

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

CoC Board Meeting

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NOTES

Board Members Present: Daphne Adams, , Marcela Cervantes, Melissa Escamilla, Daisy Lopez, John Meier, Andrea Omojola, Dani Shaw, Barry Wheeler, Linda White, and Antonio Williams

Absent: Marqus Butler, Luís Cerda, Norma Mercado, Kyle Moore

Staff present: Sophia Checa, Margaret Hill, Mary Stahlke, Jim Ward, and Linda Xiong

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action/Next Steps
Welcome	Sophia Checa welcomed everyone to the meeting, and at 2:17, when audio difficulties were handled, the meeting began.	None
Consent Agenda	Sophia presented the Consent Agenda. Members made no comments about it, and members voted and approved it.	None
COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESG-CARES Act Funds (ESG-CV)--second allocation: We will know more about it after the TDHCA Board meeting in September. TDHCA is seeking more coverage across the state and working with agencies that are new to ESG. PHAs may not administer ESG. • CSBG-CARES Act funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ THN has a contract from TDHCA. THN has hired the ESG Specialist to provide support to the ESG-CV subrecipients in our CoC. ○ 50% of funds will go to a Barriers Fund to help promote people’s housing stability. THN is hiring the Barriers Fund Coordinator. • NLIHC Funds -- The CoC’s Community Investment Committee (CIC) met 2 weeks ago but had no new applications to consider. They will expand outreach to counties who haven’t yet received an award. CIC may consider expanding the eligible counties. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The CIC will vote on 3 additional members, and the Board will consider approving those 3 members at the 8/26 meeting. • CoC Program competition – HUD may not require CoCs to hold competitions this year. • Members discussed COVID in their communities 	Staff will continue to administer these funds and monitor the status of the CoC Program competition.

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Coordinated Entry Written Standards	Staff presented proposed revisions to the CE Written Standards. The revisions include the addition of a section on diversion; a re-organizing of the document; and minor changes throughout, based on what is working in CE implementations. Board members voted and approved the CE Written Standards, as proposed.	Staff will implement the revised CE Written Standards.
CoC Board Nominees	Staff presented the slate of nominees. The Board voted and approved the slate.	Staff will move forward with holding the election.
CoC Strategic Plan	Staff drafted the plan and emailed it to SPC members and staff for 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 or December.	Staff will continue drafting the plan, seeking input, and preparing materials for public comment.
How communities are addressing homelessness	Board members gave information from their communities.	None
	The meeting adjourned at 3:27 P.M.	None

Chat log from the meeting:

Andrea Omojola: Late lunch. Hope you dont mind if I eat.

Mary Stahlke: No problem.

Andrea Omojola: Does she have the top left sound up?

Melissa Escamilla: yes

Melissa Escamilla: i cant hear her right not

Mary Stahlke: I can't hear her

Daphne Adams: No

Daphne Adams: I am hearing a weird sound

Andrea Omojola: Can everyone mute their

Melissa Escamilla: theres a lot of feedback

Dani Shaw: There is a very disruptive sound

Jim Ward: yes

Mary Stahlke: Yes, I hear it.

Linda White 2: Hi I can't seem to get it to where I can be heard so I will

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write in my responses

Linda Xiong: I believe it may be coming from the 903 number?

Dani Shaw: can everyone mute?

Jim Ward: It is

Andrea Omojola: Please mute the 903 number

Daphne Adams: Its gone

Daisy Lopez: I'm so sorry, just logged in.

Daphne Adams: Its back

Mary Stahlke: Hi, Daisy.

Daphne Adams: Not now

Jim Ward: its gone

Linda White 2: GOOD

Melissa Escamilla: none

Andrea Omojola: None

Dani Shaw: None

BARRY Wheeler: I am on and can see everyone, is my camera on?

Daphne Adams: Motion

Andrea Omojola: 2nd

Linda White 2: 2ND

Andrea Omojola: yes

Melissa Escamilla: yes

Linda White 2: YES

Antonio Williams 2: yes

Dani Shaw: yes

BARRY Wheeler: yes

Daisy Lopez: yes

John Meier: yes

Marcela Cervantes: Yes

BARRY Wheeler: no worry about compitition?

Mary Stahlke: The technical assistance provider to the Waco YHDP program said that CoCs don't need to worry about the CoC Program competition. But we're stil waiting to get official word from HUD about whether or not there

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will be a competition this year.

BARRY Wheeler: thanks mary

Linda White 2: MORRIS COUNTY IS DOING WELL. IOW NUMBERS

Dani Shaw: I spoke with her today

Mary Stahlke: I heard you, Dani.

Linda Xiong: I can hear you Dani.

Linda White 2: Everyone is staying well

Linda White 2: I have precautions in place and everyone is compliant

Sophia Checa: We heard you.

