designation	Term	Member	TX BoS CoC Counties Represented	Affiliation
1	Person with Lived Experience of Homelessness	2019-2021	John Meier	Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Knox, McCulloch, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, San Saba, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton, and Tom Green	VHS/SSVF Program Manager at the West Central Texas Regional Foundation
2	Homeless veterans	2018-2020	Melissa Escamilla	Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Cameron, Dimmit, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kleberg, La Salle, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria, Webb, and Willacy	Program Director of the SSVF Program for the South Texas Region at Endeavors, Inc., in McAllen
3	Chronically Homeless Persons	2019-2021	Andrea Omojola	Lubbock	Deputy Director at Open Door in Lubbock
4	Homeless families	2018-2020	Arturo Garcia	Webb	Director at the City of Laredo's Community Development Department
5	Homeless Youth	2019-2021	Norma Mercado	Bastrop	Homeless and Foster Care Liaison for the Bastrop Independent School District in Bastrop
6	Victim services	2018-2020	Daisy Lopez	Cameron	Program and Education Director at Friendship of Women, Inc., in Brownsville



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7	Mental/behavioral health	2019-2021	Linda White	Morris	Director of Education, Life Church/ New Life Mission
8	Health/medical	2018-2020	Luis T. Cerda	Duval, Jim Hogg, Webb, and Zapata	Epidemiologist Supervisor at the City of Laredo Health Department
9	Local Government	2019-2021	Danielle Shaw	Denton	Community Development Manager, City of Denton
10	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient	2018-2020	Marcela Cervantes	Webb	Housing Manager at the City of Laredo's Community Development Department
11	Public Housing Agency	2019-2021	Antonio Williams	Bowie	CEO/Executive Director, Housing Authority of the City of Texarkana, Texas
12	Law enforcement/ criminal justice	2018-2020	Kyle Moore	Bell	Officer, Homeless Outreach Team, Killeen Police Department
13	Business	2019-2021	Richard "Barry" Wheeler	Bastrop, Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe and Hays	Mortgage Loan Officer
14	Faith community or faith-based organization	2018-2020	Daphne' Adams	Denton	Director of Family Services at Christian Community Action in Denton
15	State Government or Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless (TICH)	2019-2021	Marqus Butler	All counties in Texas	Manager-V of Reentry Systems and Parole Operations, Texas Juvenile Justice Department





TX BoS CoC Strategic Planning Committee

	Representing	First Name	Last Name	Position	Organization	Counties
1	CoC Board Members	Daisy	Lopez	Program and Education Director	Friendship of Women, Inc.	Cameron
2		Dani	Shaw	Community Development Manager	City of Denton	Denton
3		Chad	Wheeler	Executive Director and Minister	Open Door	Lubbock
4		Kyle	Moore	Officer, Homeless Outreach Team	Killeen Police Department	Bell
5	THN Board	Todd	Shell	National Director - Supportive Housing – Recovery/Treatment Facilities	CORT Furniture	All Texas counties
6	CoC General Members	Shane	Williamson	Homeless Case Manager	BCFS Health and Human Services, Kerrville	Kerr
7		Michelle	Yates	HMIS Analyst	<i>La Posada Providencia</i>	Cameron
8		Melanie	Thornton-Lewis	Director of Social Services	The Salvation Army of Galveston	Galveston
9		Marsha	Wilson Rappaport	Grants Director	The Children's Center, Inc.	Galveston
10		Juan	Mendive	Planning and Systems Administrator	Laredo Housing Authority	Webb
11		Karen	Holt	Housing Navigator, East Texas Aging and Disabilities Resource Center	Community HealthCore	Bowie, Gregg, Longview, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Cass, Red River, Rusk, and Upshur
12		Katherine	Bisson	Executive Director	Abilene Hope Haven	Taylor
13	Stephanie	Jerez-Rodriguez	Project Administrator of Permanent Supportive Housing	Giving Hope, Inc.	Denton	
14	THN Staff for BoS CoC	Sophia	Checa	Director of Continuum of Care Progs.	THN	BoS
15		Mary	Stahlke	CoC Manager	THN	BoS
16		Jim	Ward	Asst. Director for Planning	THN	BoS
17		Kristin	Zakoor	Asst. Director for Data	THN	BoS
	Support	Margaret	Hill	CoC Governance VISTA	THN	BoS
		Kraig	Blaize-Fiero	CoC Programs Assistant	THN	BoS
	Consultant	Corey	Masson	Director of Business Development	NXTBoard	BoS

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

Themes for Challenge Statement Development for the TX BoS CoC Strategic Plan

The following "themes" are categories of the CoC's work where challenges may exist.
What challenges do you see, related to the themes, that the TX BoS CoC needs to solve?

THEME 1: Homelessness Prevention

THEME 2: Housing Interventions

Examples include emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing, public housing, and affordable housing

THEME 3: Systems Change and Coordinated Entry

THEME 4: HMIS and Data

THEME 5: Homeless Subpopulations

Examples include veterans, chronically homeless persons, youth, children, families, victims of domestic violence, and people who identify as LGBTQ

THEME 6: Working with mainstream partners and programs

Examples include workforce development boards, education systems, health care entities, local mental health authorities, and public housing authorities

THEME 7: Funding to address homelessness

THEME 8: CoC Governance

Topics include the CoC Board, CoC committees, local homeless coalitions (LHCs), policies and procedures, written standards, strategic planning, and communication

THEME 9: Performance, evaluation, and capacity building

THEME 10: Special focus areas

Topics include incorporating the expertise of persons with lived experience of homelessness; racial disparities; rural homelessness

THEME: _____

Add a theme to which your challenge is related.