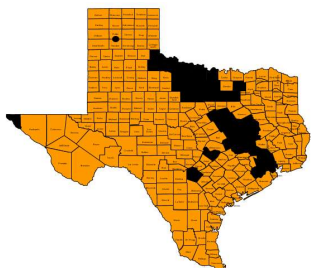


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## Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care News

February 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



Thank you for partnering with us to prevent and end homelessness.

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Invited*

### **CoC General Membership Meeting Updates**

The February 2022 meeting has been canceled. The next CoC General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13th, from 2:00-3:30, by webinar. [Register](#) to attend the meeting.

### **Seeking Nominees for CoC Board--Seat 11: Public Housing Agency**

Do you have experience working in public housing? The CoC Board is currently seeking nominees to fill seat 11, which is designated to represent public housing in the CoC.

- The CoC Board determines the policy direction of the CoC and ensures that the CoC fulfills its responsibilities.
- The board also oversees the work of CoC committees and the CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead Agency (THN) and stays informed about how the CoC is performing on preventing and ending homelessness.
- The Board has historically met by webinar for two hours per month.
- The Board needs members with varying skills, expertise, and backgrounds to represent the diversity of people experiencing homelessness in the CoC.
- Anyone who lives and/or works in the [CoC's geographic area](#) is a CoC general member and may run for a seat on the Board.
- See more guidance about elections in the [CoC Board Requirements Policy](#).  
[Complete the nomination form online here.](#)

The deadline for nominations is **February 18, 2022, at 11:59 P.M.** The election will take place in late February, and the newly elected member will start their term in March. If you have questions, contact Mary Stahlke at [mary@thn.org](mailto:mary@thn.org).

### **Seeking Nominees for the Community Investment Committee**

Are you interested in participating in TX BoS CoC funding decisions? The CoC seeks to fill two positions on the Community Investment Committee (CIC) that represent the North CIC Region. ([CIC regional map and list of counties in each region](#))

- This committee evaluates applications for funding and professional development opportunities that THN, as the Lead Agency for the TX BoS CoC, makes available to CoC members.
- The CIC assists with making decisions that ensure equitable access to funding and opportunities and ensures a transparent process.
- Anyone who lives and/or works in any of the 56 counties in the North CIC Region may run for these seats.

[Complete the nomination form online here.](#)

The deadline for nominations is **February 18, 2022, at 11:59 P.M.** The election will take place in late February, and the newly elected members will start their terms in April. If you have questions, contact Jim Ward at [jim@thn.org](mailto:jim@thn.org).



### **THN is Hiring**

#### **Join the new Systems Change Team:**

##### Systems Change Analyst

The Systems Change Analyst will support systems change efforts by leading and facilitating the management, oversight, and evaluation of Coordinated Entry (CE) in the TX BoS CoC. CE is a process through which people at risk of or experiencing homelessness are connected to local housing programs and supportive services. [Learn more and apply.](#)

##### Systems Change Specialist

This position will support systems change efforts by coordinating with communities participating in a local Coordinated Entry (CE) process in the TX BoS CoC. [Learn more and apply.](#)

### **Join the new Systems Change Team and the Data Team:**

#### Data Coordinator

This position supports communities in the TX BoS CoC with conducting annual data gathering initiatives (Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Counts). [Learn more and apply.](#)

#### Systems Analyst

The Systems Analyst will lead the Coordinated Entry training process, develop supplemental materials, provide ongoing community support, lead evaluation and data analytics projects, and provide technical oversight and quality assurance to TX BoS CoC communities. [Learn more and apply.](#)

### **Join the new Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Team:**

#### Accounting and Accounts Payable Specialist

This position will work closely with the EHV Manager and CFO to request funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) based on estimated funds needed on a monthly basis for our subcontractors to cover the needs of their communities in the TX BoS CoC. [Learn more and apply.](#)

### **Join the THN Team:**

#### Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network (THDSN) Project Manager

This position oversees the implementation of the homeless data-sharing network and assists in the development of support for its sustainability. This position will work closely with the vendor selected to provide the cloud-based data-warehouse solution to merge homelessness data from the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) throughout the state. [Learn more and apply.](#)



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

Care about ending homelessness in Texas? Join the TX BoS CoC team at THN. As the HMIS VISTA, you will:

