

# Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

## CoC Board Meeting

June 24, 2020, by Webinar

**NOTES approved 7/22/2020**

Board Members Present: Daphne Adams, Marqus Butler, Luís Cerda, Marcela Cervantes, Melissa Escamilla, Daisy Lopez, Kyle Moore, Dani Shaw, Barry Wheeler, Linda White, and Antonio Williams

Absent: Quiana Fisher, John Meier, Norma Mercado, and Andrea Omojola

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

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action/Next Steps
Welcome	Dani Shaw, Board Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and at 2:07, when a quorum was present, the meeting began.	None
Consent Agenda	Dani presented the Consent Agenda. Members made no comments about it, and members voted and approved it. (7 yes, 2 did not vote)	None
COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ESG-CARES Act Funds (ESG-CV)</li><li>• The first allocation was awarded by TDHCA to current subrecipients and was awarded to new subrecipients by competitions that CoC lead agencies, including THN for the TX BoS CoC, facilitated for entities in their respective CoCs.</li><li>• TDHCA does not have a final plan for awarding the second allocation, but the staff is talking with CoC lead agencies about that. TDHCA asked about how to expand their network of providers to use the ESG-CV funds. TDHCA will tell CoCs more information about the awards process soon.</li><li>• CSBG Funds<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ THN has a contract from TDHCA. THN has hired the ESG Specialist to provide support to the ESG-CV subrecipients in our CoC.</li><li>○ 50% of funds will go to a Barriers Fund to help promote people’s housing stability. THN is hiring the Barriers Fund Coordinator. The first funds will likely be available at the beginning of 2021. Funds should last about 1.5 years, considering anticipated expenditures of approximately \$35,000 to approximately 30 households per month.</li></ul></li></ul>	Staff will continue to administer these pools of funding.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NLIHC Funds               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The CoC’s Community Investment Committee (CIC) has awarded about \$15,000, so far. Funds help communities without CoC, ESG, nor SSVF Program funds to address the coronavirus-related impacts on people experiencing homelessness. To solicit more applications, THN is considering increasing the amount an agency may apply for, or increasing the number of eligible counties.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The June CoC General Meeting’s Community Conversation focused on COVID-19. People are still working very hard to keep people experiencing homelessness safe.</li> <li>• CoC Program competition – In 2019, HUD released the NOFA on July 4<sup>th</sup>. But we have not yet seen the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW), which is a step that every CoC must complete before the NOFA is released. The competition may not happen; many people have advocated for cancelling it because we’re handling COVID. If no competition, we won’t need special called board meetings related to the competition.</li> </ul>	
ESG-CV Funding Recommendations	Staff presented a list of recommended projects to send to TDHCA to receive the first allocation of ESG-CV funds. Staff had run the competition and scored the applications, and the CIC finalized the recommendations to present to the board. The Board voted and approved sending the list of recommended agencies to TDHCA. (9 yes, 1 recusal)	Staff will forward the recommendations to TDHCA.
CoC Strategic Plan	The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) has revised the plan’s timeline: Staff will draft the plan, and SPC members will provide feedback. The SPC will finalize a draft in August to be available for public comment in September and October. The SPC will finalize the plan in October and send it to the board for approval in November.	None
Board Meeting and Board Orientation	Because the Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness will not be held in person this Fall, the CoC Board will meet on 9/23 for its September meeting. Board Orientation will be held on 10/28 from 2:00-4:00. A second date may be needed in for anyone who couldn’t attend the 10/28 date. Staff will also create training videos that board members may view on their own schedules.	Staff will create meeting invitations and registration links, and materials for the September meeting and October orientation.
	The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.	None

Chat log from the meeting:

Daphne Adams: Motion  
Barry Wheeler: second

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Kyle Moore: yes

Luis Cerda: yes

Linda White: yes

Daisy Lopez: yes

Barry Wheeler: yes approve

Antonio Williams: Yes

Dani Shaw: Yes

Luis Cerda: yes

Marcela Cervantes: yes

Dani Shaw: Thank you

marqus butler: marqus Butler is here. sorry I'm late

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: No worries, we are the 2:10 item, Sophia is giving updates

Daisy Lopez: no questions, Thank you Sophia

Antonio Williams: I'm good

Linda White: Thank you Sophia

Daphne Adams: Do I need to step off also?

Mollie Lund: You are not!

Daphne Adams: Okay thanks.

Daisy Lopez: That's great to see so many new Counties.

Linda White: no

Daisy Lopez: so 1-13 and 15 is still at the max of funding amount?

Antonio Williams: no

Barry Wheeler: no questions

Luis Cerda :how much is the total allocation for all ?

Mollie Lund: 7,272,289.00

marqus butler: so this information was presented to another group for approval

Luis Cerda: total availabe funding

Luis Cerda: yes thanks

Mary Stahlke: Yes, the Community Investment Committee considers funding decisions.

