

# Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

## CoC General Meeting

Notes

June 8th, 2022, 2:00-3:30 P.M.

Registration link: <https://thn.adobeconnect.com/jun22gm/event/registration.html>

Meeting materials available at: <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/join-us/#bos-gen-meetings>

### 2:00-2:05 - Welcome, Map of Attendees, and Introduction

- Texas Homeless Network (THN) staff welcomed attendees

### 2:05-2:20 - Data Snapshot: 2022 Point in Time Count

- Data Coordinator Alex Paredes presented an infographic about the results of the 2022 Point in Time Count.
- The 2022 PIT count was conducted during a significant surge in COVID-19 infection rates across the country. Because of the pandemic, issues related to volunteer recruitment and participation likely impacted the comprehensiveness and quality of the data.
- THN staff recommends that comparing 2022 data to the prior year's data be done sparingly and strategically as the presence of the global pandemic significantly altered both the 2021 and 2022 data sets.

### 2:20-3:05 - How we are Ending Homelessness: Be Well, Texas

- Presentation Karla Ramirez, Director of Be Well, Texas
- Be Well, Texas offers remote treatment for people with substance use disorder, and would like to increase their provider network. They invite organizations working with people experiencing homelessness that have substance use disorder to reach about becoming a part of their network.
- This is a good opportunity for providers in areas that lack each access to treatment to get services for their clients.
- Reach out to Karla at [ramirezsk2@uthscsa.edu](mailto:ramirezsk2@uthscsa.edu) for more information.
- Q&A with Be Well, Texas

### 3:05-3:20 - Community Conversation

- Community Conversation Survey – Director of Engagement Mary Stahlke presented attendees with a poll asking what topics they are interested in having staff present on in upcoming meetings, and what they might be interested in talking about at upcoming meetings.



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- Time for CoC general members to “address the CoC” – no comments or discussion during this time.

## 3:20-3:25 – **Announcements (see below for more details)**

- CoC Board Update – Daphné Adams, CoC Board Chair
- CoC Program Competition – Jim Ward, Director of Planning
- CoC Board Recruitment – Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement
- Persons with Lived Experience Workgroup – Margaret Hill, Governance Coordinator
- TX BoS CoC General Member Orientation – Margaret Hill, Governance Coordinator
- Coordinated Entry Steering Committee – Katie Martinez, Systems Change Manager

## 3:25-3:30 - **Next Meeting August 10th, 2022**

Watch the [website](#) and [BoS Newsletter](#) for more information



# Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

## Become a CoC Member!

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 people 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 Meetings include presentations by and conversations between CoC members and staff on topics that are important to preventing and ending homelessness. Meeting information is posted on THN's website at <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/join-us/#bos-gen-meetings>, and notes and recordings are posted at <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/get-involved/>.

## Committee Updates

### Community Investment Committee (CIC)

No meeting was held in May.

### Coordinated Entry Steering Committee (CESC)

No meeting in May; staff are still working to fill empty seats. Staff met with the Galveston County Homeless Coalition this month to find a new CESC volunteer. There are CEPE Chair/CESC member openings in Galveston, Lubbock, Odessa, and San Angelo.

### Data Committee

No meeting was held in May.

### Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)

The committee met to finish its review of the first quarter progress on the CoC Action Plan.

### Victim Services Provider Committee (VSPC)

No meeting was held in May.

### Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC)

Recruiting members; if interested, complete this form: <https://forms.gle/ntoPDtYNjAZcVFCM8>

### Ending Veteran Homelessness Committee (EVHC)

No meeting was held in May.

### Ending Youth Homelessness Committee (EYHC)

EYHC met to finalize recruitment plan and structure for the Youth Action Board.

CoC Committees on THN's website: <https://www.thn.org/tx-bos-coc-committees/>



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## Announcements

### CoC Board Update

In April, the board welcomed two new members:

- Dee Ross, Deputy Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Victoria in Seat 11, and
- Nora Vargas, Homeless and Housing Services Manager at the City of Corpus Christi in Seat 10

In May, the board voted to approve updates to the CoC Board Requirements policy that describe the changes previously approved in February through a Board Action Request. The policy updates describe a 16th board seat that will be filled by a member of the Youth Action Board. The Youth Action Board is still in development.

