

EVH Committee Meeting

November Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 2020, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Members Present:

- Blake Harris
- Melissa Escamilla
- Monica Alexander
- Robert Salas
- Stephanie Davison
- Tony DeBona
- John Meier

Link to Recording <https://thn.adobeconnect.com/pb7n55t7kklg>

Links to Resources Shared During Meeting:

- [Texas Veterans Commission Regions](#)
 - [North Carolina BoS CoC Plan to EVH](#)
 - [TX BoS CoC CIC Regions](#)
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Meeting Topics:

Acceptance of Minutes

Discussion Summary: Reviewed October 2021 Meeting Minutes. There were no changes. EVHC voted and approved the meeting minutes. [EVHC Meeting Minutes for 10-12-2021](#).

Announcements

Discussion Summary: Reviewed the need for a Committee Chair. Marliza reviewed the duties of a chair which include:

- Attend Ending Veteran Homelessness Committee meetings led by the TX BoS CoC each month. If they are unable to attend they will appoint another member of the CEPE to attend in their place and alert the Subpopulation Coordinator of that substitution at least 24 hours in advance.
- Serve as the Ending Veteran Homelessness Chairperson for a period of at least 12 months.
- Assist in the development and review of new or updated processes applicable to Ending Veteran Homelessness Plan that impacts the entire Balance of State CoC.
- Assist Subpopulation Coordinator in leading EVHC meetings.
- Serve as the point of contact between the Texas Balance of State CoC and the EVH Committee.
- All other roles and responsibilities the CoC Board assigns.

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Actions/Next Steps: Committee members were instructed to contact the Subpopulation Coordinator (marliza@thn.org) should they be interested in serving as EVHC Chairperson. Voting will take place during the December EVHC Meeting.

Regionalization Conversation

Discussion: Committee members recommended structuring regions around preexisting regional systems: Local Mental Health Authorities, Texas Veterans Network (TVN), Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) grant regions, SSVF coverage area, VA Medical Centers, Veterans Integrated Services Networks (VISN), and Coordinated Entry (CE) Points. Committee members discussed pros and cons to regions being broken down by SSVF coverage area. One committee member mentioned that we must make sure that regionalization does not contribute to already existing barriers for veterans seeking services. There was discussion about the several systems SSVF grantees receive referrals from.

Actions/Next Steps: THN staff to create a map with preexisting regional systems.