

TX Bos CoC Board Nomination – Seat 14 – Faith Community or Faith-Based Organization

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Organization (if applicable):

Job Title (if applicable): Retired

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?

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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?

No

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?

Unsure

If yes, indicate your role:

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.

I retired in 2017 following 17 years here with Greater Longview United Way as Community Impact Coordinator which involved working closely with all aspects of the community. Prior to that I was in ministry in Boston/Cambridge, MA in the 1990s as a student minister at Tufts University as well as Minister of Missions, Campus Minister and Administrator at a local church ministering heavily to the homeless population. I spent 6 years following that in the same roles at a church in Greensboro, NC reaching out to the homeless and those with AIDS. Prior to that I served as Business Manager for a school district in East Texas. I served with a United Way in East Texas for 14 years as Executive Director as well as other careers.

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

Working through United Way with the community agencies that are a part of the CoC and Housing Authority. Involvement serving on committees in the area

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 served 17 years with United Way as Community Impact Coordinator thus working very closely with the agencies in the CoC and Housing and basic needs to help the homeless

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

Longview Nonprofit Coalition - Former President, Board Member Zonta Club of Greater East Texas - charter board member, Former President Longview Interfaith Hospitality Network - Family Promise, former board member Pathways Counseling Center - former board member Northeast Texas Homeless Network - former Treasurer Various boards and civic club Served on various community, faith, committees

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

Managed for 16 years a grant to Greater Longview United Way INFOline (Information & Referral System)

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

Networking Community volunteerism Facilitator Ability to listen well Bringing people to the table Encouragement Extensive business background Passion for alleviating homelessness

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

To utilize my many years of varied experiences to further the process of alleviating homelessness

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

Working with the CoC to simplify the process of Coordinated Entry and any projects I can help with

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

I would count it an honor to serve utilizing my experience . I have enjoyed my VISTA experience working with THN and Nick, Samantha, Savannah, Linda and all the THN team. I was recruited for the VISTA service by the community to return from retirement to help with the coalition and coordinated entry enhancement.