### CoC Program Competition

(see attached presentation)

### Recruiting for CoC Board

In late June and July the CoC will be recruiting for CoC Board Members to fill the even-numbered seats for the 2022-24 term. If you or someone you know is a member of one of the designated groups, or you work with one of the designated groups, please consider nominating yourself to run for that seat. Watch [THN's website](#) and the BoS e-newsletter in July, and THN's social media for more information about nominations.

- Seat 2--Homeless veterans
- Seat 4--Homeless families
- Seat 6--Victim services
- Seat 8--Health/medical
- Seat 10--Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient
- Seat 12--Law enforcement/ criminal justice
- Seat 14--Faith community or faith-based organization

If you have questions or want more information about the CoC Board, see the [CoC Board page on THN's website](#) or the [CoC Board Requirements](#), or contact Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, at [mary@thn.org](mailto:mary@thn.org) or 512-861-2180.

### Persons with Lived Experience Workgroup – Now Recruiting

Texas Homeless Network, as the lead agency of the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC), is recruiting individuals with current or recent experience of homelessness to serve on an advisory workgroup. This Persons with Lived Experience (PLE) Workgroup, will





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provide Texas Homeless Network staff and the TX BoS CoC Board with valuable input on homeless services within the TX BoS CoC.

Individuals with recent (within the last 7 years) or current experience of homelessness that live within the [geographic boundaries of the TX BoS CoC](#) can serve on the PLE Workgroup. There are six (6) open seats on the committee, one from each region of the TX BoS CoC. This form is for nominees from all regions. Please see the map of the regions and the list of the counties below to determine which region your county is in. Please be aware that not all applicants will be selected for the workgroup.

For more information about committee activities, time commitment, and compensation, please review the [Persons with Lived Experience Workgroup Recruitment Information](#) document.

If you would like to be part of this workgroup, please fill out the [Interest Form](#) before **Wednesday June 22, 2022**.

Questions about this opportunity can be directed to [margaret@thn.org](mailto:margaret@thn.org)

## **TX BoS CoC General Member Orientation**

You are invited to the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) Member Orientation!

Are you new to working within the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care? Or do you just want to learn more about the TX BoS CoC? Are you curious about THN's role as the TX BoS CoC's lead agency? Attend the TX BoS CoC Member Orientation!

[Register Here to Attend!](#)

This meeting will be held by webinar on **June 15th, 2022 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM**.

TX BoS CoC Members must register ahead of time to attend. Anyone that lives and/or works within the [geographic boundaries of the TX BoS CoC](#) is considered a member.

## **Coordinated Entry Steering Committee**

The Coordinated Entry Steering Committee is seeking new members to fill seats on the CoC-level Coordinated Entry Steering Committee and local-level Coordinated Entry Planning Entities. If you have experience with Coordinated Entry and are interested, reach out to Systems Change Manager Katie Martinez at [katie@thn.org](mailto:katie@thn.org).