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Comal - Connections (Youth)

Daisy Lopez: none for me

Antonio Williams: none

Linda White: 2nd

Daisy Lopez: I'll motion

Daphne Adams: seconf

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Antonio Williams: 2  
Daphne Adams: second  
Barry Wheeler: second  
Linda White: no  
Barry Wheeler: yes  
Antonio Williams: yes  
Daisy Lopez: yes  
Linda White: yes  
Kyle Moore: yes  
Luis Cerda: yes  
Marcela Cervantes: yes  
marqus butler: yes  
Luis Cerda: are you muted?  
Luis Cerda: ok  
Kyle Moore: I almost said the same thing  
Sophia Checa: I mean... I am muted. :)  
Sophia Checa: I texted her.  
marqus butler: I have a question. Is our vote needed if this was already?  
Mary Stahlke: The CIC makes funding recommendations to the board, but the board has the final vote on funding awards.  
marqus butler: I heard approved not considered. if it was considered that's different I can understand the approach.  
marqus butler: ok thank you  
Daisy Lopez: that sounds good to me.  
Antonio Williams 2: yes  
Barry Wheeler: i am good with it  
marqus butler: sounds good  
Luis Cerda: me too  
Linda White: sounds good  
Kyle Moore: sounds good to me  
Dani Shaw: yes  
Daphne Adams: no preference  
Marcela Cervantes: sounds good  
Kyle Moore: zoom  
Dani Shaw: Videos are good  
Linda White: sounds good  
Luis Cerda: zoom

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Barry Wheeler: zoom

marqus butler: videos sound good

Daisy Lopez: that sounds good to me. Orientation videos are always great and flexible to people's schedule

Linda White: videos are good

Luis Cerda: yes

Kyle Moore: yes I like to see ppl

Daphne Adams: Same, I like to be able to see everyone also.

Kyle Moore: ok I didn't know that

Daisy Lopez: :) Hi Mary!

Linda White: Hi Kyle

Daisy Lopez: oh! Congrats Sophia!!!

marqus butler: congrats

Luis Cerda: I truly believe that we are not going to be able to meet face to face until next year. Face to face is the best way to meet because the span of attention

Daphne Adams: Congratulations!!!

Luis Cerda: congratulations

Sophia Checa: Thank you!

Linda White: WHAAAAT?

marqus butler: boy or girl

Sophia Checa: Boy

Barry Wheeler: congratulations!!!! Sophia!!!

Kyle Moore: hello .. sucks but I got quarantined .. had our 1st confirmed case in our homeless population.. and I happened to be the one to give her a ride to the testing site for a job

Kyle Moore: they put me and my intern at the hotel

Antonio Williams 2: What Dates are we recommending

Marcela Cervantes: Congratulations Sophia

Dani Shaw: I cannot hear Kyle through the phone

Mary Stahlke: That's interesting that you can't hear Kyle through the phone. We'll look into that.

Dani Shaw: Yeah. I can can if I listen through the app but not through the phone.

Dani Shaw: Antonio either

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: That's a new one for me, i'll check that out

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Laredo had 2 cases among in their communtiy

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Both cases were taken to the hospital and an extended stay was set up for the housing, unfortunatley they are seeing more cases

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: \*sorry for typos

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KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Work with the hospital till you secure hotel or housing project

Mary Stahlke: Hi, Melissa.

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Right now they are closed for quarantine for 14 days - FIC

Melissa Escamilla: hi everyone!

Antonio Williams 2: yes

Linda White: sounds great

Barry Wheeler: I am fine with leaving the seat vacant for 3 months and wait for the election

Linda White: lets just wait until election

Dani Shaw: Leave it open

Marcela Cervantes: wait for the election

Melissa Escamilla: wait for election

Antonio Williams 2: Wait

Barry Wheeler: Antion seems very confortable on web video.. like a pro :)

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Hahah

Barry Wheeler: Antonio\*

Luis Cerda: I need to jump to other conference sorry for that. thank you . please send the reminder for extraordinary meetings if needed

Linda White: Back to coordinating meeting dates?

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Amanda Tindell?

Linda White: I'm working on getting a mobile Health unit to come to Morris county each Monday for mental/behavioral health

Barry Wheeler: They need to always treat people with dignaty

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Amen Barry

Barry Wheeler: diginity\*

Antonio Williams 2: I hear Mary but I can't hear Kyle but I'll pray for great health.

Linda White: No my pre meeting question

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: for some reason the cell phone app isn't talking throught the conf line - so I have some homework

Linda White: BHNET meeting conflicted with our meeting

Linda White: How can we prevent this from happening again

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: As soon as we have next years slate of meetings we can compate them to LHC meetings?

Linda White: OK Thanks

Sophia: We can do that.

Daisy Lopez: yeah, that's tough. that would be good.

Sophia: Dani also said this is something to consider during the orientation.

marqus butler: executive session ?

marqus butler: wasn't sure if the discussion needed to occur in ex session

marqus butler: yes

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Daisy Lopez: thank you. Bye!

Linda White: THANK YOU

Daphne Adams: thanks everyone! Adios

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**Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held on July 22, 2020, at 2:00, by webinar.