

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

CoC Board Meeting

August 26, 2020, by Webinar

NOTES

Approved 9/23/2020

Board Members Present: Daphne Adams, Marqus Butler, Luís Cerda, Marcela Cervantes, Melissa Escamilla, Daisy Lopez, John Meier, Norma Mercado, Kyle Moore, Andrea Omojola, Dani Shaw, Barry Wheeler, Linda White, and Antonio Williams
Staff present: Kraig Blaize-Fiero, Sophia Checa, Margaret Hill, Mary Stahlke, Jim Ward, and Linda Xiong

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action/Next Steps
Welcome	Melissa Escamilla, Vice Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.	None
Consent Agenda	Melissa presented the Consent Agenda. Members made no comments about, and they approved, the 7/22/2020 Board Meeting minutes and the July CoC Lead Agency Report.	None
Coordinated Entry (CE) Prioritization Standards	Staff presented proposed revisions to the CE Written Standards in order to use CE as a way to meet urgent needs related to Covid-19. The temporary prioritization order was developed using CDC guidance. The proposed revisions went through the public comment process. Board members approved the CE prioritization standards, as proposed.	CE implementations in the BoS CoC will use the revised CE prioritization standards.
CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy	Staff presented proposed revisions to the CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy. The revisions make the policy apply to all projects operating in the CoC, not only those receiving CoC Program funding, and they add a complaint process. The proposed revisions went through the public comment process. Board members approved the policy, as proposed.	Staff will create implementation guidelines to help projects use the policy. Consider doing a marketing campaign to raise awareness about the policy.
Community Investment Committee (CIC)	Staff presented information about three new members to join the CIC, representing their geographic “region” of the CoC. General members were restricted to voting only for people running in their regions. Board members approved the people to serve on the CIC.	None
Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network (THDSN)	THN President and CEO, Eric Samuels, presented the THDSN. The THDSN would allow for aggregate data to be shared among the 11 CoCs in Texas. Data from each CoC’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) would go through a data warehouse and provide statewide data for targeting resources, educating the public and policy makers, reporting, and providing better services to people experiencing homelessness. The data will be shared only with homeless services providers, but in the future, data	Staff will post the agreement on Google Drive so members can comment on it. Staff will post the THSDN presentation on Basecamp for members to view.

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	may be shared with other systems (education, health care, mental health care, and law enforcement). Eric asked if the board would be willing to sign the Data Sharing Agreement. The board members asked for more time to review the Data Sharing Agreement before signing it.	Staff will facilitate a process for members to vote on whether or not to sign the Data Sharing Agreement.
CoC Board	Staff presented the names of the members who were elected.	Staff will work with new board members to prepare them to start their terms on October 1 st .
CoC Strategic Plan	The due date for the plan has been extended because a gaps analysis is being conducted by Homebase, and results will be available in February 2021. Also, staff wanted more time to seek input on the plan from persons with lived experience of homelessness, local homeless coalitions, and other key stakeholders. The plan is scheduled to go for public comment in April 2021 and to the board in September 2021.	Staff will continue drafting the plan, seeking input, and preparing materials for public comment.
Announcements	Clarification: THN staff are not traveling through the end of 2020, not 2021.	None
	The meeting adjourned at 3:33 P.M.	

Chat log from the meeting:

Sophia Checa: I just muted a few people to be able to hear better.

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: 3

Daisy Lopez: I motion to approve

Kyle Moore: I second

Antonio Williams: 2nd

Norma Mercado: Yes

Antonio Williams: yes

Daphne Adams: Yes

Daisy Lopez: yes

Melissa Escamilla: yes

Luis Cerda: yes

Marqus Butler: Yes

Norma Mercado : Can you mute my microphone?

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: yes

John Meier: yes

Daisy Lopez: no questions. thank you these updates. I always love reading them.

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BARRY WHEELER: yes
Antonio Williams: I so move
Daphne Adams: second
John Meier: yes
Daisy Lopez: yes
Antonio Williams: yes
Norma Mercado : Yes
Sophia Checa: Good! We are also always open to suggestions for improving the report and questions.
Dani Shaw: yes
Melissa Escamilla: yes
Kyle Moore: yes
BARRY WHEELER: yes
Marqus Butler: Yes
KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO::)
Sophia Checa: I love seeing everyone's faces.
Dani Shaw: No questions here.
Daphne Adams: No questions from me.
Daisy Lopez: no questions either.
Antonio Williams: no questions
BARRY WHEELER: no questions
Norma Mercado : No questions
Mary Stahlke: Theses are time-limited, right?
Kyle Moore: I'm good
Marqus Butler: No questions
Daphne Adams: Motion
Daisy Lopez: second
Norma Mercado : Yes
Dani Shaw: yes
Antonio Williams :yes
John Meier: yes
Andrea Omojola: yes
Marqus Butler: yes
Daisy Lopez: yes
Kyle Moore: yes
Linda White: yes

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Dani Shaw: You had me at one page :)

Sophia Checa: LOL

Andrea Omojola: lol

Daisy Lopez: that's right I agree that possibly concerns are routed to funders

Sophia Checa: It

Linda White: The only question is can there be a waiver of denial for old non violent felonies.

