

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

CoC Board Meeting

November 18, 2020, by Webinar

NOTES

Board Members Present: Daphne Adams, Katherine Bisson, Marqus Butler, Tavia Hatfield, Daisy Lopez, Norma Mercado, Kyle Moore, Emily Shafer Northrup, Andrea Omojola, Pamela Segura, Dani Shaw, Barry Wheeler, Linda White, and Antonio Williams

Board Members Absent: John Meier

Staff present: Kraig Blaize-Fiero, Kyra Henderson, Margaret Hill, Mollie Lund, Mary Stahlke, Jim Ward, and Kristin Zakoor

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action/Next Steps
Welcome	Daphne' Adams, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.	None
Consent Agenda	Daphne' presented the Consent Agenda. Members approved the 10/28 meeting minutes and the October Lead Agency Report and ratified the electronic vote on the CoC Committees Policy revisions.	Staff will post the revised version of the policy on THN's website.
ESG-CV-II competition grievances	Staff presented grievances from two applicants related to the ESG-CARES Act, Round II competition that THN facilitated; staff responses; and supporting materials. The Board discussed the matter and denied the grievances. Two board members with a conflict of interest recused themselves from the discussion and decision.	The Assistant Director of Planning will notify the applicants that filed grievances of the Board's decisions.
Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	Staff presented HUD's guidance on conducting an unsheltered PIT Count in 2021 and proposed three options of methodology to use. The Board approved an "observation-only" count.	Staff will use the approved methodology and will provide training materials for PIT Leads and community volunteers, accordingly.
CoC Board Orientation	Members reviewed orientation materials, including information about the CoC, conflicts of interest, and upcoming activities.	The board will finish reviewing the orientation materials at their December meeting.
	The meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.	

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held on December 16, 2020, at 2:00, by webinar.

Chat log:

Andrea Omojola: so moved

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Linda White: yes

Daphne Adams: yes

Marqus Butler: Yes

Antonio Williams: Yes

Tavia Hatfield: yes

Andrea Omojola: move that we approve the consent agenda as written

Linda White: 2nd

Emily Northrup: second

Daphne Adams: yes

Linda White: yes

Antonio Williams: yes

Emily Northrup: yes

Tavia Hatfield: yes

Katherine Bisson: yes

Andrea Omojola: yes

Daisy Lopez: yes

Barry Wheeler: yes

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Motion passes

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: 385.9 miles away to be exact

Linda White: Lets discuss this one first

Marqus Butler: What was the basis of the grievance?

Marqus Butler: Your answering the question.

Linda White: Does Cameron county have any funding from THN?

Mollie Lund: Linda - they do.

Daisy Lopez: was Cameron an eligible county for prioritization

Mollie Lund: & Loaves and Fishes!

Antonio Williams: Do I need to recuse myself? My PHA applied & we're conditionally approved.

Pamela Segura: Is this a common error or an omission of details?

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: @Barry sorry for that

Linda White: As long as Cameron county receives funding by a reputable agency, I think that the current decision is appropriate.

Andrea Omojola: I'm not comfortable with adjusting the committee's original recommendation since they didn't provide additional narrative regarding use of the funds in that particular area.

Linda White: I agree with Andrea

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KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Yes

Marqus Butler: Can you go back up

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Yes

Barry Wheeler: if we have a question on the application we have the right and duty to call them for clarification

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Originally they did have Cameron, but no verbiage explained how they would serve that county

Linda White: That has happened in the Northeast district and Morris county has not benefited from funds that were given to an approved agency. I appreciate your diligence to detail and for questioning this application.

Linda White: Yes, I agree

Andrea Omojola: Does this require a vote

Andrea Omojola: ?

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: It will yes

Tavia Hatfield: I agree

Andrea Omojola: Gotcha

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: The lack of detail in this application and the grievance itself speak volumes

Andrea Omojola: Exactly Kraig

Emily Northrup: in this case, it seems like THN did their due diligence

Tavia Hatfield: I lost audio

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Is it back?

Tavia Hatfield: yes

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Kyle and Jim were discussing recusal

Emily Northrup: thanks for that clarification, I had the same question about recusal

Daisy Lopez: I agree, THN's recommendation was appropriate. I think not including the county info on the narrative questions demonstrates there activity may not have been the initial thought.

Mollie Lund: yes

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Yes

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Yes

Tavia Hatfield: yes

Andrea Omojola: I motion that we approve to uphold the recommendation made by THN.

Linda White: I second

kyle moore: yes

Andrea Omojola: Yes

Barry Wheeler: yes

Emily Northrup: yes

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Linda White: YES
Daisy Lopez: yes
Tavia Hatfield: yes
Norma Mercado 2: yes
KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Daphne' recused
Marqus Butler: yes
KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Motion passes
Marqus Butler: I think this is cut and dry. No!
Linda White: Sorry, but the rules apply to everyone.
KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Yes
Tavia Hatfield: motion to keep as is
Linda White: Second
Linda White: yes
kyle moore: yes
Antonio Williams: Am I still recused?
Emily Northrup: yes
KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Nope your good
Marqus Butler: yes
Daisy Lopez: yes
Norma Mercado 2: Have we had this issue before?
Jim Ward: Antonio you are recused
KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: ok
KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Daphne & Antonio = recused
KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: need two more yesses
Barry Wheeler: yes
Norma Mercado 2: what is the motion?
Linda White: yes
Andrea Omojola: yes
KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: They missed the deadline and are not eligible to move forward
Norma Mercado 2: Sorry i am confused...so keep as is means what?
Tavia Hatfield: correct
Norma Mercado 2: Okay, I vote yes. I agree we need to be consistant.
Pamela Segura: Yes

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Norma Mercado 2: Thank you

Kyra Henderson (she/her): <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Conducting-the-2021-Unsheltered-PIT-Count.pdf>

Kristin Zakoor: To add to what Kyra said about the full count, HUD is highly discouraging that method.

