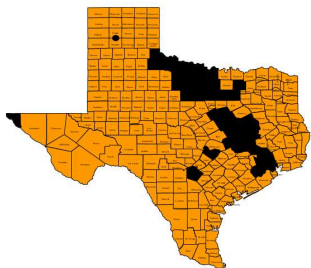


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Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care News

October 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

You're Invited

CoC General Meeting--Annual Meeting for 2021

The CoC General Meeting will be held on Monday, October 4th, from 9:00-10:30. Join us for the "State of the CoC Address" from CoC Board Chair, Daphne' Adams; discussion about the CoC Strategic Plan from Strategic Planning Committee Chair, Chad Wheeler, and guest speakers from three communities that created Local Action Plans; and time for attendees to speak on any topic they wish to share with the CoC.

Please invite anyone you think would be interested in participating. Print a [flyer](#) to advertise the meeting in your agency or community!

Note: This meeting was scheduled to be held in person just before the Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness in Houston, but the conference has been canceled for health and safety reasons. We've kept this meeting at the same time, though, since many people already had that time reserved.

**Due to capacity space will be limited so if possible please plan on sharing a screen whenever possible to allow more members to join.*

[Click here to register.](#)



And we're wishing some other team members farewell as they're moving on to positions with other agencies. So, THN is hiring! Learn more about all the opportunities to join our team as we work to end homelessness.

- [CoC Performance Coordinator](#) - Closes Sunday, October 31, 2021
- [Systems Change Coordinator](#) - Closed Sunday, October 3, 2021

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

2022 Point-in-Time Count



The Annual Point-in-Time Count will be occurring on Thursday, January 27th, 2022! Click the flyer above for more information.

Annual Conference Has Been Canceled

The Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness that was scheduled to take place next week in Houston **has been canceled** due to COVID-19.

- **If you booked your hotel room with the Omni and have not received a cancellation email, we urge you to contact them to confirm your cancellation.** If you booked within the THN block of rooms, your reservation should have been automatically processed by them, but some folks have had issues. *To cancel your hotel/lodging reservations contact the Houston Omni Galleria directly at (713) 871-8181, as we are unable to assist with external bookings.*
- **If you paid by credit card for your conference registration,** you should receive your refund by the end of this week to the card that was originally charged. If you do not, please reach out to deanne@thn.org. **If you sent a check** and need to check the status of a refund or voiding your check, please also email deanne@thn.org.
- *For any additional questions or concerns, please email samantha@thn.org. Give at least 2 business days for a response time.*

We look forward to "seeing" you all virtually in [our upcoming fall and winter webinar series](#) and at our 2022 Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness.

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](#).

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

Governance Charter Open for Public Comment

The Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care Governance Charter will be open for public comment beginning on October 4th, 2021.

To review and comment on the charter revisions, visit the [Public Comment Portal](#) beginning on October 4th, 2021, and click on "Items Open for Public Comment". Follow the instructions in the document to submit comments.

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

SchoolHouse Connection's "Learning from Liaisons" Webinar Series

Join school district homeless education liaisons "to discuss specific strategies to assist families who are at risk of, or facing, eviction, as well as how to use American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) funds to identify and support children and youth experiencing homelessness." Thursdays at 2:00 CDT for 30-45 minutes. Read more and register on [SchoolHouse Connection's website](#).



Important Dates

October

October 2021 General Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2021, 9:00 -11:30 AM

- Main Topic –State of the CoC Address by CoC Board Chair, Daphne' Adams

- Community Conversation about the CoC Strategic Plan
- Icebreakers with CoC Board Members

[Register Here](#)

October 2021 CESC Meeting

Tuesday 19 October 2021, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

*Closed Meeting

October 2021 TX BoS Board Meeting

Wednesday 27 October 2021, 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

November

*No General Meeting

November 2021 TX BoS Board Meeting

Wednesday 17 November 2021, 02:00 PM - 04:00 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](#).

HUD Open Access to \$5 Billion In American Rescue Plan Grants to Prevent and End Homelessness

The \$4.925 billion in HOME-ARP funding will play a critical role in developing housing to address homelessness and homelessness risk among extremely low-income households. The funding also gives participating jurisdictions flexibility to best meet the needs of people experiencing or at - risk of experiencing homelessness, including through the development of affordable housing and permanent supportive housing, the provision of tenant-based rental assistance, the delivery of supportive services, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

[Read the full announcement here.](#)



T-Mobile Hometown Grants

T-Mobile's Hometown Grant program invests up to \$50,000 in projects, new or existing, from towns with fewer than 50,000 people. Up to 100 towns will receive the grant. Eligible applicants include elected leaders, community leaders, city, town, and county government employees, and nonprofit leaders.

[Click here to learn more](#)

What's Happening across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[Texarkana, Texas cracking down on homelessness; services remain available for those in need](#) (Bowie County)

South

[Community comes together to feed homeless veterans](#) (Nueces County)

East

[Guest commentary: Homeless coalition wholly supports Galveston proposal](#) (Galveston County)

[Tyler PD to hire digital forensic specialist, homeless outreach coordinator - KETK.com](#) (Smith County)

West

[Proposed Homeless Center Causes Strife Within Lubbock's Outreach Community](#) (Lubbock County)

[Jesus House looking to create homeless action committee](#) (Odessa County)

Central

[Hays County Veterans organizations receive grants from the Texas Veterans Commission](#) (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 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 Texas Balance of State to provide any input they feel the TX BoS Staff and Board should be aware of.

<https://thn.wufoo.com/forms/tx-bos-member-feedback-form/>

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