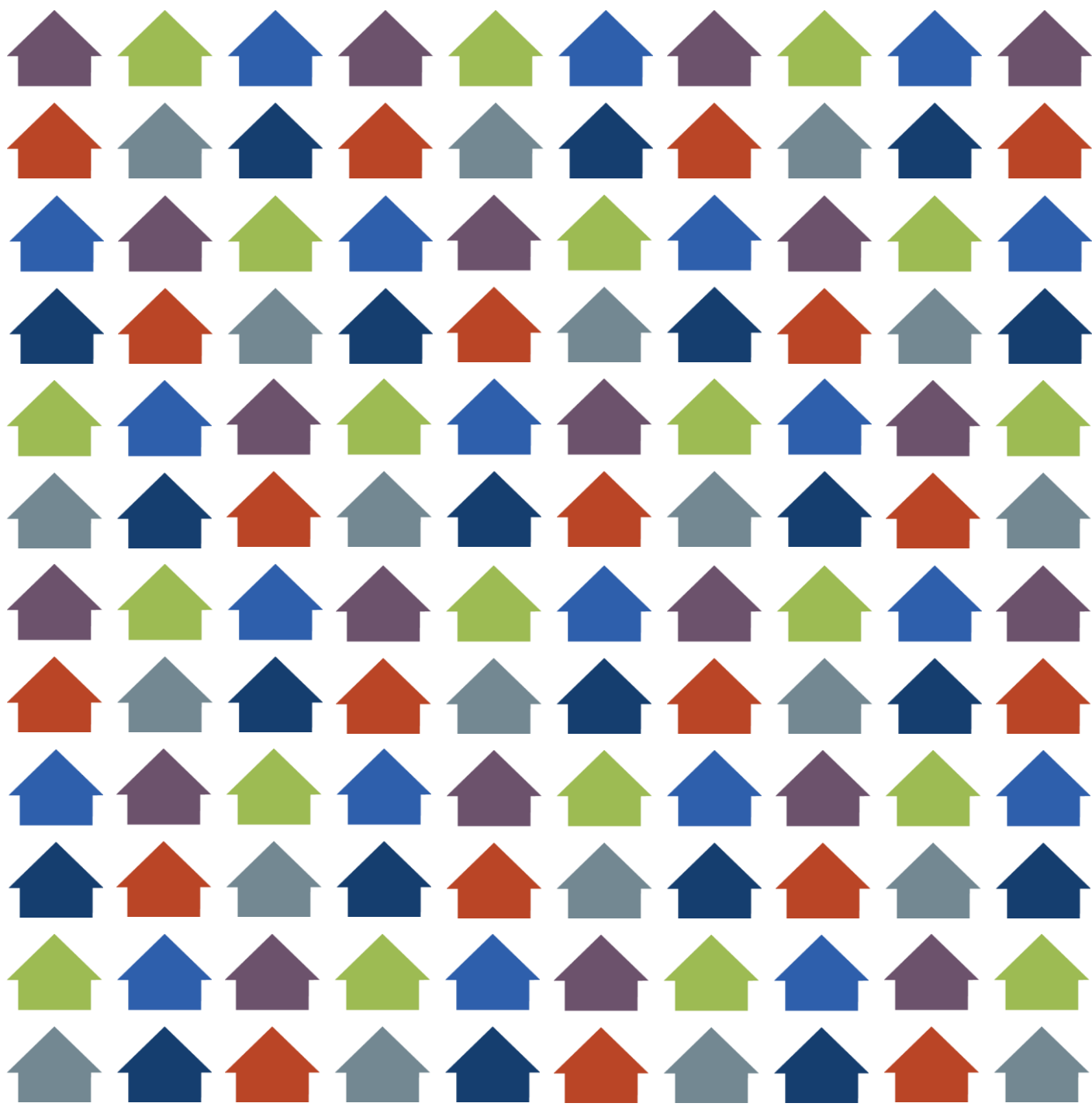
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## June 8, 2022, CoC General Meeting Attendees

Name	Company Name
Elena Lusk	United Way of Denton County
Daphne Jackson	A Servant's Heart-Texas LLC
Marsha Wilson Rappaport	The Children's Center, Inc.
Alyssa Paz	TTBH
Angela Hernandez	Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
Mechelle Lindsay	Families In Crisis, Inc.
Christy Plemons	The Salvation Army
Rebecca Bromley	Neighborhood Development Corp
Chesley Knowles	Community Healthcore
Anne Spanyers	Advocacy Outreach
Dana Worrell	Health Resources
Breall Baccus	TCFV
Briseida Courtois	UT Health San Antonio
Daphne Adams	Christian Community Action
Cosme Dominguez	Texas Homeless Network
Rashawn Smith	City of Killeen
Karla Ramirez	Be Well Texas at UT Health SA
Debra Huffman	Neighborhood Development
Jennifer Schmidt	The Salvation Army
Juan Rodriguez	South Texas Development Council
Krystall Escobedo	THN
Dianeth Rodriguez	Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
Melinda Baker	Corpus Christi Hope House, Inc.
Valerie Bustos	Open Door Survivor Housing

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Katie Martinez	THN
Virginia Stafford	Mid-Coast Family Services
DAMIAN CLARK	Advocacy Outreach
Wallace Revalee	Community Healthcore
Clarissa Villegas	TTBH
Carrie Baugus	Denton Affordable Housing Corp.
Sandy Swan	Interfaith Ministries
Mark Richardson	PATH
Michelle Yates	La Posada
Roxanne Vilanova	The Salvation Army, New Braunfels Corps
Betty Kay Schlesinger	The Salvation Army, Grayson County
Marliza Marin	THN
Rosina Salsman	Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center



