

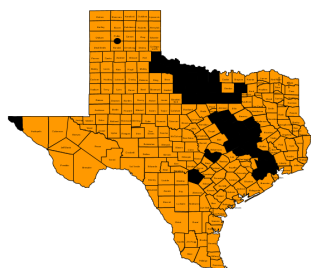
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Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care News

April 2022



Texas Homeless Network (THN) is the lead agency for the [Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care](#). The TX BoS CoC is a group of stakeholders in 215 counties that collaboratively plan and operate the CoC and a range of housing and services to prevent and end homelessness.

Announcements

CoC General Membership Meeting

The CoC General Membership Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 13th, 2:00-3:30**, by webinar.

- Main Topic – Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)
- Community Conversation – Barrier's Fund

[Register](#) for the meeting to attend. For more information and the agenda, check out the [THN website](#).

*You're
Invited*

Anyone that lives or works in the TX BoS CoC is invited to attend. However, this meeting is recommended for individuals at agencies involved in funding and planning for homeless services in the TX BoS CoC.



2022 THN Award Nomination Form

Thank you for nominating an individual, group, or agency for an award. The awards ceremony will take place during lunch on Thursday, September 29th, 2022, as part of the Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness, Omni Southpark Austin.

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MAY 21ST. The award winners and the person submitting the nomination will be notified by Wednesday, June 15th.

Award Categories:

-- Outstanding Community Service --

Recognizes an individual or group that has worked to advance policies that positively affect individuals, families, and/or youth experiencing homelessness or created innovative solutions to end homelessness in their community. This category includes, but is not limited to, elected officials and members of the media.

-- Outstanding Community Organization --

Recognizes programs of a community organization that has strengthened and helped build its community.

-- Outstanding Case Manager --

Recognizes an individual who works to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and/or youth by going above and beyond their job description.

Enter your nominations here: <https://thn.wufoo.com/forms/r1aukitf1yjghs7/>

New TX BoS CoC Board Members Elected

Two new members have joined the CoC Board:

- Nora Vargas in Seat 10, representing Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Recipients; Nora works as the Homeless & Housing Services Manager with the City of Corpus Christi
- Arelecia "Dee" Ross in Seat 11, representing Public Housing Authorities; Dee works as the Deputy Executive Director of the Victoria Housing Authority in Victoria

Read more about CoC Board members on [THN's website](#).

Nora and Dee are filling vacancies left by former members, Emily Shafer Northrup and Ronnie Odom, who resigned because they moved out of the CoC's geographic area. Thank you to Emily and Ronnie for your service, and welcome, Nora and Dee!

RFP for Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program Service Fees

THN has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify eligible partner agencies (sub-recipients) to administer Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program Service Fees.

THN has partnered with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to act as a fiduciary agent for these Service Fees. THN is seeking qualified sub-recipients to support all households that are issued an Emergency Housing Voucher by TDHCA in a specific geographic area. Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) must ensure that households accessing EHV have access to, at minimum, Housing Search Assistance, so subrecipients must provide pre-move in services that a household may need to secure stable housing using "Service Fees" and other available community resources. Other eligible costs are outlined in the RFP.

Submissions are due on a rolling basis. Questions should be directed to Billy Streu at billy@thn.org. To learn more visit <https://www.thn.org/who-we-are/job-opportunities/>



FY2021 Continuum of Care Awards Announced

We are pleased to announce that HUD released the FY 2021 CoC [Award Report](#).

\$13,976,978 was awarded throughout the TX BoS CoC, allowing communities across Texas to continue fostering the goal of making homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring.

These funds support 25 renewal projects and 6 new projects within the TX BoS CoC, including \$3,002,277 in DV Bonus funds and \$355,000 in CoC Bonus funds. These funds allow communities across Texas to continue to meet the needs of our unhoused neighbors and survivors, implement new projects, and allow our staff to continue supporting service providers working to end homelessness throughout our geography.

We are eager to have these funds mobilized throughout the TX BoS CoC. Thank you for being a trusted partner and advocate in our work to end homelessness.

Director of Planning

THN seeks to fill the full-time position of Director of Planning. This position oversees and supervises the day-to-day operations of the TX BoS CoC Planning Team, provides guidance to team members, distributes the workload appropriately, and keeps motivation and performance levels high. The Director of Planning's duty is to guide the team's vision and ensure that plans and projects are developed, implemented, and completed.

[Click here to learn more and apply now.](#)



Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Research and Development VISTA at THN

As the HMIS VISTA, you will serve with the Data and Policy Analyst in determining needs and developing a plan of improvement for the TX BoS CoC Data Committee. You will also work with the Director of Data and data team at large to determine needs and develop a plan of improvement for database maintenance and funding specific training guidance including Runaway Homeless Youth (RHY) and Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH). You will evaluate programs and resources established throughout the project and develop a plan for sustainability.

