TX BoS CoC General Meeting

February 12, 2020, 2:00-3:30 P.M., by Webinar NOTES

<u>Staff present</u>: Kraig Blaize-Fiero, Sophia Checa, Kyra Henderson, Victoria Lopez, Mary Stahlke, Jim Ward, Andrew Willard, Linda Xiong

Link to meeting recording: https://thn.adobeconnect.com/pgu4quvqnhy8/

- I. Welcome, Introductions, and Map of Attendees
- II. Data Snapshot Point-in-Time (PIT) Count PrevSee the infographic. This data is preliminary, not finalized, so don't use it.

The PIT Count counted 5,751 people. Seven new communities, and a total of 47 communities, participated. PIT Counts were done in more counties and LHC coverage areas and not only city limits this year.

III. How we are Ending Homelessness – with HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) Program See the slides

CoC Program grantees chatted in the chat box about how the CoC Program funds have impacted their projects and their communities.

IV. Coordinated Entry Written Standards Overview -- public comment period on revisions to the Standards

See the slides.

V. Community Conversation – opportunity for members to discuss any topic Members chatted in the chat box about various topics. A number of them answered staff question about whether or not they have seen an increase in negativity toward their project and/or people experiencing homelessness in their areas in the past several months. Summary: some have and others have not. Some have also had positive feedback on activities.

VI. Committee Updates -

- a. Coordinated Entry Steering Committee (CESC) Committee met recently and provided input on CoC Written Standards revisions.
- b. Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) Activities: Getting input from CoC members, viewing data and assessments, viewing other CoCs' plans. Next: Draft to SPC in April, public comment in the summer, to CoC Board Executive Committee and Board in September



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- c. 3:04 Data Committee recruiting members; if interested, email <u>data@thn.org –</u>
 There will be a committee with subcommittees by project type. HMIS users and any CoC member who's interested in data is invited to apply.
- d. Victim Services Provider Committee (VSPC) recruiting member; If interested complete the form: https://forms.gle/EQqWuZA877v12qgU7-- The committee will represent the voice and needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, in the CoC's work.
- e. Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) recruiting members; if interested, complete the form: https://forms.gle/sfKrZdQdQDmnLRydA--. The committee will set performance targets for project types and will monitor the performance of projects operating in the CoC.

VII. Announcements

- a. PIT Count and Housing Inventory (HIC)
 - PIT Debrief Survey- https://forms.gle/YhMieqcnY6SCSH8D6
 Complete to tell THN how the PIT Count went for you
 - Housing Inventory Count Link- https://go.aws/3auX7R7 --Help the CoC to update the housing inventory (shelter and housing to serve people experiencing homelessness in the CoC) by verifying and updating, if needed, your project's information.
- b. Consolidated Planning participate in your plan development process The state and 39 cities and counties receive CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, Housing Trust Fund and/or ESG funds and will write five-year Consolidated Plans or Action Plans this year. THN encourages CoC members and local homeless coalitions (LHCs) to participate in their communities' processes, to share needs around homelessness.
- c. "Challenge Statement" Survey for strategic planning gift card winners Alanna Richardson with the Longview Housing Authority in Longview and Beth Rolingson with Advocacy Outreach in Elgin won the gift cards. Everyone who completed a strategic planning survey for the CoC was eligible to win.

VIII. Next Meeting -

- a. No March meeting.
- b. Next meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Main topic: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program
 - Register at https://thn.adobeconnect.com/apr20gm/event/event_info.html

Announcements:

- 1. Linda Xiong is now the Systems Change Coordinator for the TX BoS CoC. Linda had formerly served as the Systems Change Specialist.
- 2. Katie Ledbetter is now the Systems Change Specialist for the TX BoS CoC. Katie had formerly served as the Coordinated Entry VISTA Member.

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- 3. Mary Stahlke is now the Assistant Director of Engagement for the TX BoS CoC. Mary had formerly served as the CoC Manager.
- 4. Final round for Public Comment on the Coordinated Entry Written Standards begins on Monday, February 17th and ends on Friday, February 28th.

Staff was available on the webinar for 15 minutes after the meeting ended, for an open discussion on topics that attendees want to discuss.

Give your feedback!

Members were invited to complete the anonymous survey they received after the meeting ended, to let THN know what was helpful and what would could be better for the next meeting.

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 join at any time.