Sophia Checa: s also important to mention that we didn't have an explicit way for participants to reach out to us in the old policy.

Linda White: ok.

Linda White: THANK YOU

Mary Stahlke: It's good that we're increasing transparency.

Daisy Lopez: how would this policy help hold individual programs accountable. for example, is this to be provided by programs to clients?

Marqus Butler: Is there any level of oversight?

Linda White: is there going to be an oversight committee.

Daisy Lopez: thats a good distinction between funded vs unfunded federally. thank you for clarifying that implementation is still being considered.

Mary Stahlke: Could we ask LHCs to adopt this policy, too?

Dani Shaw: I would think you would want to address it through funded programs not LHC level

Dani Shaw: LHC don't have authority over private organizations

Daphne Adams: I agree with Dani

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: I doubt LHCs would want to agree to oversight like that

Marqus Butler: My agency struggles with LBGT2Q young adults housing and homelessness.

Daisy Lopez: thats a great idea Dani

Linda White: great idea Dani

Marqus Butler: I like this idea

Linda White: More education during orientation might help

Daisy Lopez: I motion to approve the policy

Andrea Omojola: second

Marqus Butler: second

Linda White: 2nd

Daphne Adams: yes

Dani Shaw: Yes

Daisy Lopez: yes

Luis Cerda: yes

John Meier: yes

Norma Mercado : yes

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Linda White: yes
Antonio Williams: yes
Melissa Escamilla: yes
Marqus Butler: yes
Andrea Omojola: yes
BARRY WHEELER: yes
Kyle Moore: yes
Dani Shaw: The nomination is one vote
Luis Cerda: yes
Linda White: yes
Antonio Williams: no questions
Andrea Omojola: for the person who had no votes, was there any opposition?
Andrea Omojola: i mean more public opposition...does that make sense?
Daisy Lopez: wow, has that happened before? low vote count?
Andrea Omojola: NO. I'm just asking
Andrea Omojola: LOL!
Marqus Butler: Klye what are you eating. Your making me hungry
KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: I think thats the most ever
Daisy Lopez: that's great! :)
Linda White: no
KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO::D
Kyle Moore: egg rolls
Andrea Omojola: Motion
BARRY WHEELER: second
Linda White: 2nd
Dani Shaw: Yes
Kyle Moore: yes
Andrea Omojola: yes
Melissa Escamilla: yes
Antonio Williams: yes
Daphne Adams: yes
Marqus Butler: Yes
BARRY WHEELER: yes
Linda White: yes
Daisy Lopez: yes

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Luis Cerda: yes

Norma Mercado : ys

John Meier: yes

Norma Mercado : yes

Kyle Moore: I'm currently in our food truck park .. lol

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Let me go grab Eric

Dani Shaw: Melissa, You are doing a great job!

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: He also has a PPT

Sophia Checa: This is probably my favorite CoC Board Meeting in the 7 years I've been at THN. So many people showing their video and great questions and discussion!

Dani Shaw: Video is a nice improvement

Sophia Checa: Agreed

Daisy Lopez: <3 thanks Sophia :)

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: This PPT is in the materials below now

Norma Mercado : Its about time! ;-)

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: TDEM - Texas Dept. of Emergency Management

Marqus Butler: What state or federal mandate will give the data agreement a level of accountability? Have other CoC had an opporunity to review the agreement?

Norma Mercado : Is there the possiblility for School District Homeless Liaisons to have access to the HMIS data ?

Norma Mercado : To view and input applications

Marqus Butler: Yes. One more question Do some CoC struggle with data collectionjames morris?

Mary Stahlke: But our staff spends a lot of time training HMIS users and working with them to make sure that data is entered in a timely manner and that it is complete and accurate.

Norma Mercado : Its a good start..

Sophia Checa: Last I spoke with them, it wasn't still happening in Waco.

Linda White: what kinds of data will be shared?

John Meier: For providers offering PSH this would be a big win

Linda White: If they are a veteran, the veteran's administration would need to be in the loop

Melissa Escamilla: yes we need more VA participation

Melissa Escamilla: i agree John

Andrea Omojola: I know you said this but besides El Paso what other CoC's have already agreed to participate?

Andrea Omojola: Agreed

Marqus Butler: Do you expect any hesitation from local CoC's? I agree with Dani Shaw.

Linda White: YES

Luis Cerda: I am sorry I have to leave I have another call at 3

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Luis Cerda: thank you

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Thank you Luix

Sophia Checa: Thanks, Luis!

KRAIG BLAIZE- FIERO: Luis*

Norma Mercado : Great point Dani!! I think this is a great start and it will remove barriers for families facing homelessness

Dani Shaw: That's interesting

Linda White: I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO READ THE AGREEMENT SO, I HESITATE TO AGREE UNTIL I HAVE A CHANCE TO READ IT

Andrea Omojola: I think it would be good for us to table a motion at this time and review the documentation and come back to it at our next board meeting?