# **June 8<sup>th</sup> TX BoS CoC General Member Meeting**

**Strategies For Change**

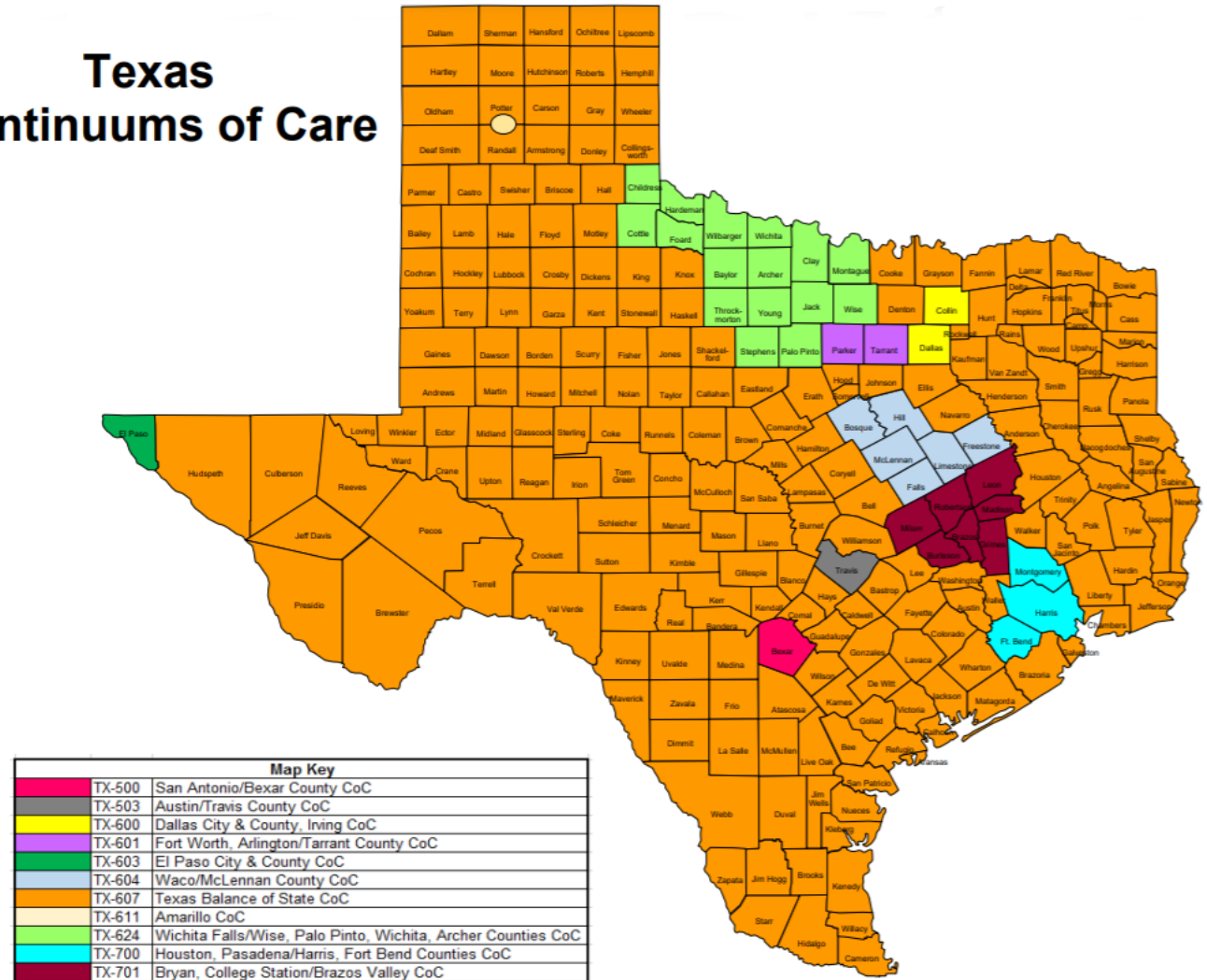
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# Welcome!