THN invites members to participate in the CoC's activities. Learn more on the <u>email list</u>, the <u>website</u>, and <u>social media</u>.

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/.

February 2020 CoC General Meeting Attendance

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Attended

| Name | Attendance Status | Company Name |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| Alaina Marcum | Attended | Mission Texarkana |
| Alanna Richardson | Attended | City of Longview Housing Authority |
| Alexzandra Hust | Attended | Abilene Hope Haven |
| | | Veterans Health Administration - Michael E. DeBakey VA |
| Amish Desai | Attended | Medical Center |
| Andrea Omojola | Attended | Open Door |
| Andrea Wilson | Attended | PATH |
| barry wheeler | Attended | cornerstone home lending |
| Beth Rolingson | Attended | ADVOCACY OUTREACH |
| brenda larsosa | Attended | Texarkana City Hall |
| Carol Racz | Attended | Texana |
| carolyn martin | Attended | usvets |
| Chad Wheeler | Attended | Lubbock Open Door |
| Chesley Knowles | Attended | Community Healthcore |
| Christy Plemons | Attended | The Salvation Army |
| Connie Sherman | Attended | Randy Sams |
| Damian Clark | Attended | Advocacy Outreach |
| Danny Coca | Attended | Hidalgo County |
| Daphne Adams | Attended | Christian Community Action |
| Deanna Lowrey-Green | Attended | Combined Community Action |
| Debra Arsuaga | Attended | Corpus Christi Hope House |
| Debra Huffman | Attended | Neighborhood Development Corp |
| DEBRA WASHINGTON | Attended | THE CHILDREN CENTER, INC. |
| Doug Morris | Attended | South Plains Homeless Consortium |
| Ebby Green | Attended | Taylor Housing Authority |
| Elena Lusk | Attended | United Way of Denton County |
| Erica Hitt | Attended | The Salvation Army Lubbock |
| Erika Thomas | Attended | Odessa Links |
| Esther Rodriguez | Attended | City of San Angelo |
| Ginny Stafford | Attended | Mid-Coast Family Services |
| Gracie Perez | Attended | ADRC |
| Hope Rodgers | Attended | United Way of Denton County |
| Jade Fite | Attended | Mission Texarkana |
| Janeal White | Attended | SETRPC |
| Jay Morgan | Attended | Community Healthcore |
| Jennifer Wenger | Attended | City of Corpus Christi |
| Jenny Wilson | Attended | United Way of Lamar County |
| John Meier | Attended | WCTRF |
| Jordan McCarty | Attended | Denton County MHMR Center |
| Jorge Camarillo | Attended | La Posdada Providencia |
| Keith Rucker | Attended | Victoria Homeless Coalition |
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Golden Crescent ADRC

February 2020 CoC General Meeting Attendance

Kyla Gilmore Attended City of Lubbock LATISHA NORRIS Attended Giving Hope

Laura Martinez Attended Family Crisis Center, Inc.

Lisa Griffin Attended Griffin

Lyzette Limon Attended City of Laredo Health Department

Marcela Cervantes Attended City of Laredo

Marsha Wilson Rappaport Attended The Children's Center

Melinda Baker Attended Corpus Christi Hope House, Inc.
Melissa Juarez Attended Corpus Christi Hope House, Inc

Michaelle Wormly Attended WOMAN, Inc.

MICHELLE YATES Attended La Posada Providencia

Molly Thibodeaux Attended Texas council on family violence Nathaniel Dears Attended Denton County MHMR Center

Paul Castaneda Attended Endeavors

Rachel Durrance Attended HOME Center of Central Texas
Rebecca Bromley Attended Neighborhood Development

Rose Hunter Attended Salvation Army Ruby Jones Attended Woman Inc

Shelly Braziel Attended Lchrc

Sherry Murphy Attended Family Crisis Center

Steven Martin Attended Mount Pleasant Housing Authority

Susan Clark Attended FaithWorks of Abilene, Inc.
Terri Willis Attended Brazoria County Dream Center

Tiffany Ross Attended Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texas

Tommie Lilly Attended Women's Center of East Texas Torrey Williams Attended Community Development

Vashil Fernandez Attended City Of Texarkana

Veronica Hernandez Attended Border Region Behavioral Health Center

Veronica Thomas Attended DETCOG

Vicki Smith Attended Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texa Vineta Byrd Attended Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas

