

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

CoC Board Meeting

April 22, 2020, by Webinar

NOTES approved 5/27/2020

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

Absent: Linda White

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

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action/Next Steps
Welcome	Dani Shaw, Board Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.	None
Consent Agenda	Dani presented the Consent Agenda. Members made no comments about it, and members voted to approve it.	Staff will follow the Board elections timeline.
COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THN has received \$80,000 from the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) to help address coronavirus in the 59 BoS counties that don't have CoC, ESG, or SSVF Program funding • TDHCA wants to allocate 2% of CSBG-CV funds from the CARES Act to THN to focus on the BoS CoC, providing direct support to providers and people experiencing homelessness; THN's request for funding included an ESG Specialist position to work with communities on best practices; a barriers fund to promote housing stability; and a position to administer the barriers fund • State ESG – CoC Lead Agencies may serve as ESG Coordinators to run a competition to allocate ESG-CV funds from the CARES ACT to entities within their respective CoCs; several members expressed their support for THN to run the competition for the TX BoS CoC • Community Investment Committee – the Board voted to approve the establishment of this committee • THN is working with HUD Disaster Technical Assistance staff on coronavirus response; working with 26 cities that have the highest PIT Count numbers, and they do have a system-wide response; reaching out to other communities that may not have a system-wide approach yet • Fortunately, staff has heard about very few people experiencing homelessness in the CoC who have tested positive for COVID-19; may be because of low number of people being tested • Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME) funds (regular allocation and CARES Act allocation) may be used for rental assistance 	<p>Staff will move forward with administering any funding received</p> <p>Staff will apply to serve as the ESG Coordinator</p> <p>Staff will hold nominations and elections for the Community Investment Committee</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HMIS now has a COVID-19 screening tool for street outreach and emergency shelter staff to use 	
System Performance Measures (SPMs)	Victoria Lopez, Data and Policy Analyst, presented SPM data that THN submitted to HUD. She reviewed each measure and explained the changes in data between the prior report and the recently submitted report.	None
	The meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.	

Chat log from the meeting:

Quiana Fisher: Good Afternoon.
 Sophia Checa: Is Dani still speaking?
 Melissa Escamilla: Your audio is low
 Daphne' Adams: She is breaking up.
 Antonio Williams: better
 kyle moore: i will be able to talk now . i used my office phone to call in
 Andrea Omojola: Move to approve the consent agenda
 Melissa Escamilla: i second
 Luis Cerda: yes
 Daisy Lopez: yes
 Melissa Escamilla: yes
 Barry Wheeler 2: yes
 Andrea Omojola: Yes
 Daphne' Adams: yes
 kyle moore: yes
 Quiana Fisher: Yes
 Antonio Williams: yes
 John Meier: yes
 Norma Mercado: yes
 Dani Shaw: yes
 Quiana Fisher: yes
 kyle moore: yes
 Barry Wheeler 2: yes i can hear you
 Norma Mercado: sounds far away
 Marcela Cervantes: yes

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KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Meeting One audio is overused right now, our quality might drop at times

Melissa Escamilla: yes

Andrea Omojola: I feel comfortable.

Antonio Williams: I so move

Quiana Fisher: yes I feel comfortable

Barry Wheeler 2: i am comfortable to move forward with chat vote

Daisy Lopez: good to move forward

kyle moore: agree

Marcela Cervantes: move forward

Norma Mercado: agree

John Meier: I feel fine moving forward

Antonio Williams: so move

Andrea Omojola: I move

Andrea Omojola: second

Melissa Escamilla: yes

Daphne' Adams 2: yes

Daisy Lopez: yes

Andrea Omojola: yes

Quiana Fisher: Yes

Antonio Williams: yes

Luis Cerda: yes

kyle moore: yes

John Meier: yes

Dani Shaw: yes

Barry Wheeler 2: I vote yes for approval

Marcela Cervantes: yes

Mary Stahlke: Yes, we have at least 13

Daphne' Adams 2: I agree with all Dani said.

Quiana Fisher: I agree

John Meier: I agree

Melissa Escamilla: me too i agree you should run the competiton

Quiana Fisher: Sharing the work

Quiana Fisher: lol

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: lol

Andrea Omojola: good to hear

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Norma Mercado: Great!

Quiana Fisher: Thats awesome!!!!

Andrea Omojola: Great news.

Mary Stahlke: <https://nlihc.org/resource/nlihc-and-national-partners-release-cares-act-guidance-state-local-tribal-and-territorial>

Sophia Checa: We always get scored low points for bed coverage on the CoC Application.

Norma Mercado: Part of the problem is that not all agencies that work with homeless youth and families have access to the HMIS program due to the cost, including Local Education Agencies

Sophia Checa: Yup. Or the presence of systems providers already use to enter their data.

Sophia Checa:@Norma, this is why Kristin and I are looking at ways to defray the cost of HMIS licenses.

Norma Mercado: That would be great!

Sophia Checa: Mid-coast is a victim service provider, and they are statutorily prohibited from using HMIS and must use a comparable system

Sophia Checa: They had been told my their Field Office several years ago they could use HMIS since they are also an umbrella organization for Victoria.

Melissa Escamilla: they have other programs that may be HMIS acceptable

Antonio Williams: thx

Daisy Lopez: Thank you Victoria!

Melissa Escamilla: very informative

Antonio Williams: I love metrics

Andrea Omojola: Thank you Victoria

Sophia Checa: If you have questions, please contact Victoria at victoria@thn.org.

Norma Mercado: Thank you

Marcela Cervantes: Thank You

Antonio Williams: thx

Sophia Checa: COVID 19 sophia@thn.org and mollie@thn.org

Andrea Omojola: Dani you are low

Melissa Escamilla: yes we can hear you

Mary Stahlke: Is anything happening widely with Public Housing Authorities, juvenile justice, DV, youth, law enforcement, etc.?

Norma Mercado: there is an echo

Dani Shaw: We have 3 presumptive positive but no testing

Norma Mercado: The issue that has arrised for me is homeless youth who need to be quarentine and they do not have a permanent place to stay. I am providing them with face masks but still a concern

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: I saw lubbuck is still reporting no known cases. But they aren't sure if they homeless population have been tested at all

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: :(

Andrea Omojola: Lubbock has no reported cases BUT we have not had folks being tested.

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Andrea Omojola: So we know that it's more a matter of underreporting than no incidence

Daphne' Adams 2: It is more access to healthcare in general

Melissa Escamilla: we are not made aware if the individual who tested positive is homeless

Melissa Escamilla: we can shelter in hotels for homeless veterans as long as they want to be permanently housed

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/17/us/boston-homeless-coronavirus-outbreak/index.html>

Quiana Fisher: Thank you so much

Andrea Omojola: Stay safe!

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Thank you all!

Norma Mercado: Thank you

Barry Wheeler 2: thanks ya'll

Sophia Checa: Thank you!

Daisy Lopez: thanks, bye

Daphne' Adams 2: bye and stay safe

Mary Stahlke: Bye, everyone

Antonio Williams: bye

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Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held on May 27, 2020, at 2:00, by webinar