Andrea Omojola: And that would also allow for us to hear a bit more about the outcomes of the other meetings you've got scheduled.

Daphne Adams: I agree. I definitely want to read and have a better understanding.

Linda White: I AGREE ANDREA

Sophia Checa: Haha

John Meier: Could we have a copy of the flow chart?

Linda White: I make a motion to table it until we have a chance to review it

Norma Mercado : Can we have a special meeting to review and approve..I dont want to delay.. this is very important

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO:@john from the PPT?

John Meier: Yes

Mary Stahlke: Eric's presentation is in the "Today's Materials" pod.

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: The PPT is below here so you can download :)

Norma Mercado : Specially with another hurricane coming...Electronic vote is quicker

Daphne Adams: A week is great

Daisy Lopez: that sounds good

Linda White: a week is good

Norma Mercado : A week from today

John Meier: Thank you

Marqus Butler: are teh attorney's still reviewing the document?

Andrea Omojola: I think a week makes sense. I read it but hearing his presentation puts a different spin on it for me.

Antonio Williams: fine

BARRY WHEELER: is there an online voting process?

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: g/2

Kyle Moore: that's cool then maybe a survey monkey

Andrea Omojola: That's fine.

BARRY WHEELER: or we can be as simple as email one person their vote

John Meier: yes from the presentation, and downlaoded it, thank you

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Linda White: the mail is good

BARRY WHEELER: I think the email is more official as it has the members email address for verification

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: 9/2

Norma Mercado : Thank you!

Linda White: no

Dani Shaw: Thanks Eric!

Linda White: yay

Dani Shaw: Congrats!

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Congrats y'all!!

Daisy Lopez: yay! Congrats! thanks!

Kyle Moore: welcome y'all

Daphne Adams: Congratulations to all! New and returning!

Melissa Escamilla: Congraats Kyle, Daisy, and Daphne!!

Norma Mercado : Congratulations!!

Linda White: Congratulations, welcome!

Norma Mercado : Love that!

Andrea Omojola: Are you sending snacks to each of our homes? LOL ;)

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: CoC funds cant be used to by food ;)

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Otherwise I would :D

Andrea Omojola: HAHAHA

Linda White: I LOVE that idea!

Sophia Checa: Do any continuing CoC Board Members not have a blue Housing Ends Homelessness shirt?

Norma Mercado : Thank you

Daphne Adams: I have a turquoise one

Andrea Omojola: Looks great. Sad about not getting to see you all in person. :)

Dani Shaw: Looks good

Linda White: It looks great to me!

BARRY WHEELER: yes, I like the idea of the vision and mission statement planning

Norma Mercado : Shirt would be cool

KRAIG [BLAIZE-FIERO:kraig@thn.org](mailto:kraig@thn.org) email me your size :)

Kyle Moore: I have to run and meet our judge to get a warrant signed ... let me know what y'all decide I will go with majority

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: sounds good Kyle! Stay safe out there

Andrea Omojola: Be safe.

Andrea Omojola: Yes.

Linda White: yes

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BARRY WHEELER: yes, i am good with the dates and topics

Daisy Lopez: yes, they look good to me

Norma Mercado : yes

John Meier: yes

Dani Shaw: Yes

Daphne Adams: yes

Antonio Williams: yes

Linda White: I've got go I have hurricane guests here

Andrea Omojola: Bye Linda.

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Stay safe!

Andrea Omojola: I'd be there.

Dani Shaw: It will be easier to do since it will be virtual

Norma Mercado : I can attend

BARRY WHEELER: i plan to attend

Antonio Williams: I'm in

Daphne Adams: I can attend.

Daisy Lopez: I should be able to attend

Norma Mercado : I miss the in person meetings and tranings ;-(

Sophia Checa: Hopefully we can return to them next year or by 2025

Sophia Checa: :P

Andrea Omojola: Right

Daisy Lopez: lol

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Mary, for public comment: What if we did a town hall/conf line type set up for comment?

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: TYPO!!!!!!

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Don't leave me alone for that long

Melissa Escamilla: lol kraig

Andrea Omojola: Congratulations! But we'll miss you!!!!

Antonio Williams: congratulations!!!

Andrea Omojola: You're awesome.

Melissa Escamilla: congrats sophia!

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO::D

Daisy Lopez: awe... we'll miss you! Best of luck and Congrats Sophia!

Daphne Adams: Congratulations on all the amazing things in your life!

Norma Mercado : congratulations!! we are going to miss you

Andrea Omojola: We love y'all.

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Dani Shaw: Congrats!

Norma Mercado : Thank you!

Dani Shaw: Thnak you for your service MELissa!

Andrea Omojola: motion

Daisy Lopez: awe gosh!!! Best to you Melissa!

Norma Mercado : I second

Daisy Lopez: thank you all!

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Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held on September 23, 2020, at 2:00, by webinar.