Jennifer Lacefield Attended

Data Snapshot: 2020 PIT Count Preview

| | Total Persons | 5751 |
|-------------|----------------------|------|
| | Adults (18+) | 4818 |
| | Children (Under 18) | 933 |
| | Young Adults (18-24) | 382 |
| | Female | 2177 |
| | Male | 3336 |
| | Transgender | 11 |
| | Chronically Homeless | 671 |
| | Veterans | 341 |
| as a second | Survivors of DV | 718 |

^{*}This data is not finalized at this time and may be subject to change*





The Continuum of Care Program

Strategies For Change

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Objectives

- A brief history of the Continuum of Care Program
- A brief review of how the CoC Interim Rule enjoins the maintenance of the CoC Board and Governance
- Review components which can be funded through the CoC
- Reviews eligible activities of the CoC
- Reviews Match obligations of the CoC Project
- Brief review of the TX BoS CoC Local Competition for Funding

History of the CoC Program

- In 1995, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) began to require communities to submit a single application for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants.
- On May 20, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the HEARTH Act (Public Law 111-22), providing Congressional authorization of the CoC process.
- Regulations governing the CoC program were published in the summer of 2012. (The Interim Rule)

CoC Governance

- Hold full membership meets at least bi yearly
- Adopt and follow a written process to select a board to act on behalf of the CoC
- Appoint additional committees, subcommittees, or workgroups
- Develop, follow, and update annually a governance charter
- Consult with recipients to establish performance targets, monitor recipient performance, evaluate outcomes, take action against poor performers

The CoC Regulations require CoCs to:

- Evaluate outcomes of projects funded under ESG
- Establish and operate a coordinated assessment system
- Establish and consistently follow written standards
- Develop a plan that includes coordinating the implementation of a housing and service system
- Planning for and conducting a point in time count
- Managing the Local Competition

CoC Component Types

- Permanent Housing Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re Housing
- Joint Transisional Housing Rapid Re Housing
- Supportive Service Coordinate Entry
- HMIS

Permanent Housing - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

A housing intervention targeting the most vulnerable individuals experiencing chronic homelessness with complex barriers to housing and housing stability and histories of interactions with emergency services.

- Can be new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition
- Leasing structures or units
- Rental assistance
 - Tenant Based Rental Assistance Participant choice
 - Sponsor Based Rental Assistance Sponsor leases orowns
 - Project Based Rental Assistance owner agrees to lease
- No limit of length of services to participant

Permanent Housing - Rapid Re Housing (RRH)

RRH provides supportive services and short-term (up to 3 months) and/or medium-term (for 3 to 24 months) tenant-based rental assistance as necessary to help a homeless individual or family, with or without disabilities, move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. RRH enables rental assistance to be tailored to a participant's unique situation at a given time.

- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Progressive Engagement approach
- Up to 24 months of assistance
- Serves Category 1 or 4 homeless definition

Joint Transitional Housing - Rapid Re Housing

A newer housing intervention that offers the Transitional Housing component and Rapid Re Housing component in a single project. Provides immediate crisis housing while supporting participants to move to permanent housing guided by participant choice and ability.

- Leasing funds for TH portion
- TBRA for RRH portion
- Up to 24 consecutive months of assistance
- Serves Category 1 or 4 homeless definition

Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry

Funding utilized to support Coordinated Entry efforts within the TX BoS CoC. Funds can be used to support individuals gaining access to the Coordinated Entry System.

- Operations Funds
- Eligible Costs for Assessment of Participants

Eligible Supportive Services Activities

- Annual Assessment of Service Needs
- Assistance with moving costs
- Case management
- Child Care
- Education services
- Employment assistance and job training
- Food
- Housing Search and Placement

- Legal Services
- Life Skills training
- Mental health services
- Outpatient health services
- Outreach services
- Substance abuse treatment
- Transportation
- Utility deposit

Match Requirements

The CoC Program requires a 25% match from either cash or in kind match.