Kristin Zakoor: Due to health risks for volunteers and participants

Linda White: From a nursing stand point; I would recommend the least amount of contact as possible= observation only.

Kristin Zakoor: Thank you Linda for your expert opinion!

Norma Mercado 2: Shorten the survey and observation would be my choice

kyle moore: im either or--- im our everyday with the population- if you have your masks and gloves

Norma Mercado 2: Normally we do more than one

Norma Mercado 2: yes

Norma Mercado: ok

Norma Mercado: I dont mind the short servey, but due to COVID observation would be my choice

Tavia Hatfield: I agree Andrea!

Emily Northrup: i have the same concerns as Andrea

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: We have shut down all volunteers in the office here as well

Emily Northrup: exactly, we have worked very hard to reduce contact among folks as much as possible. I don't want to undo that work

Andrea Omojola: gotcha Thanks for the clarification

Andrea Omojola: we would support observation only

Daisy Lopez: I support the safest option and go with observation only.This would require us to be creative with education and awareness .

Marqus Butler: I say observation. If we're voting

Tavia Hatfield: out trauma safety hospital service area is at negative 18 beds so from a public health standpoint the Lubbock region is extremely unsafe right now for face to face contact

Norma Mercado: We are going to loose valuable information, I am hoping that HUD will consider that for funding

Tavia Hatfield: yes Norma I think it's a hard issue

Kristin Zakoor: Yes, Norma, they understand that this is a shift and we are losing valubale information and have said that they will not penalize communities.

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: I have a feeling its goigng to be harder this year than normal just recruiting volunteers

Norma Mercado: I agree with loosing information but I am more concern about people being safe and limiting covid exposure

Emily Northrup: this is for unsheltered folks, correct? Will the sheltered count be the full survey?

Kristin Zakoor: That is correct, Emily. Sheltered will go on as normal.

Emily Northrup: ok, so we will get some data....

Kristin Zakoor: Yes, we will still be able to have a decent data set with the sheltered data.

Linda White: Yes

Andrea Omojola: I move that we move forward with the 3rd option for observation option.

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Linda White: 2nd

Marqus Butler: Motion 3

Daphne Adams: yes

Andrea Omojola: yes

Emily Northrup: yes

Antonio Williams: Yes

Tavia Hatfield: yes

Linda White: yes

Daisy Lopez: yes

kyle moore: ok .. yes

Barry Wheeler: yes, for 2021

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Majority is yes, motion passes

Barry Wheeler: going back to the old way in 2022... when COVID is gone

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: ^^

Kristin Zakoor: I agree, Barry! 2022 we will be back to biz as usual! :)

Marqus Butler: I have to step out really quickly.

Mary Stahlke: OK.

Emily Northrup: afk..brb

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: HAAHAH

Jim Ward: She had to hop off

Daphne Adams: Registering early is helpful

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: I need those reminders from time to time :D

Daphne Adams: yes

Emily Northrup: back on :)

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: We just got through Kyle's part of the slides, which was just re-introducing us to you and your roles on the Board

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: @Barry you can drive now as well

Daphne Adams: yes

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Can you hear?

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: ok

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: I'll let it run

Mollie Lund: no sound!

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: BRB

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: If I remember correctly, at one poin there was over 20 CoC in Texas, the BoS has merged with most of them

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KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Yessir

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: December's event: https://thn.adobeconnect.com/displacement/event/event_info.html

Linda White 2: The sound is cutting out

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: The audio bridge failed and it's trying to reconnect

Andrea Omojola: lol...my 40+ eyes can't do that LOL

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: int he top right of this pod you can use the four arrow icons to go full screen ;)

Linda White 2: I need glasses and a bridge!!LOL

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: HAHAH

Daphne Adams: LOL Linda

Barry Wheeler: I agree with Daphne

Barry Wheeler: can we email the PDF to all the members so they ahve easy access?

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: Yessir, I can send it out right after this

Barry Wheeler: thanks kraig...

Daphne Adams: Thanks Barry and Kraig. That will be helpful.

Daphne Adams: Kraig is fast!

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: It's in basecamp now ;)

Marqus Butler: What is the long term vision for the gap anaylsis

Marqus Butler: ok

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/system-performance-measures/#guidance>

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/lsa/>

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: ^^ long versions if you are interested in knowing more

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hmis/hmis-data-and-technical-standards/>

Jim Ward: There are no "high performing communities " in the entire US. We are not "underperforming" I always like to throw that out there

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: There has never been a "high performing community" has there?

Jim Ward: NO

Linda White 2: tHANK YOU JIM

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/ahar/#2019-reports>

Linda White 2: Is there any reformation coming to consider people with past non violent felonies for HUD Housing?

Jim Ward: That is a good question Linda. It depends. There are MANY different paths for funding for HUD Housing. Happy to hop on a call to talk about this, because it is way too much for chat, but the short answer is yes, and no

kyle moore: sorry igotta go foot pursuit

kyle moore: close by

Jim Ward: be safe!

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KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: ok

Daphne Adams: Thanks Kyle.

Antonio Williams: Be careful

Barry Wheeler: go get 'em....

Mary Stahlke: Thanks, Kyle!

Daphne Adams: We are wrapping up. Thank you all so much! Today has been a great way to kick off this new year!

KRAIG BLAIZE-FIERO: It's on basecamp now :)

Linda White 2: Thank you all!! Give me a call Jim, anytime.

Emily Northrup: thanks y'all!

Norma Mercado: Thank you everyone! Hapy Thanksgiving

Daisy Lopez: bye thank you!

Mollie Lund: bye everyone!