Benefits:

\$1226 monthly living allowance

\$6k Segal Education Award or \$1.8k cash stipend upon completion of service

[Click here and learn more and apply now.](#)

Important Dates

APRIL

April 2022 CoC General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM

[Click here to register](#)

April 2022 CoC Board's Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

April 2022 Ending Veteran Homelessness (EVH) Committee

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

April 2022 TX BoS CoC Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

April 2022 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 28, 2022, 2:30-4:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

MAY

**No General Membership Meeting this month*

May 2022 CoC Board's Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

May 2022 Ending Veteran Homelessness (EVH) Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

Creativity, Complexity, & Common Understanding: How Do We Address Affordable Housing?

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 2:00:00 PM CDT - 3:30:00 PM CDT

What forms of community dialogue increase our common understanding of an issue carrying so many meanings, from shelter to wealth? This webinar identifies approaches to a critical issue. Presenters and participants will share methods for empowering diverse stakeholders, exploring prevailing assumptions, fact-finding for local conditions, sharing lived experiences, and finding momentum for long-haul changes in the housing system. We will demonstrate conversation methods grounded in arts and design, and exercise techniques for sustaining attention on an issue that won't go away.

[Click here to register](#)

May 2022 TX BoS Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

See more events on [THN's Training and Events calendar](#).

Our webinar platform is Adobe Connect, please make sure you are using the most up to date software from Adobe's [Downloads and Updates page](#)

Opportunities & Funding



Funding Opportunities

Check out the page on THN's website for the full descriptions of currently available funding opportunities [here](#).

Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence

Deadline: April 14, 2022

The Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Program (Transitional Housing Program (CFDA 16.736)) supports programs that provide 6-24 months of transitional housing with support services for victims who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance, as a result of a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking; and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient.

[Click here to find out more here](#)

Fair Housing Webinars Hosted by TDHCA

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) will recognize Fair Housing Month with a series of webinars in April:

- Fair Housing Overview: April 5, 2022, at 10 a.m., Austin local time. Click [here](#) to register.
- Assistance Animals: April 12, 2022, at 10 a.m., Austin local time. Click [here](#) to register.
- Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications: April 19, 2022, at 10 a.m., Austin local time. Click [here](#) to register.

- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA): April 26, 2022, at 10 a.m., Austin local time. Click [here](#) to register.

Remember to also check out TDHCA's Fair Housing page for more information at <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/fair-housing/index.htm>.

What's Happening across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[Community donates items to homeless community after fire last week](#) (Cooke County)

South

[Operation Texas Strong helping veterans find a home](#) (Cameron County)

[Feds: Human remains belonged to homeless man](#) (Cameron County)

East

[City of Port Arthur homeless population is soaring](#) (Jefferson County)

West

[San Angelo Organizations Step Up to Help Homeless Displaced by Fire](#) (Tom Green County)

Central

[Operation Stand Down for homeless helped nearly 150 people](#) (Bell County)

[Free walk-in clinics set for uninsured or homeless children](#) (Bell County)

[Extraordinary Women Award Winner: Hannah Durrance, Founder of HOME Center of Central Texas \(page 2\)](#) (Hays County)

These articles were gathered from Google Alerts and emails sent directly to us. If you have articles about your community's efforts to prevent and end homelessness that you want to be highlighted in our next newsletter, please email the articles to txboscoc@thn.org.

Member Feedback

In our efforts to stay transparent and up to date with our members, we are creating this anonymous feedback form for members of the TX BoS CoC to provide any input they

want the TX BoS CoC staff and Board to know about.

Provide Your Feedback Here!

Staff Recommendations

The following are resources TX BoS CoC Lead Agency staff have found that we believe would be beneficial to your local efforts to make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time:

NLIHC 2022 Advocates' Guide Now Available

The National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) has released the [Advocates' Guide 2022: A Primer on Federal Affordable Housing & Community Development Programs & Policies](#). The Guide is "a comprehensive resource for advocates and others involved in affordable housing and community development. Written by NLIHC staff and other leading experts in the field, Advocates' Guide contains summaries of virtually every federal affordable housing program and policy pertaining to low-income people, as well as information about housing policy advocacy tools, community development resources, and housing issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Guide is designed to bring together everything advocates need to support advocacy with public officials across government."

Get Involved

Anyone who works or lives in the CoC's geographic area, and all housing and homeless services projects in the CoC's geographic area, are considered to be members of the CoC. The CoC has an open invitation process, so members may join at any time.

THN invites members to participate in the CoC's activities. Learn more on the [email list](#), the [website](#), and social media. CoC General Meeting minutes and recordings are posted on THN's website, in the ["Get Involved" page](#). Presentations by and conversations between CoC members and staff on relevant topics keep members informed and updated.

Share this email with anyone you think may be interested!

CoC General Meeting Schedule

Stay informed about CoC happenings by participating in the bi-monthly webinars. Each meeting will feature a topic that is important to preventing and ending homelessness. See the [Get Involved page](#) for dates, topics, and registration links.

CoC Program Funding

If you are a representative of an agency that is interested in applying for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding, please contact txboscoc@thn.org.

The TX BoS CoC is a focus area of the Texas Homeless Network.

See what's happening on our social sites