- Cash Match A recipient may use funds from any source, including any other federal sources (excluding Continuum of Care program funds), as well as State, local, and private sources, provided that funds from the source are not statutorily prohibited to be used as a match.
- In Kind Contributions The recipient may use the value of any real property, equipment, goods, or services contributed to the project as match, provided that if the recipient had to pay for them with grant funds, the costs would have been eligible under Subpart D

TX BoS CoC Local Competition Overview

CoC Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Released

Letter of Intent Form Released

Request for Proposals (RFP) Released

Project Application and Additional Forms Submitted

Threshold Review

Project Quality Review

Independent Review Team (IRT) Review

Project Ranking

Applications Submitted to HUD

CoC Program NOFA

Not sure when FY2020 NOFA will be released, New Applicants can create their Applicant Profile in e-snaps FY19 saw \$7,853,102 available for new projects with **CoC Bonus** FY19 saw \$3,768,296 available for new projects with **Domestic Violence Bonus**

We enthusiastically encourage new applicants to apply!

Questions?

Next Steps

Be sure to sign up on THN's Website to receive updates about the Continuum of Care Local Competition.

If you would like support conceptualizing your CoC project, please feel free to reach out to myself at anchewathn.org or anyone on the TX BoS CoC team at lxboscocathn.org.

We want to make sure that you are able to apply to opperate the most impactful project possible!







Coordinated Entry Written Standards Overview

Strategies For Change

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Purpose of the Coordinated Entry Written Standards

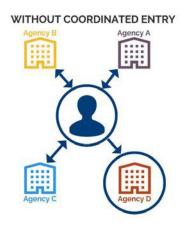
• HUD requires the TX BoS CoC to have written standards that govern how projects funded by the CoC Program operate.

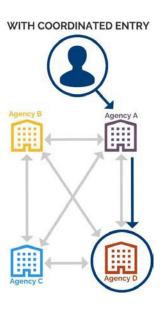
 Notice CPD-17-01: Additional requirements for CoCs to incorporate into their centralized or coordinated access system and into their policies and procedures and written standards.



What is Coordinated Entry (CE)?

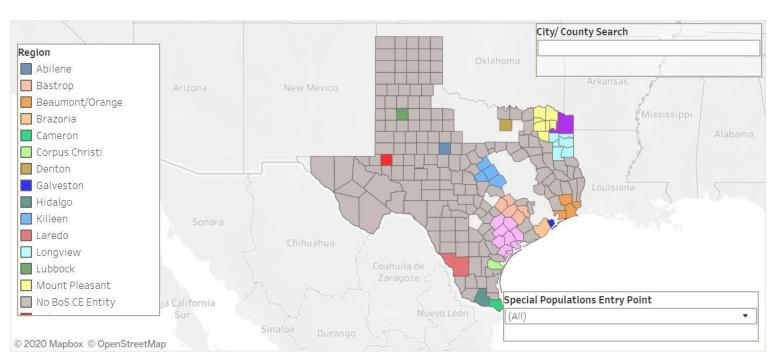
- Local Systems Approach:
 - Access, assessment, and referral processes are standardized across all providers in an entire CoC.
 - People experiencing or at-risk of homelessness can readily find and navigate crisis intervention assistance.
 - Households are prioritized for and matched with the right intervention as quickly as possible.







TX BoS CoC Coordinated Entry





Public Comment Overview

• The TX BoS CoC CE Written Standards were last updated in 2017. Numerous changes since then based on implementation in regions.

 Public Comment Period allows for stakeholders to review proposed policy, procedure, and statutory compliance implementation and provide feedback based on experience and expertise.

 Any persons living or working in the CoC's geographic area and having an interest in preventing and ending homelessness can submit a comment!

When can you submit a comment?

- -Round 1: January 7 through January 17
- -Round 2: January 27 through February 7
- Round 3: February 17 through February 28

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Where can you submit a comment?

- 1. Google Form: https://forms.gle/PUkaTdKA3QoJuULeA
- 2. Email <u>CE@THN.org</u> Include "Public Comment for CE Written Standards" as subject line
- 3. Schedule a 30-minute phone call with the Systems Change Team: https://calendly.com/linda-at-thn/30min



Tips for Generating Comments

- Read the document thoroughly.
- Be concise but support your claims.
- The support for your claims should be based on sound reasoning, scientific evidence, and/or how you will be impacted.
- Address trade-offs and opposing views in your comment.
- There is no minimum or maximum length for an effective comment.
- If you are commenting on a specific question, please include the page and/or section title in your comment.
- Focus on content, not on formatting.