This a meeting for General Members of the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care. Anyone that lives or works in the TX BoS CoC is considered a member.

The TX BoS CoC develops system-level responses and coordinates local community strategies that strategically prevent and end homelessness and increase housing stability.

## Texas Continuums of Care



# Who should attend General Meetings?



Anyone is welcome and encourage to attend!

The information presented is likely to be most relevant to professionals working within homeless services in the TX BoS CoC.

The topics covered in this meeting relate mostly to the work being done by Program Managers or Directors, but may be of interest

to anyone wanting to learn more about the work of the TX BoS CoC.

Meetings often have content that is relevant to many different attendees. We hope that continue to attend!

# More Information

For more information:

- Check out the [Texas Homeless Network website](#)
- Sign up for the [TX BoS CoC Newsletter](#) on the Texas Homeless Network website
- Attend the upcoming TX BoS CoC Orientation on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-3:00 PM



*Thank  
You!*



# MEET OUR TEAM



**Eric Samuels**  
President and CEO



**Lisa Albracht**  
VISTA Project Assistant



**Jen Beardsley**  
Local Homeless  
Coalition Coordinator



**Kraig Blaize-Fiero**  
CoC Programs  
Coordinator



**Paula Dewey**  
Database Coordinator



**Cosme Dominguez**  
HMIS Data Analyst



**Allie Edmundson**  
Emergency Housing  
Voucher Manager



**Samantha Foss**  
Director of  
Development



**Gabrielle Garcia**  
Training Coordinator



**Helen Garcia**  
EHV Referral  
Coordinator



**Brian Goodner**  
Chief Financial Officer



**Kyra Henderson**  
Director of Systems  
Change



**Margaret Hill**  
Governance Coordinator



**Lindsay LaGrange**  
Director of Data



**Deanne Locke**  
Accounting and HR  
Coordinator



**Marliza Marin**  
Subpopulations  
Coordinator



**Katie Ledbetter**  
Systems Change  
Manager



**Axton Nichols**  
Emergency Solutions  
Coordinator



# MEET OUR TEAM



**Marissa Ortega**  
Data and Policy  
Analyst



**Alex Paredes**  
Data Coordinator



**Hope Rodgers**  
CoC Performance  
Manager



**Billy Streu**  
EHV Service  
Coordinator



**Mary Stahlke**  
Director of  
Engagement



**Anja Taylor**  
Barriers Fund  
Coordinator



**Jim Ward**  
Director of Planning



**Kristin Zakoor**  
Chief Operating Officer



**Aubrey Fetzer**  
Statewide Data  
Sharing Associate



**Cindy Ramirez**  
VISTA Leader



**Corrie Golightly**  
EHV Accounts Payable  
Specialist



**Mari Reyes**  
Policy and VIISTA  
Manager



**Krystall Escobedo-Paz**  
Systems Change  
Specialist

# Texas Balance of State CoC 2022 Point-In-Time (PIT) Data

The 2022 PIT count was conducted during a significant surge in COVID-19 infection rates across the country. Because of the pandemic, issues related to volunteer recruitment and participation likely impacted the comprehensiveness and quality of the data.

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## 7,054

Individuals experiencing homelessness  
on a single night in 2022.



**50%**  
Sheltered

**50%**  
Unsheltered



### Ethnicity Breakdown

40%

Hispanic/Latino

60%

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino

### Racial Disparities

22% of people experiencing homelessness in the TX BoS CoC are Black or African American, despite only being 8% of the TX BoS CoC total population



*\*based on 2020 census data, not including those that selected multiple races\**

**Adults (25+)**  
**5,392**

**Youth (18-24)**  
**554**

**Children (0-17)**  
**1,108**



**Adults without Children**  
**5,238**



**Unaccompanied Youth**  
**442**



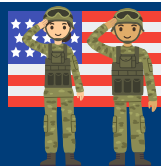
**Parenting Youth**  
**82**

**Children in Families**  
**1,076**



*\*110 children with youth parents\**

**Veterans**  
**465**



8% of adults and youth experiencing homelessness are Veterans

**Unaccompanied Children**  
**32**

*\*Kids under the age of 18 without a parent/guardian\**

**12**

**Chronically Homeless**  
**1,141**

### Additional Homeless Populations



*\*Participants can be categorized under more than one additional population\**

Serious Mental Illness



1,245

Survivor of Domestic Violence

878

Substance Use Disorder

872

HIV/AIDS

51

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This data comes from the annual HUD Point-in-time (PIT) Count. The PIT aims to provide a snapshot of the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in a geographical area, over the course of one night.