Dani Shaw: heard you

Linda White 2: I've given my group hand sanitizer and masks. And done teaching on handwashing and frequent sanitizing of home surfaces

Daphne Adams: yes

Sophia Checa: Yes!

Sophia Checa: sophia@thn.org

Mary Stahlke: Board member, John Meier, is the current chair of the CE Steering Committee. Thanks, John!

Sophia Checa: We also focused on areas that were required to implement Coordinated Entry because they receive some kind of federal funding.

Sophia Checa: ^Regarding the coverage area not being ALL of the BoS

Dani Shaw: Who developed this image?

Sophia Checa: Linda did

Dani Shaw: its great

Sophia Checa: For our Written Standards

Sophia Checa: Right?!

Mary Stahlke: For comparison, many CoCs have one CE implementation, and we have 17. We're also working to get all other BoS areas covered.

Sophia Checa: She made a lot of great infographics to simplify the information in the written standards.

Melissa Escamilla: Not yet its on my to do list

BARRY Wheeler: regarding teh CE, is the reason we only have 17 is because it is a recent initiative or, funding or staffing?

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Linda White 2: It was a lot of info! I got through part of it

Dani Shaw: I have reviewed

John Meier: I have reviewed, very excited about updates

BARRY Wheeler: do we have a roll out plan with targeted numbers and dates?

Dani Shaw: roll out plan for regions?

Mary Stahlke: Yes, we'll have new implementations because some new agencies received CoC Program funding and ESG-CARES Act funds, so they'll need to start CE in their areas.

Antonio Williams 2: Reviewed but not indepth

BARRY Wheeler: thanks jum

BARRY Wheeler: thanks Jim*

Sophia Checa: Pretty much

Sophia Checa: Linda did a great job of incorporating more graphics to move it from being a wall of text.

Dani Shaw: that helpful. The flow charts are good as well.

Dani Shaw: *is

Dani Shaw: Stepping off now. Thank you.

Sophia Checa: Thanks, Dani!

Daisy Lopez: VSP process outlined in this way is indeed very helpful

Sophia Checa: That is great to hear, DaisY!

Sophia Checa: Linda did a lot and got a lot of feedback from TCFV.

Daisy Lopez: the process flowcharts are also a huge improvement, visual aids are always great to have

Mary Stahlke: Bye, Dani!

Daisy Lopez: thank you, Linda for your hard work on this.

BARRY Wheeler: thank you Linda

Linda White 2: Thank you Linda

Mary Stahlke: It's on pages 18 and 19 in the Board Mtg packet

Daisy Lopez: thank you for sharing the public comment, this was helpful to see

Andrea Omojola: no questions

Antonio Williams 2: Overall Were the policy changes drastic or slight?

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John Meier: I move that we adopt the new CE written standards

Antonio Williams 2: thx!

John Meier: I make a motion to adopt yhe new CE written standards

Antonio Williams 2: sseond

Linda White 2: 2nd

BArry Wheeler: I mover to adopt the new standards

Melissa Escamilla: yes

John Meier: yes

Daphne Adams: yes

Marcela Cervantes: yes

Linda White 2: yes

Andrea Omojola: yes

BArry Wheeler: Yhe new.... old english?

BArry Wheeler: yes.

Antonio Williams 2: yes

BArry Wheeler: thank you for the graphics they are great

John Meier: Tremdous job, brings a lot of clarity

Andrea Omojola: I move we approve the slate

Daphne Adams: This is awesome. I remember when I ran before there were some seats that were open at this time.

BArry Wheeler: i second

Daisy Lopez: no questions, this was great to see lived experience representation

Andrea Omojola: so moved

Melissa Escamilla: 2nd

John Meier: Yes

Daphne Adams: yes

BArry Wheeler: yes

Daisy Lopez: yes

Antonio Williams 2: yes

Andrea Omojola: yyes

Linda White 2: yes



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Marcela Cervantes: yes

Daisy Lopez: none for me

Linda White 2: No questions

John Meier: Set on a call yesterday with Community Solutions that stated there will no longer be charging communities to participate in Built For Zero

Jim Ward: woowee! I wondered if they were moving in that direction

Melissa Escamilla: thats good news

Andrea Omojola: great news

Sophia Checa: YAYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY!

Linda White 2: I'm working with UT tyler to get their Mobile Health Unit to come to Morrid county. They offer free and sliding scale health care for the homeless and people in danger of becoming homeless

Sophia Checa: YAYYYY! Linda!

Daisy Lopez: thats amazing!

Daisy Lopez: I will definitely come ready next meeting to share :)

Daisy Lopez: you got it!

Linda White 2: Thank you Mary, for all of your suppoert with my effort

Melissa Escamilla: THANK YOU!! :)

Linda White 2: thank you!

Daisy Lopez: thank you, bye

Sophia Checa: Thank you!

Antonio Williams 2: bye

Sophia Checa: Y'all are great!

John Meier: Thank you

Sophia Checa: Keep up the great work! Holler if you need anything.

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