

EVH Committee Meeting

January Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Members Present:

- John Meier
- Monica Alexander
- Sonny Muniz-Blake
- Stephanie Davison
- Wallace Revalee
- Melissa Escamilla
- Blake Harris
- Ariel Lara
- Tony DeBona

Members Absent:

- Michael Boyd
- Bruce Hamilton
- Keith Rucker (excused)
- Bob Salas (excused)
- Gary Timpson
- Martha Valles
- Tamara Wright (excused)

Link to Recording: <https://thn.adobeconnect.com/p1op168gm0b3/>

Links to Resources Shared During Meeting:

- [November Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [EVHC Chair Interest Form](#)
 - [SSVF Map](#)
 - [USICH Benchmarks and Criteria](#)
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Meeting Topics:

Acceptance of Minutes

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

Announcements

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

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- 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.

Several members were interested in the idea of splitting up the Chair responsibilities and establishing two Co-Chairs.

Actions/Next Steps: Committee members were instructed to contact the Subpopulation Coordinator (marliza@thn.org) or fill out [EVHC Chair Interest Form](#) should they be interested in serving as EVHC Chairperson. Subpopulation Coordinator will be reaching out to anyone who might be interested as serving as Chair or Co-chair.

SSVF Map

Discussion: Committee members commended the map. One edit was suggested from a committee member regarding the naming of their organization on the map itself. Committee members discussed the need for more HUD VASH resources with the TX BoS CoC. A committee member representing the Veteran Affairs office responded that applications for HUD VASH are solely the responsibility of Public Health Agencies and not the TX BoS CoC or direct service agencies.

A committee member shared with the group his experience with ending veteran homelessness in his community. He stressed the importance of making sure the Veterans Affairs office is involved in the process of building out a plan given that they are often asked to sit in when USICH is making the decision on whether a community meets the benchmarks and requirements of ending veteran homelessness.

Subpopulation Coordinator mentioned that during a meeting with USICH Regional Coordinator, it was discussed that it might be a good idea to pilot a plan to end veteran homelessness with communities who are already invested in ending veteran homelessness and have the existing resources and systems in place (such as participation in the PIT count, Coordinated Entry and HMIS) to accomplish that goal rather than creating a plan that fits the needs of the entire TX BoS CoC. Several members seemed to appreciate this idea.

This discussion was followed by a conversation about making sure that trainings are developed for communities that are interested in ending veteran homelessness but do not have the

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systems in place within their community to do so. By creating trainings to help communities participate in the PIT count, Coordinated Entry, etc. we would make sure we're not leaving any communities behind.

Actions/Next Steps: Subpopulation Coordinator will be creating a one-pager with the USICH Benchmarks and Criteria. Subpopulation Coordinator may be presenting the Stages to Ending Veteran Homelessness presentation next meeting.