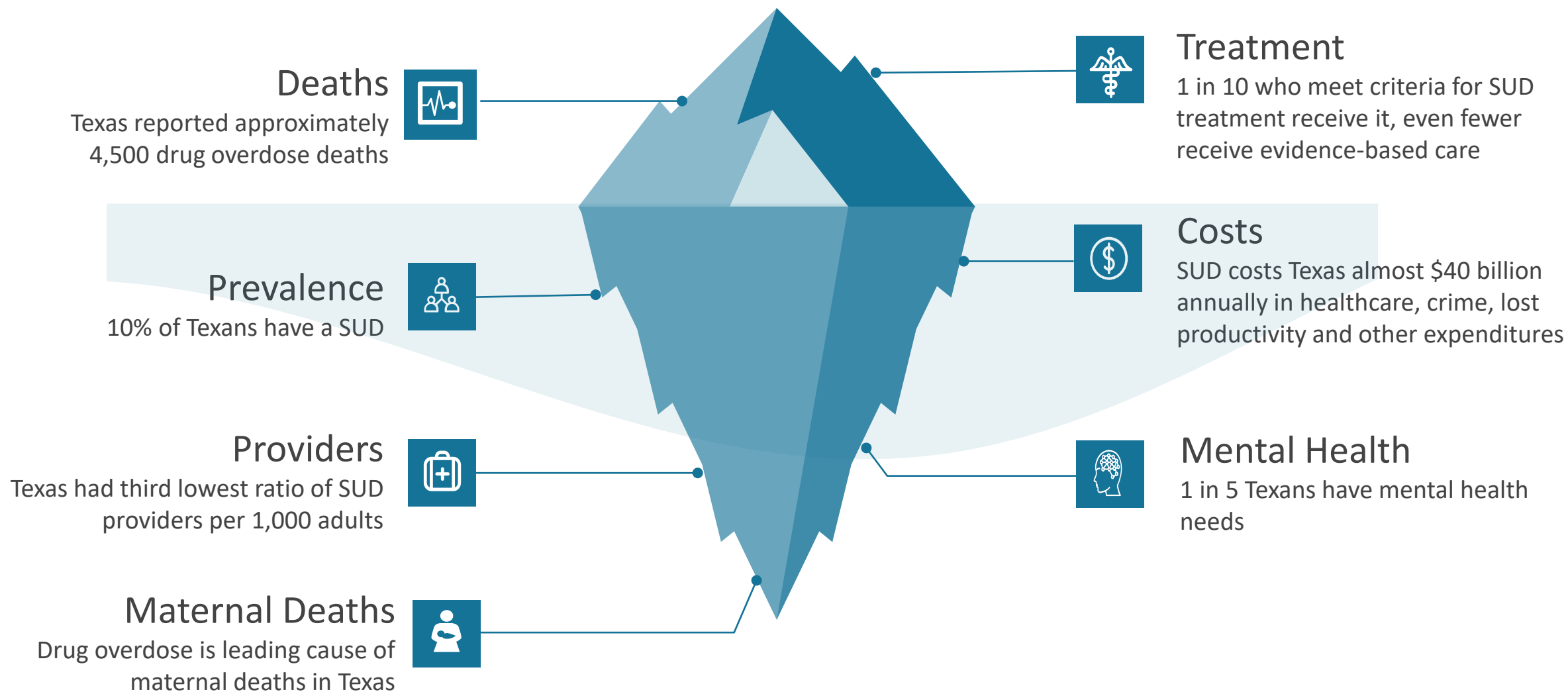
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Karla Ramirez, LCSW, MSSW, MSHA

Director, Be Well Texas

UT Health San Antonio

# Without data and surveillance, we only see tip of the iceberg



# Substance use disorder intersects with housing

## Mental Health

Self-harm, depression, anxiety, intellectual and developmental disabilities

## Veterans

Transitioning to civilian life, social isolation, financial hardship, disability and trauma

