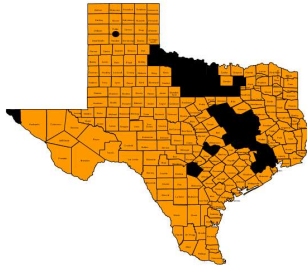


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Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care News

March 2020



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 24 Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs) that plan, deliver, and evaluate local systems.

Announcements

Effective Housing Survey

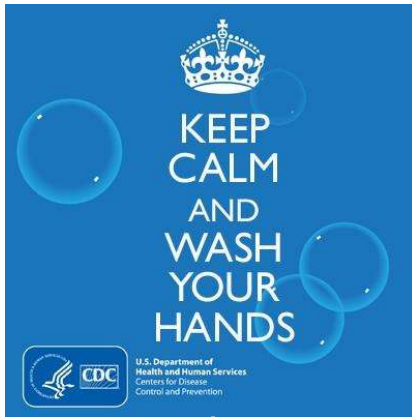
A representative of the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition Board in Waco, Texas, reached out to us about collecting data and information on effective housing programs. She has asked that we share this 5-minute, 10 question survey with providers in our CoC. She has asked that surveys be completed by **March 16, 2020**.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NB5JNTL>

If you have any questions please contact Melinda Bonds at (903) 390-1863 or mbondo234@gmail.com

Homelessness & Health Preparedness

The Texas BoS CoC cares about the health of you and your community. We recognize the seriousness of the outbreak for people experiencing homelessness, or those who are living in poverty, who have higher risks of exposure to infectious disease, have a harder time accessing high-quality healthcare, and are often overlooked during emergencies. In an effort to help, we have compiled a list of resources to assist in your



preparation for a possible coronavirus outbreak from our federal partners at HUD and local agencies we work with here at THN.

Please visit our [newest section of our website](#) for a list of resources that have been made available.



Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness Presenter Applications Open

For over 20 years Texas Homeless Network has organized and led this unique and powerful statewide conference on ending homelessness. With 500 participants, this opportunity builds networks, educates providers, and leads conversations in our communities.

Apply today to present at our upcoming conference and join our history of educating Texans on topics relating to homelessness.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LTVRW53>



THN VISTA Homeless Data Associate in Austin

Want to use your expertise and passion for data to end and prevent homelessness across the State of Texas? Through assisting with the coordination of the annual Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Counts, analyzing quarterly performance grant data, and targeted technical assistance, the Data VISTA will assist the THN team in Austin with improving data collection and overall system performance to allow our community partners to more effectively provide housing and services to persons experiencing homelessness. You will also gain valuable project management experience through developing instructional materials and training local stakeholders on data collection efforts and data literacy skills.

[Apply](#) to be the THN Data Associate today and work with us to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring!

THN TX BoS CoC Coordinated Entry VISTA in Austin

THN is looking for a VISTA that will support the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS) ongoing implementation of Coordinated Entry (CE) system to improve services and outcomes for persons who experience homelessness. The VISTA member will primarily focus on supporting the Systems Change Coordinator by developing tracking and communication systems between the CEPEs (Coordinated Entry Planning Entities) and the BoS, strengthening partnerships and providing technical assistance.

[Apply](#) today to be the THN TX BoS CoC Coordinated Entry VISTA today and work with us to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring!

Important Dates

MARCH

March 2020 TX BoS Board Meeting

Wednesday 25 March 2020, 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM

*Closed meeting

A National Call on Coronavirus and Homelessness/Housing

Mon, Mar 16, 2020 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM CDT

Please join the Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition for a National Call on Coronavirus and Homelessness/Housing on Monday, March 16 at 2:30 pm EST. Join housing and homelessness advocates nationwide to learn more about how federal, state, and local governments are responding to a national outbreak of Coronavirus and its impact on people experiencing homelessness and low-income households.

Register [Here](#)

APRIL

April 2020 CoC General Meeting

Wednesday 8 April 2020, 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM

Topic: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

Community Conversation: What CoC members learned at the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Conference

Register [Here](#)

Prepping for the FY 2020 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition: What to Know About Applying for CoC Program Funding

Wednesday 15 April 2020, 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM

Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Funding is utilized by eligible agencies* across the country to housing people experiencing homelessness. The FY 2020 CoC Program Competition will be opening in several months, and we want to prepare potential new project applicants. The intended audience for this webinar is Agencies interested in applying for Continuum of Care Program funding through the FY 2020 competition.

Register [Here](#)

CESC April 2020 Meeting*Tuesday 21 April 2020, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM*

The TX BoS CoC will be hosting a virtual meeting for the Coordinated Entry Steering Committee (CESC). The CESC provides direct support and guidance to the CoC's systems change efforts, which will influence the direction of the CE implementation in the TX BoS CoC.

Who Should Attend : Coordinated Entry Steering Committees Members

Register [Here](#)

April 2020 TX BoS Board Meeting*Wednesday 22 April 2020, 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM*

*Closed meeting

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

Opportunities



Open Funding Opportunities

We are currently in the process of adding a new section to our website to help collect all funding opportunities made available to Texas including city, state, and federal programs.

In the meantime check out this PDF of all current available funding options [here](#)

2020 AARP Community Challenge

The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund "quick-action" projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. Applications are being accepted for projects to improve housing, transportation, public space, technology ("smart cities"), civic engagement and more.

Applications are due **April 1, 2020 by 10:59:59 PM CST** .

To learn more click [here](#)

Planning and Capacity Building Fund (PCB)

The Planning and Capacity Building Fund is a competitive grant program through the Texas Department of Agriculture for local public facility and housing planning activities.

Applications are due **Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM CT**.

To learn more click [here](#)

Research on Housing Policies That Promote Equity

RWJF's [Policies for Action](#) program seeks research proposals to investigate how public policy can put quality, affordable housing within reach and help achieve racial equity in housing and neighborhoods. Researchers will be paired with government, private sector, and nonprofit housing organizations to explore the effectiveness of public policies aimed at increasing housing access, affordability and stability. We are particularly interested in studying policies in small- and medium-sized cities (populations of 50,000 - 500,000).

Approximately \$2 million in funding is available.

Application Deadline: Wed, 29 Apr 2020

Are you eligible? [Learn more](#) .

what's happening

Across the TX BoS CoC...

North

[Texarkana Homeless Population Down In a New Summary](#)

South

[Are the homeless more susceptible to the coronavirus?](#)

East

[PA City Council to decide on \\$1.1 million in nonprofit, city department funding requests](#)

West

[Jesus House of Odessa: mission to build affordable homes](#)

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

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:



This month's recommendation is from Linda our Systems Change Coordinator:

Philanthropy Needs a New Playbook to Fund Systems Change

By Manmeet Mehta and Michael Zakaras

This article provides ways that philanthropy can play a role in systems change, specifically in building trust with grantees, asking experts about what they don't know, and thinking long term about their funding. It highlights Rosanne Haggerty, founder of the nonprofit Community Solutions (the organization that operates Built for Zero) and how solutions to ending homelessness must be oriented more towards systems change than treating symptoms.

Read the full article [here](#)



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 TX BoS CoC "Get Involved" page at <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/get-involved/> . Presentations by and conversations between CoC members and staff on relevant topics keep members informed and up-to-date.

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 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding, please contact txboscoc@thn.org .

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Your CoC Team

Get your questions answered and some face to face time with all of the CoC staff on the second Wednesday of every other month during the CoC General Meetings.

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

See what's happening on our social sites

