

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,
Register at:

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/>.