

## **TX BoS CoC Board Nominations – Seat 10 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient/Entitlement Jurisdiction**

### **Emily Shafer Northrup**

Organization (if applicable): City of Corpus Christi

Job Title (if applicable): Homeless Outreach Coordinator

Do you live and/or work in the TX BoS CoC's geographic area?

Yes

If yes, in which TX BoS CoC county and/or counties do you live and/or work and would you represent on the CoC Board?

Nueces

Which seat are you seeking?

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Do you have lived experience of homelessness? In other words, have you ever lived in a homeless situation?

Yes

Are you affiliated with a HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program-funded project and/or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program-funded project operating in the TX BoS CoC?

Yes

If yes, indicate your role:

I do not provide direct services through these programs but I coordinate among them in my community

Are you the Chair of a Local Homeless Coalition (LHC)?

No

If yes, which LHC?

1. Please describe your personal and/or work experience with the population you would be representing in the designated seat, if elected.

Currently, I am the Homeless Outreach Coordinator for the City of Corpus Christi, which is an entitlement jurisdiction. In my role, I act as a liaison between homeless service providers, the public, elected officials, and city government. I perform and compile research about homelessness in Corpus Christi, and use my findings to make recommendations to executive leadership about local policy. I also use my research to make data-based presentations about homelessness to civic groups and social clubs several times a year. I am an active participant in Homeless Issues Partnership, which is the local homeless coalition in my community. I am on the PIT Count planning committee, and will assist in the community count design and volunteer training efforts for the upcoming count. I also host a weekly round-table conference call with local homeless service providers in which we discuss responses to Covid-19, share resources, collaborate around best practices, and address challenges as a group.

2. Please describe how you have participated in the TX BoS CoC in the past.

I am fairly new to the BoS CoC, but I am an active participant in Homeless Issues Partnership, the local homeless coalition in Nueces County. As a member of HIP, I attend monthly meetings, help plan local events like the homeless resources fair and PIT Count, and participate in many others. I am also the general point of contact between the community and city government regarding issues surrounding homelessness, which provides a unique perspective on how the local service delivery system operates.

3. Please describe your experience, if any, working with the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program or similar programs focused on ending homelessness (ESG, SSVF, PATH, and RHY).

I do not have experience working directly for HUD CoC or similar programs. However, I am responsible for coordinating among these programs, and I work directly with their staff to support their missions and amplify their impacts. For instance, I assembled a task force to address homelessness among veterans in Corpus Christi, and each of these programs were represented in the group.

4. Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors, including any leadership roles.

I have never served on a Board of Directors before.

5. Please describe your experience, if any, with managing grants.

I am currently the administrator of the Homeless Housing Services Program (HHSP) awarded through TDHCA. I am responsible for the creation and execution of the local award competition, as well as setting program goals, compliance monitoring, reporting, and program evaluation. I am an active participant in the local planning process for Corpus Christi's ESG-CV award. I also have experience as a grant writer on behalf of several organizations.

\* 6. Please describe your specific skills that can benefit the CoC.

I have lived experience of short term homelessness and long term housing instability. I also have extensive academic training in social science research methods, public policy making, strategic planning, program evaluation, and principles of public management. I am a skilled public speaker and experienced media spokesperson. In my current professional role, I have been tasked with creating the Homeless and Housing Division for the City of Corpus Christi. This experience has led me to be deeply involved in my local homeless service provider community, and further developed my communication, administrative, and organizational skills.

7. Why do you want to serve on the CoC Board?

I am a vocal supporter of THN and it's mission. I am honored by the opportunity to expand my advocacy for marginalized folks and see this as a valuable learning experience to actively strengthen my commitment to social justice for all people. I want to use my skills to make homelessness in Texas rare, brief, and non-recurring and serving as a board member for the BoS CoC is a way to do that while also deepening my understanding of the CoC and how it works.

8. If you are elected to the board, what do you plan to work on and accomplish?

If I am elected to the board, I would like to devote considerable time and energy toward reducing disparities in rates of homeless experiences among Texans of Color and members of the LGBTQIA+ community, expanding Coordinated Entry, and identifying ways to increase HMIS usage in communities like mine

9. What else would you like the CoC members to know about you?

I'm a pragmatic optimist, I believe in the power of data to create a more just, equitable, and accessible Texas. I'm a recent graduate of the Master of Public Administration program at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, where I focused on public management and research methods for public and non-profit organizations. I am an active member of Homeless Issues Partnership (HIP). I am a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. I have two children, two dogs, two cats, and two goats. My pronouns are she/her/hers.