Links to Document

The document under review can be found here:

https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Public-Comment-Round2-TX-BoS-CoC-CE-WS-2020.pdf

And a summary of proposed changes can be found here:

https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Public-Comment-Round2-TX-BoS-CoC-CE-WS-2020-SUMMARY.pdf

Use the summary to guide you through the document.



Overview of the Document

- Longer than previous version 67 pages excluding appendices
- Process flowcharts added to supplement the text
- Document organized in two main subject areas:
 - Coordinated Entry System: Theory and Planning
 - Coordinated Entry **Process**: Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Implementation - Access, Assessment, Referrals, Prioritization, Contacting Households, and Serving Survivors



Policy Changes

Processes and Best Practices

 Active Households Policy for By-Name List and Housing Priority Lists (page 29)

Access

Suspended Households Policy (page 33)

Contacting Households

 The duration of contacting households changed from 5 times over 5 business days to 5 times over 10 business days. (page 56)



Process Changes

- Expanded and Defined Parties Involved in Coordinated Entry:
 - Roles and Responsibilities
 - Coordinated Entry Steering Committee (page 15)
 - Non-Participating Agencies (page 18)
 - Planning
 - Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Centers (page 21)



Process Changes

- Best Practices and Processes for Coordinated Entry
 - Case Conferencing (page 27)
 - By-Name List (page 28)
 - Housing Priority List (page 29)



Process Changes

Access

• Diversion (page 31): Conversations or problem-solving strategies with households experiencing a housing crisis to connect them to resources already available to them.



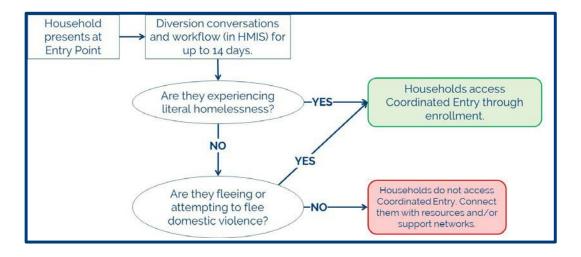
Process Flowcharts

- Added for...
 - Access (page 31)
 - Assessment (page 36)
 - Referrals (page 42)
 - Prioritization (page 51)
 - Contacting Households (page 55)
 - **Serving Survivors (page 59)** includes all with modifications based on the de-identified process



Process Flowchart Example: Access

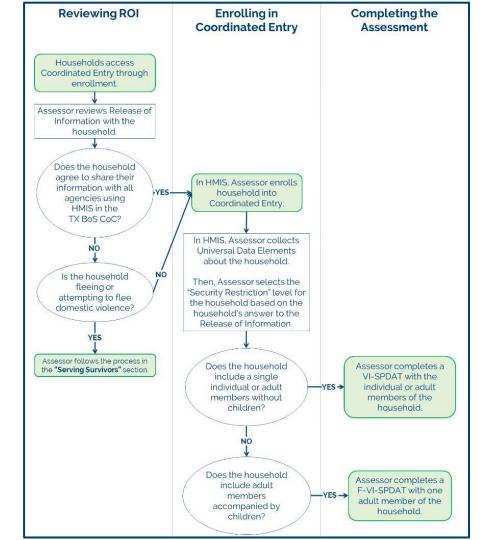
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Process Flowchart Example: Assessment

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New Headings and/or Subheadings

• Example:

| Referrals | 42 |
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| Referral Process Flowchart | 43 |
| Advising the Household | 45 |
| Eligibility Matrix | 45 |
| Recording a Referral | 45 |
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| Updating the Result of a Referral | 48 |
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| Accepting a Referral | 48 |
| Rejecting a Referral | 49 |



We would love to hear feedback on...

- Whether the processes laid out in the document reflect what's happening in your CE region
 - If not, what does the process look like?
 - Referral and Prioritization processes
- 2. Impact on agencies and staff members
 - Level of responsibility on Assessors, Entry Points, Receiving Agencies, and Non-Participating Agencies



Next Steps:

1. Read the document:

https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Public-Comment-Round2-TX-BoS-CoC-CE-WS-2020.pdf

2. Submit a comment:

- Google Form: https://forms.gle/PUkaTdKA3QoJuULeA
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Consolidated Planning and CoCs

The CoC Interim Rule, 24 CFR 578 -- CoC Planning, 24 CFR 578.39 requires CoCs to participate in the consolidated plan for the CoC's geographic area

