

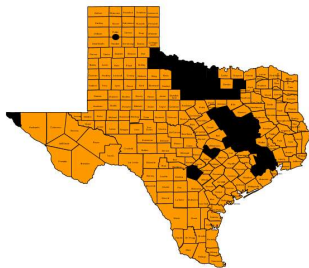
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Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care News

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

*You're
Invited*

CoC Elections from March 7-21

From March 7-21, CoC general members will have an opportunity to vote for 3 positions:

- CoC Board Seat 11, representing Public Housing Authorities -- Anyone who works and/or lives in the CoC's geographic area may vote for one of three nominees to fill this seat. The CoC Board is the main decision-making body for the CoC.

The ballot will be posted on the [THN website](#) on March 7th.

- Community Investment Committee (CIC), two positions representing the North Region (see the [CIC regional map and list of counties in each region](#)) -- Anyone who works and/or lives in the North CIC Region's 56 counties may vote for two people to represent them on the CIC. The CIC evaluates applications for funding and professional development opportunities that THN makes available to CoC members.

The ballot will be posted on the [THN website](#) on March 7th.

Also on March 7th we will send an email to the CoC's email list with links to the ballots.

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 Jim Ward at jim@thn.org. To learn more visit <https://www.thn.org/who-we-are/job-opportunities/>

THN is pleased to announce that new staff members have joined the TX BoS CoC team:



- Gabrielle Garcia -- Training Coordinator
- Corrie Golightly -- EHV Accounts Payable Specialist
- Alex Paredes -- Data Coordinator
- Ruby Sanchez -- Systems Change Analyst
- Billy Streu -- EHV Service Coordinator

More details about them will be available on our website soon. www.thn.org



Policy and VISTA Manager

THN seeks to fill the full-time position of Policy and VISTA Manager. The Policy and VISTA Manager will support Statewide Initiatives in managing the AmeriCorps VISTA grant and program and co-direct state and federal policy with the assistance of the President/CEO. [Click here and learn more and apply now.](#)

HMIS Data Analyst

THN seeks to fill the full-time position of HMIS Data Analyst. The ideal candidate is analytical, tech-savvy, understands database management, and is ready to learn new concepts as part of both a dynamic Data and Systems Change team. This position will lead the Coordinated Entry training process as well as assist with data evaluation and analytics projects. [Click here and 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

To learn more and apply, visit https://bit.ly/THN_HMIS

Important Dates

MARCH

*No General Membership Meeting this month

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

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

A Match Made in Heaven: Partnering with Housing Authorities to use Housing Vouchers to Amplify Supportive Housing (and as In-Kind Match!)

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM

Using Lubbock Open Door as a case study, presenters will share how this CoC-Funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project partnered with a Public Housing Authority to use Housing Choice Vouchers as a "moving-up" option for PSH participants, how this is tracked as in-kind match, and how braiding funding sources has increased the overall capacity of the project. Presenters will guide attendees through the process, including:

- 1) understanding HUD's in-kind matching requirements,
- 2) developing an MOU,
- 3) making the project adjustments necessary to combine CoC Program funding with HCVs, and
- 4) implementing and managing this kind of partnership.

Attendees will leave with the knowledge and tools needed to develop this kind of partnership in their own communities.

Who Should Attend: General BoS Membership, Local Homeless Coalitions, General Community Members, Public Housing Authorities

[Click here to register](#)

April 2022 TX BoS CoC Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 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](#).

Rural Housing Service Technical Assistance & Training Grant

"Qualified private, nonprofit and public including tribal intermediary organizations proposing to carry out financial and technical assistance programs will be eligible to receive the funding. The RCDI structure requires the intermediary (grantee) to provide a program of financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. The recipients will, in turn, provide programs that will support their communities (beneficiaries). The Intermediary will be required to provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the RCDI grant. The respective minimum and maximum grant amount per Intermediary is \$50,000 and \$250,000."

Read the full description here: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=337891>

What's Happening across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[Lamar County Homeless Coalition set to hold annual homeless count next week](#) (Lamar County)

South

[Homeless shelter shares options for those in need](#) (Cameron County)

East

[Annual Bridge City Chili Cookoff this Friday in downtown Texarkana](#) (Bowie County)

West

[Abilene ISD closet clothes 1,200 homeless students](#) (Taylor County)

Central

[Homeless count scheduled in Williamson County after more than a decade](#) (Williamson County)

[‘Homeless to housed’ program in Killeen gains steam](#) (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.

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.

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

See what's happening on our social sites

