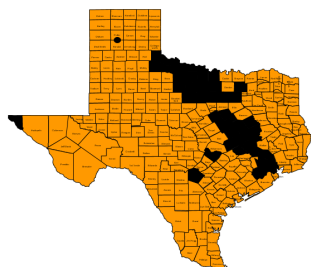


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Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care News

July 2021

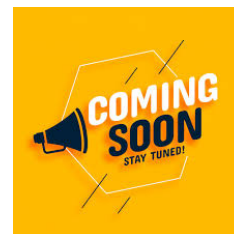


Texas Homeless Network is the lead agency for the [Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care \(TX BoS CoC\)](#). The TX BoS CoC is a group of stakeholders that collaboratively plan and operate the CoC and a range of housing and services to prevent and end homelessness. The TX BoS CoC covers 215 counties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

Announcements

Vote for New Board Members

Voting for TX BoS CoC Board members will take place from August 2-18. Anyone who works or lives in the [CoC's geographic area](#), and has an interest in preventing and ending homelessness is considered to be a member of the CoC and may vote in the elections. More information will be available soon on our [website](#).



Community Planning Session Still Open for Registration

Do you want help creating a Local Action Plan to create change within your community's homeless services? Community members, with assistance from Homebase and THN staff, will have an opportunity to create a plan for improving their local response to homelessness.

Check out the [list of participating communities](#) before registering. Those without a participating community may register as individuals to learn about the process.

Date: July 14th, 2021, 2:00 - 5:00 PM, by webinar
[Register Here](#) by July 9th

The virtual session will begin with a large group meeting, then each community will work in its own breakout room with a facilitator from Homebase or THN to create a plan. The local plans will contribute to meeting the overall goals in the CoC Strategic Plan. We encourage anyone interested in participating to invite other members of their community that can help create and carry out a Local Action Plan.

For more information email Director of Engagement, Mary Stahlke, at mary@thn.org.



For over 20 years Texas Homeless Network has organized and led this unique and powerful statewide conference on ending homelessness. With a diverse range of participants, this opportunity builds networks, educates providers, and leads conversations in our communities.

Conference sessions will cover topics such as community collaboration, COVID-19, criminal justice, disaster response, policy, veterans, workforce, youth, and so many more!
[View our schedule at a glance now.](#)

[Register Here](#)



Submit Your Award Nominations

We know there are countless unsung heroes among us, and we want to uplift them with you. Nominate an individual or agency in your community that you want to see receive a 2021 THN Annual Award.

[Submit your nomination here](#)

USDA Expands Food Program to Youth and Families in Shelters

The USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is expanding to allow children and young adults under age 25 to receive healthy meals at homeless and youth-serving shelters. A webinar on July 7th at 1:00 P.M. CDT will give details about the new expansion, describe what this provision means for emergency shelter providers and the children and youth they serve and give tailored information on opportunities to implement this option and conduct outreach to help maximize the expansion. Also, youth-serving emergency shelter operators will give examples of innovative implementation and outreach strategies.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Important Dates

JULY

***No CoC General Meeting in July**

Executive Committee of the CoC Board Meeting

Thursday, July 1, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

July 2021 CESC Meeting

Tuesday July 20, 2021, 10:15-11:45 AM

*Closed Meeting

2021 TX BoS CoC HMIS Data Quality Webinar

Wednesday July 21, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

Please join us for the mandatory annual HMIS Data Quality webinar where will cover major data quality issues seen throughout the TX BoS CoC's HMIS data.

Who Should Attend: All Active TX BoS CoC HMIS users

[Register Here](#)

TX BoS CoC Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

AUGUST

August 2021 General Meeting

Wednesday August 11, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

August 2021 Executive Committee of the CoC Board Meeting

Thursday August 5, 2021, 2:00-3:15 PM

*Closed Meeting

August 2021 CESC Meeting

Tuesday August 17, 2021, 10:15-11:45 AM

*Closed Meeting

August 2021 TX BoS Board Meeting

Wednesday August 25, 2021, 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 options [here](#).

Join the Ending Veteran Homelessness Committee

Are you passionate about ending Veteran homelessness in your community? Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? Do you have lived experience with homelessness?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are the type of partner we need to end Veteran homelessness across the entire TX BoS CoC!

The CoC Board has voted to approve a committee dedicated to ending Veteran homelessness. Recruitment for this committee is now open. If you are interested in becoming part of the team that will implement and monitor a plan to end Veteran homelessness, fill out this [interest form](#) to express your interest.

Join us to End Youth Homelessness

Exciting news! THN is building a team dedicated to ending youth homelessness in our community.

Are you passionate about ending youth homelessness in your community? Are you under the age of 24? Do you have lived experience with homelessness?

If so, you would be a great addition to the team across the TX BoS CoC.

If you are interested in becoming part of a team that will work to create a system to end Youth homelessness, fill out this [interest form](#).

What's Happening across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[Statewide ban on homeless encampments could impact homeless in Abilene](#)

South

[Harlingen church offers outdoor shower to people experiencing homelessness](#)

East

[Tyler Street Team helping those experiencing homelessness in extreme heat](#)

West

[Midland ISD looking to help homeless students with Family Support Center](#)

Central

[New Bridge Shelter for Individuals Leaving Homeless Encampments](#)

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.

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

