

# Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

## Seat 1 – Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness

### John Meier

**Current Position:** Program Manager at West Central Texas Regional Foundation

**TX BoS CoC counties served:**

Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Knox, McCulloch, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, San Saba, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton, and Tom Green

**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?** No

**Are you the Chair of a Local Homeless Coalition (LHC)?** No

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

John Meier serves on the Texas Balance of State CoC (TX BoS CoC) Board in the person with lived homelessness experience seat, Vice-Chair of West Texas Homeless Network (WTHN) local homeless coalition for Taylor county, Chair of WTHN Coordinated Entry Planning Entity, former Chair of Coordinated Entry Steering Committee for THN, former Chair of Youth Homeless Steering Committee of Taylor county, former Chair of WTHN, and Program Manager for West Central Texas Regional Foundation – Supportive Services for Veteran Families. John served in the United States Marine Corps. He worked as a Math/Special Education Teacher for 8 years. John personally experienced homelessness in 2014 that lead him to seek services from the Veterans Administration, since that time he has pursued the goal of making homelessness, “rare, brief, and nonrecurring” for all Neighbors in 25 counties in the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care.

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

John Meier serves on the TX BoS CoC Board in the person with lived homelessness experience seat, Vice-Chair of West Texas Homeless Network (WTHN) local homeless coalition for Taylor county, Chair of Home Again West Texas (HAWT) Coordinated Entry Planning Entity for Taylor county, former Chair of Coordinated Entry Steering Committee for THN, former Chair of Youth Homeless Steering Committee of Taylor county, former Chair of WTHN, and Program Manager for West Central Texas Regional Foundation (WCTRF) – Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).

**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).**

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

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

Since 2017, John has been Program Manager for West Central Texas Regional Foundation (WCTRF) - Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF). WCTRF-SSVF serves homeless or at risk of homelessness Veterans in 24 counties in the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care.

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

John Meier is skilled in Nonprofit Organizations, Secondary Education, Lesson Planning, Leadership, Critical Thinking, Continuous Quality Improvement, and Data Management.

**Why do you want to serve on the CoC Board?**

I want to continue being involved with the continuing growth of services offered within the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care, as well as continuing improvements in processes for delivering those services.

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

Continuing the goal of making homelessness, “rare, brief, and nonrecurring” for all neighbors in the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care.

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

Nothing currently.