

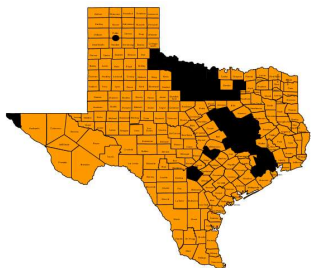
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Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care News

January 2022



Texas Homeless Network is the lead agency for the [Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care \(TX BoS CoC\)](#). The TX BoS CoC is a group of stakeholders that collaboratively plan and operate the CoC and a range of housing and services to prevent and end homelessness. The TX BoS CoC covers 215 counties and includes Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs) that plan, deliver, and evaluate local systems.

Announcements

THN's New Staff Members and Promotions



THN is pleased to announce that several staff members have been hired over the last few months. Please join us in welcoming the following people to THN and to the TX BoS CoC:

- Allie Edmondson -- Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Manager
- Helen Garcia -- Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Referral Coordinator
- Axton Nichols -- Emergency Solutions Coordinator
- Hope Rodgers -- Continuum of Care Performance Coordinator

Also, THN has recently promoted several staff members into new roles. Please join us in congratulating them on their new positions!

- Paula Dewey -- Database Coordinator (previously ESG Data Coordinator)
- Kyra Henderson -- Director of Systems Change (previously Data Manager)
- Lindsay LaGrange -- Director of Data (previously Training Coordinator)
- Marissa Ortega -- Data and Policy Analyst (previously CE Data Analyst)

To learn more about our staff or to contact a THN staff member, visit [THN's website](#).

Work alongside us to help end homelessness in Texas! If you are interested in joining the THN team, visit our [career opportunities](#) for more information.

2022 Point-In-Time Count



The annual Point-in-Time Count (PIT) will take place on January 27, 2022. The purpose of the PIT is to provide a snapshot of individuals and families experiencing homelessness over the course of 24 hours. For more details about the PIT, please visit [THN's website](#). Contact data@thn.org if you are interested in learning about counts in your area.

New COVID-19 Guidance

THN recognizes the seriousness of the pandemic for people experiencing homelessness. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released [information](#) about helping people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 surge. Homeless services providers are encouraged to work with emergency management and public health partners to vaccinate eligible people, ensure quarantine and isolation spaces, and use non-congregate sheltering options.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) has published a [summary](#) of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) updated guidance on COVID-19 quarantine and isolation for shelter residents and staff. The [CDC's website](#) also contains more information on COVID-19 and supporting persons experiencing homelessness.

Please reach out to us or your community's resources to keep people safe and healthy.



2022 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report (SLIHP)

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) will hold a public comment period on the Draft 2022 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report (SLIHP) from 12/20/2021 through 1/10/2022. Also, a public hearing will take place on **Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 2 p.m. CST**. [Register Here](#).

The SLIHP offers a comprehensive reference on statewide housing needs, housing resources, and strategies for funding allocations. It reviews TDHCA's housing programs, current and future policies, resource allocation plans to meet state housing needs, and reports on performance during the preceding state fiscal year (9/1/2020-8/31/2021).

The full text of the Draft 2022 SLIHP may be viewed on [TDHCA's website](#). The public may receive a copy of the SLIHP by contacting TDHCA's Housing Resource Center at (512) 475-3976.

Housing and Services Resource Center

The [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) and the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) have launched the Housing and Services Resource Center for:

- Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and housing providers
- State Medicaid, disability, aging, and behavioral health agencies
- Aging and disability networks
- Homeless services organizations
- Health systems and providers
- Tribal organizations

The Housing and Services Resource Center was created for people who work in the organizations and systems that provide housing resources and homelessness services, behavioral and mental health services, independent living services and other supportive services, and others who are working to help people live successfully and stably in the community. Visit the hub today: <https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices>



HOME-ARP Allocation Plan AAQ Help Desk Now Open

HUD has launched the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan Ask A Question (AAQ) help desk to respond to questions from Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) as they prepare, develop, and submit their HOME-ARP allocation plans. Submit questions about consultation, public participation, needs assessment, and submission and review requirements.