- Serve with the Data and Policy Analyst to determine needs and develop a plan of improvement for the CoC's Data Committee.
- Work with the Director of Data and Data Team to determine needs and develop a plan of improvement for database maintenance and funding-specific training guidance, including for the Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program and Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
- Evaluate programs and resources established during the project and develop a plan for sustainability

#### **Benefits include:**

- \$1,200 monthly living allowance and
- \$6,000 Segal Education Award or \$1,800 cash stipend upon completion of service

To learn more and apply, visit [https://bit.ly/THN\\_HMIS](https://bit.ly/THN_HMIS)

## Important Dates

### **FEBRUARY**

\*No General meeting this month

#### **February 2022 CoC Board's Executive Committee**

*Thursday, February 3, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

#### **February 2022 Ending Veteran Homelessness (EVH) Committee**

*Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

#### **Housing for Future Generations: How Community Land Trusts Create Permanent Housing Affordability**

*Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM*

Through a multi-system partnership, CitySquare created a unique housing opportunity for the most vulnerable people, The Cottages. This cross-sector partnership brought together service providers, housing developers, behavioral health systems, hospital systems, government branches, and foundations. The 3-year evaluation will be discussed, providing other communities with our learnings. Designing housing programs for the most vulnerable people in our communities is vital, and we hope this session helps kick off ideas for communities across Texas.

Who Should Attend: CoC general members, Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs), and community members

[Click here to register](#)

#### **February 2022 TX BoS CoC Board Meeting**

*Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

### **MARCH**

\*No General meeting this month

#### **March 2022 CoC Board's Executive Committee**

*Thursday, March 3, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

#### **March 2022 Ending Veteran Homelessness (EHV) Committee**

*Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

#### **Resilience in Action: Building Authentic Youth-Adult Partnerships**

*Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM*

This interactive webinar will provide strategies on how to engage authentically with youth and create a mutually respectful, safe environment to build youth-adult partnerships. Hear directly from youth and young adults as they share their lived experiences and learn how to provide support to meet the unique needs of a young person. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with their peers to apply what they've learned

Who Should Attend: CoC general members, Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs), and community members

[Click here to register](#)

#### **March 2022 TX BoS CoC Board Meeting**

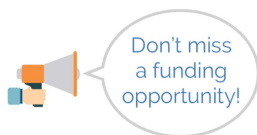
*Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM*

\*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](#).

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### **Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP), Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program (IVTP), and the Homeless Female Veterans' and Veterans' with Children Program (HFVWC) (referred to collectively as HVRP)**

The HVRP grant prioritizes ensuring fair and equitable treatment for all workers, providing opportunities for marginalized communities, and ensuring accessibility for underserved communities. Grant recipients will be better able to deliver more outcomes that are equitable for marginalized veterans by understanding the inequities that exist and by embedding equity into decision-making processes. Applicants are encouraged to address systemic and programmatic barriers that have created employment and economic inequities for historically marginalized populations, particularly Black, Indigenous, Latinx/Hispanic, Pacific Islander, other people of color, women of color, as well as other communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Non-profit organizations, public housing authorities, tribal organizations, and city governments, among others, are eligible to apply. Applications are due on February 23rd. [Click here to read the full grant description](#).

## What's Happening across the TX BoS CoC?

### **North**

[Newgate Mission director talks about how caring for homeless is year-round need](#) (Gregg County)

### **South**

[Program that reunites homeless with their families needs funding to continue](#) (Nueces County)

[Point-in-Time count set to identify people experiencing homelessness](#) (Victoria County)

### **East**

[Salvation Army, nonprofits conducting census of Angelina County's homeless population](#) (Angelina County)

### **West**

[Point-in-Time Count surveys around 250 of the homeless population in Lubbock](#) (Lubbock County)

[Annual Point-In-Time count looks to limit homelessness in Abilene](#) (Taylor County)

[Concho Valley Homeless Planning Coalition 'Point-in-Time' count](#) (Tom Green County)

['Operation Code Blue' looks to provide warm items for the homeless community during the winter season](#) (Midland County)

### **Central**

[Volunteers gather to count homeless population ahead of Killeen-Temple partnership](#) (Bell 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](mailto: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!**

## **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](mailto:txboscoc@thn.org).

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

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