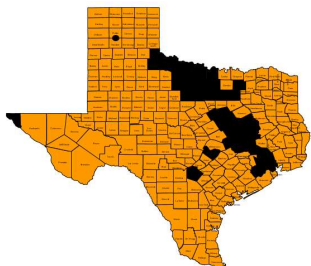


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Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care News November 2021



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.

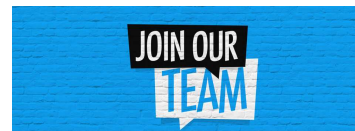
Announcements

Thank You

Four CoC Board members' terms ended in September: Norma Mercado, Dani Shaw, Antonio Williams, and Barry Wheeler. Thank you for your service. We appreciate your leadership and commitment to preventing and ending homelessness.



THN is hiring! Learn more about the opportunities to join our team as we work to end homelessness.



- [Emergency Housing Voucher \(EHV\) Manager](#) - Closes Sunday, November 14, 2021

- [Emergency Housing Voucher \(EHV\) Service Coordinator](#) - Closes Sunday, November 14, 2021

[Click here to learn more and apply](#)



Governance Charter Open for Public Comment

The CoC's Governance Charter, including CoC Policies, is open for the second round of public comment until November 15th.

To review and comment on the charter revisions, visit the [Public Comment Portal](#) and click on "Items Open for Public Comment". Follow the instructions in the document to submit comments online.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Governance Coordinator, Margaret Hill, at margaret@thn.org.

Strategic Planning Committee Nominations

The Strategic Planning Committee is accepting nominations for the 2022-2024 term. The committee will primarily be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the 2021-2024 TX BoS CoC Strategic Plan. For more information about the Strategic Planning Committee, check out the [THN website](#), and the [Strategic Planning Committee Member Description](#).

If you are interested in serving on the committee, fill out the [Strategic Planning Committee Interest Form](#) by **November 22nd**.

Use your Expertise to End Homelessness



The [U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness \(USICH\)](#) is updating the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. Please join us for a virtual listening session on **November 30th from 9:00-10:30 a.m.** Central Time. Tamara Wright, the USICH Regional Coordinator for Region 6, said, "We are very interested in hearing from our partners in the TX BoS CoC. We are seeking feedback from a broad range of stakeholders, including people with lived experience of homelessness, persons of color, people in rural areas, and tribes."

If you have lived experience of homelessness, the USICH would like to compensate you for participating in the Listening Session and sharing your expertise. During the meeting, names and mailing addresses will be collected to give to USICH so gift cards can be sent.

Please register in advance for the meeting at <https://bit.ly/3BvXVSa>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the online meeting.

If you are not able to participate in a listening session, please provide feedback online through the [USICH website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Tamara.Wright@usich.gov or mary@thn.org.

"House America" Initiative

"House America: An All-Hands-on-Deck Effort to Address the Nation's Homelessness Crisis is a federal initiative in which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) are inviting mayors, city and county leaders, tribal nation leaders, and governors into a national partnership. House America will utilize [the historic investments provided through the American Rescue Plan](#) to address the crisis of homelessness through a Housing First approach."

The December 8th CoC General Meeting will feature U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) Regional Coordinator, Tamara Wright, discussing House America. [Register for the meeting](#).

Learn more about House America at https://www.hud.gov/house_america.



Important Dates

November

*No CoC General Meeting

November 2021 Ending Veteran Homelessness (EVH) Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

"The Challenges of the Pandemic Year to Build Community Consensus: Bexar County/San Antonio Data and Equity-based Framework to Divert and Prevent Homelessness"

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 1:00-2:30 PM

In this session, we will provide an overview of the two intervention frameworks with a focus on integrated metrics and consensus-building. We will conclude with a discussion on disparities in system coordination and program development.