40 Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions in the TX BoS CoC

| Consolidated Plan | Iuriedictions in | the TV Dos CoC |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Consolidated Plan | Jurisdictions in | the 1X BoS CoC |

| | State | 15 | Lewisville | 31 | San Marcos | |
|----|-----------------|----|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1 | Texas* | 16 | Longview | 32 | Sherman | |
| | Cities | 17 | Lubbock* | 33 | Temple | |
| 2 | Abilene | 18 | Marshall | 34 | Texarkana | |
| 3 | Beaumont | 19 | McAllen | 35 | Texas City | |
| 4 | Brownsville* | 20 | Midland | 36 | Tyler | |
| 5 | Corpus Christi* | 21 | Mission | 37 | Victoria | |
| 6 | Denison | 22 | New Braunfels | | Counties | |
| 7 | Denton | 23 | Odessa | 38 | Brazoria County* | |
| 8 | Edinburg | 24 | Orange | 39 | Hidalgo County* | |
| 9 | Flower Mound | 25 | Pearland | 40 | Williamson County | |
| 10 | Galveston | 26 | Pharr | * also an ESG Recipient | | |
| 11 | Harlingen | 27 | Port Arthur | | | |
| 12 | Killeen | 28 | Round Rock | | | |
| 13 | Laredo* | 29 | San Angelo | | | |
| 14 | League City | 30 | San Benito | | | |

25 have 5-year Consolidated Plans due in 2020. The others have 1-year Action Plans due.

"The Consolidated Plan is designed to help states and local jurisdictions to assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. The consolidated planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding from the CPD formula block grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program. The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan. Grantees report on accomplishments and progress toward Consolidated Plan goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)." https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/consolidated-plan/

The plan development process must include a citizen participation plan, which often consists of public hearings, community member surveys, focus groups with homeless services providers and local homeless coalitions, and consultation with THN, as the CoC Lead Agency.

HUD guide, "Guide to Coordination and Collaboration for CoCs and Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions," at

https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Coordination-and-Collaboration-for-CoCs-and-Consolidated-Plan-Jurisdictions.pdf

Purpose of collaboration -- To transform the local homeless response into a coordinated system and to ensure communities can successfully reduce the length and extent of homelessness

Purposes of Collaboration for Jurisdictions and CoCs

- "...to focus local, State, and Federal attention and resources on resolving the housing needs of those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness within the context of all services and supports available to a jurisdiction." (p. 12)
- ".ensure that the CoC's plan to prevent and end homelessness, and thus the projects it funds, is consistent with the Con Plan. Additionally, consideration of the priorities set forth in the Con Plan for the jurisdiction could inform the CoCs' ranking and selection process of project applications..." (p. 15)
- "_ensure the Con Plan jurisdiction(s) set priorities informed by a CoC's understanding of need." (p. 15)
- "By helping these stakeholders maintain consistency in their focus and target resources in complementary ways, collaboration can improve how effectively CoCs and Con Plan jurisdictions meet their program goals." (p. 16)

Jurisdiction and CoC Collaboration

Consolidated Planning

- Focused on community development
- Jurisdictions consult with CoCs on Con Plan areas related to homelessness
 - Homeless needs assessment
 - Strategy to address homelessness
 - Resource inventory
 - ESG-specific requirements

CoC Planning

- Focused on homelessness
- CoCs provide information and data (PIT, HIC, SPMs) for the Consolidated Plan
- Jurisdictions provide certification of consistency with the Con Plan for CoC Program project applications
- Jurisdictions provide information and data for CoC planning

How do consolidated plans and CoC plans work together in communities and in the CoC?

Beyond consultation to collaboration

From Consultation to Collaboration

- Coordinated Entry (CE) a process that assesses people requesting homeless assistance and pairs them with the right kind of assistance in the community's housing crisis response system (LCDS)
- CoC Written Standards and ESG Written Standards guidelines for prioritizing people for services and housing and ensuring consistency across the HCRS
- System Performance Measures (SPMs) metrics that indicate how well the HCRS is preventing and ending homelessness
- Strategic resource allocation allocating and expending resources most efficiently and effectively to achieve common goals for the HCRS

For more information, contact Mary Stahlke, Asst. Director of Engagement, at mary@athn.org or 512-861-2180.