Also, HUD has released a [webinar](#) that discusses the planning process for HOME-ARP funds and a discussion guide that PJs can use when consulting with stakeholders. PJs may consult with THN, as the lead support agency for the CoC. Contact Mary@thn.org.

We also request that PJs consult with Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs) in their communities. See the [LHC section of THN's website](#) for contact information.

And we encourage PJs to talk with individuals with lived experience of homelessness, homeless services providers, PHAs, public agencies, and agencies serving people with disabilities as well as people of color, who are disproportionately represented in the homeless population.

Important Dates

JANUARY

**No CoC General Membership Meeting in January*

January 2022 Executive Committee of the CoC Board

Thursday, January 6, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM

**Closed Meeting*

January 2022 Ending Veteran Homelessness Committee*Tuesday January 11, 2022, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Closed Meeting

Innovating Outreach: A New Relational Model for Case Management*Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 2:00-3:30:00 PM CST*

Gaining the trust of people experiencing homelessness can be a challenge. Yet, research tells us it's the relationship that creates change for our clients. Using the psychology of trust, learn how to leverage client-case manager relationships to connect people with the resources they need. The resources discussed will focus on system diversion.

[Register Here](#)

January 2022 TX BoS CoC Board Meeting*Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM*

*Closed Meeting

Racism in the Helping Professions (\$60)*Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 1:00-4:00 PM*

In this training, attendees will learn how to identify racism and oppression in a setting, the difference between your individual and systemic behaviors, and receive tools to implement anti-racist and anti-oppressive praxis in your interactions.

[Register Here](#)

2022 Point In Time Count*Thursday, January 27, 2022*

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. HUD requires that Continuums of Care conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelters and transitional housing on a single night. Continuums of Care also must conduct a count of unsheltered homeless persons every other year (odd-numbered years).

*For more information, email data@thn.org

FEBRUARY

February 2022 CoC General Membership Meeting*Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM*

[Register Here](#)

February 2022 Executive Committee of the CoC Board*Thursday, February 3, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM*

*Closed Meeting

February 2022 Ending Veteran Homelessness 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.

[Register Here](#).

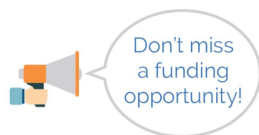
February 2022 TX BoS CoC Board Meeting

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

*Closed Meeting

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 options [here](#).

What's Happening across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[Hooks, Texas, students donate more than 50 coats to help homeless through Mission Texarkana](#) (Bowie County)

South

['There's no place like home': Coastal Bend nonprofit strives to help those impacted by homelessness](#) (Nueces County)

[Be Well Victoria to build resource kits for Victorians experiencing homelessness](#) (Victoria County)

East

[Guest commentary: Good programs can reduce homelessness in this country](#) (Galveston County)

[WebXtra: Blessings bags prepared for homeless community in counties of Nacogdoches, Angelina](#)

West

['There are others in need': Denton homeless advocacy group extends water cooler project](#) (Denton County)

Central

[San Marcos Public Library offering enhanced ID cards to help assist marginalized communities](#) (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 highlighted in our next newsletter, please email the articles to txboscoc@thn.org.

Staff Recommendations

This month's recommendation comes from our CoC Programs Coordinator, Kraig Blaize-Fiero:



Centering Racial Justice and Grassroots Ownership in Collective Impact

In "[Centering Racial Justice and Grassroots Ownership in Collective Impact](#)," we hear from the Communities That Care Coalition of Franklin County and the North Quabbin (CTC), a collective impact initiative focused on improving youth health, well-being, and health equity in the 30 small towns of rural Franklin County and the North Quabbin Region in Western Massachusetts. The CTC team shares candidly about their realization that their collaborative was not centering racial equity and grassroots community ownership enough in their work, and what steps they took to make a change.

[Click here to read the full report.](#)

Member Feedback

In our efforts to stay transparent and up to date with our members, we have created an 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.

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.

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

See what's happening on our social sites