[Register Here](#)

"Using Collective Power to Influence Congress"

Thursday, November 11, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

Advocacy is often an intimidating and confusing process for many of us, and THN is here to help make it a little bit easier. During this webinar, THN's Michelle Kaiser will teach participants how to best advocate for people experiencing homelessness.

[Register Here](#)

"Lobbying - it's legal and necessary!"

Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

We work every day to try to improve the lives of people experiencing homelessness in our communities — by providing them housing and supportive services.

[Register Here](#)

November 2021 TX BoS CoC Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 2:00-4:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

"Houston's Encampment Response Strategy"

Tuesday, November 30, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

Many communities are struggling with how to address encampments. A fine balance must be reached between meeting the needs of encampment residents and answering to mounting pressure from constituents in the affected areas.

[Register Here](#)

December

December 2021 CoC General Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

December 2021 Ending Veteran Homelessness (EVH) Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

December 2021 TX BoS Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

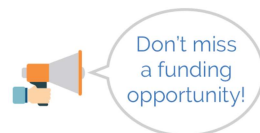
THN Winter Break

THN will be closed for Winter Break starting December 20, 2021 and will re-open on January 5, 2022.

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](#).

Community Resiliency Program (CRP)



The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) is pleased to announce the release of a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) of \$38 million in Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds for the Community Resiliency Program (CRP).

The CRP allows for non-entitlement cities and counties to create, expand, or enhance public facilities that provide medical care, social services, and/or non-congregate housing and increase the community's long-term resiliency and ability to mitigate current and future coronavirus outbreaks. Further, because few rural and small metro areas have had the opportunity to implement mobile response units or emergency medical services that would have a positive impact on their capability to reach certain households, CRP funds allow for the purchase of equipment to increase capacity to carry out a public service which meets CDBG-CV eligibility.

All CRP applications must be submitted by 5 p.m., Austin local time, on Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

[Click here to find out more.](#)



Child Tax Credit Available to Families

The Child Tax Credit is a tax benefit to help families who are raising children. The [Child Tax Credit in the American Rescue Plan](#) provides the largest child tax credit ever and historic relief to most working families. The Internal Revenue

Service (IRS) will pay half the total credit amount in advance monthly payments (\$300/month/child for each child under age 6, and \$250/month/child for each child ages 6 to 17) beginning in July 2021. Families will claim the other half when they file their 2021 income tax return.

[Click here to find out more!](#)

2022 Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment

HealthCare.gov

The 2022 Marketplace is now open! Due to the COVID relief law passed earlier this year, many people who buy health insurance through the Marketplace are now eligible for more savings and lower monthly premiums.

In fact, 4 out of 5 who enroll in a health plan through [HealthCare.gov](#) can find a plan for \$10 or less per month, with financial assistance. Find out if you're eligible for additional savings by visiting [HealthCare.gov](#) today to update your information for 2022, review your health coverage options, and enroll in a plan that best fits your needs.

There's more than one way to enroll in Marketplace coverage. If you would like assistance from an agent or broker or would like to enroll through one of our certified enrollment partners, you can learn more [here](#).

If you enroll by December 15, your coverage can begin January 1, 2022.

What's Happening across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[Texarkana non-profit getting head start to help homeless during winter](#) (Bowie County)

[Gregg County Health Department plans to use federal grant to educate demographics \[including homeless\] with low COVID-19 vaccination rates](#) (Gregg County)

South

[Executive director of Catholic Charities CC, Mother Teresa Shelter dies](#) (Nueces County)

East

[Guest commentary: During holidays, be aware of domestic violence](#) (Galveston County)

[Two local organizations build new shelters for the homeless](#) (Jefferson County)

[New East Texas nonprofit organization aims to help homeless veterans](#) (Upshur County)

[Ministry continues serving meals to Greenville's homeless](#) (Hunt County)

West

[Concho Valley organizations working to end veteran homelessness](#) (Tom Green)

Central

[Operation Stand Down: Helping out homeless veterans in the Fort Hood area](#) (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

