

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

CoC Board Meeting

February 26, 2020, by Webinar

NOTES Approved by CoC Board 3/25/2020

Board Members Present: Daphne Adams, Marqus Butler, Luís Cerda, Marcy Cervantes, Melissa Escamilla, Quiana Fisher, Daisy Lopez, John Meier, Norma Mercado, Kyle Moore, Andrea Omojola, Dani Shaw, Barry Wheeler, Linda White, and Antonio Williams

Absent: none

Staff present: Kraig Blaize-Fiero, Sophia Checa, and Mary Stahlke

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action/Next Steps
Consent Agenda	Dani Shaw, CoC Board Chair, presented the Consent Agenda. Members voted to approve the Consent Agenda.	None
CoC Board Requirements Policy	The board discussed approving changes regarding attendance proposed by the Executive Committee. The board voted to approve the revised language as proposed.	Staff will revise the Policy, as per the vote, and post it on THN's website.
State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program	Sophia Checa, Director of Continuum of Care Programs, informed the board that the staff proposes that THN not apply to serve as the ESG Coordinator and run the State ESG competition for entities in the TX BoS CoC. Since the CoC has not set goals (because the strategic plan is currently being written), staff does not want to propose additional scoring criteria beyond what TDHCA will use in the competition, which would be the main advantage to a CoC's lead agency serving as the ESG Coordinator. Also, THN does not have the staff capacity to fully support running the competition. If THN does not run the competition, the dollar amount available to projects in the CoC would not change, and CoC staff would be able to provide more technical assistance to applicants. The board voted to approve that proposal. Consequently, the board will not need to hold a special called meeting on June 10 th to review the results of the competition.	Staff will not apply to serve as the ESG Coordinator.
Partial CoC Merger	The board discussed the possibility of the Amarillo CoC absorbing into their CoC 25 counties that are currently in the TX BoS CoC. This would allow	1. Staff will continue merger discussion

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	<p>people experiencing homelessness to be served more fully by agencies that are operating in those counties, including the fact that people could be served in their home counties rather than having to go to Amarillo for services. It would mean only a small financial impact on the BoS CoC (a loss of access to approximately 2% of the current Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) funding). They expressed their desire for staff to continue merger discussions with staff members from the City of Amarillo and from Panhandle Community Services.</p>	<p>2. One board member suggested that the board meet in person when deciding on this topic, and a second board member agreed.</p>
Higher-level topics	<p>Sophia reviewed a proposed schedule of when certain topics would be discussed. The Board will not need to discuss funding priorities for State ESG funding, since THN will not serve as the ESG Coordinator to run the competition.</p>	<p>Staff will place topics on the board meeting agendas, as proposed in the schedule.</p>
Board Meeting transparency	<p>Mary Stahlke, Asst. Director of Engagement, asked members if they want links to the meeting recordings posted in the meeting notes that will be posted on THN’s website, and the board members decided they do not want links to recordings nor the recordings themselves posted. The members briefly discussed going into executive session during meetings to have time when their discussions would not be detailed in meeting notes nor in meeting recordings.</p>	<p>1. Staff will not post links to the recordings in the meeting notes nor recordings themselves on THN’s website. 2. Members asked staff to bring the topic of executive session back to them at the next board meeting.</p>
Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC)	<p>Sophia explained that the number of participants in the committee will be fewer than were included in the PEC Committee Description that the board reviewed when they voted to approve establishing the committee. Only “new project” applications will be reviewed for the CoC Program competition, not “renewal project” applications, and THN will not apply to serve as the ESG Coordinator for State ESG funds, so fewer people are needed to serve as the Independent Review Team (IRT), which will work in coordination with the PEC for the FY 2020 competition. Sophia said that the performance measures that the PEC would review include the System Performance Measures (SPMs), such as the percentage of people served who exit to permanent housing destinations and measures used in the CoC’s Quarterly Performance Score Card (QPSC) for CoC Program-funded projects.</p>	

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Board Meeting schedule for 2019-20	Mary reviewed two dates to determine board members' plans: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The 5/27 meeting is two days after Memorial Day, but most members said they plan to attend the 5/27 meeting.2. The 9/23 meeting is one week prior to the Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness (TCEH). Board members expressed their interest in meeting in conjunction with the conference instead of on 9/23.	
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Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held on March 25, 2020, at 2:00, by webinar.

Registration link: https://thn.adobeconnect.com/ebt5oyopovoj/event/event_info.html