## Physical Health

Chronic pain, heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure, stroke,

## Health Equity

Affordability and access to prevention, treatment and recovery services

## Social Determinants of Health

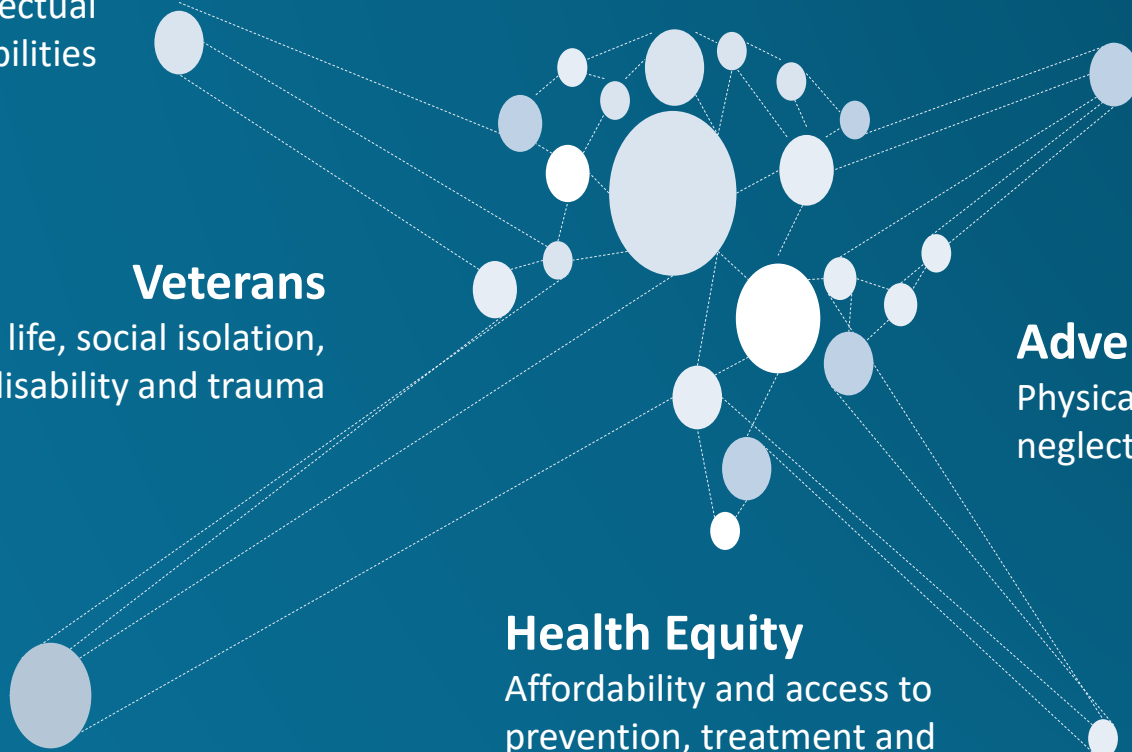
Health insurance, educational attainment, employment, intergenerational poverty

## Adverse Childhood Experiences

Physical/emotional/sexual abuse, neglect, divorce, trauma, foster care

## Criminal Justice

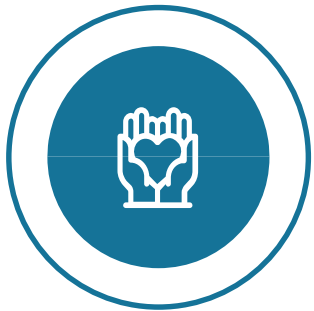
Long-term incarceration, probation and history of substance use



# Our Mission

Equitable access to compassionate, evidence-based care and services for people who use substances and those with substance use disorders

People with lived experience



Addiction medicine



Provider Network



Health informatics and  
technology





# Initiatives

**Be Well, Texas Clinic**  
Increase rapid access to evidence-based SUD treatment delivered virtually with MAT for OUD, AUD, & SUD as a focus to augment local capacity

**Disaster Response**  
Develop an on-demand emergency response system for SUD and related mental health issues

**Hospital Network**  
Transform the standard of care for treatment initiation and continuity of next level of care

**Recovery Support Services**  
Enhance existing continuum of RSS through expansion and technology

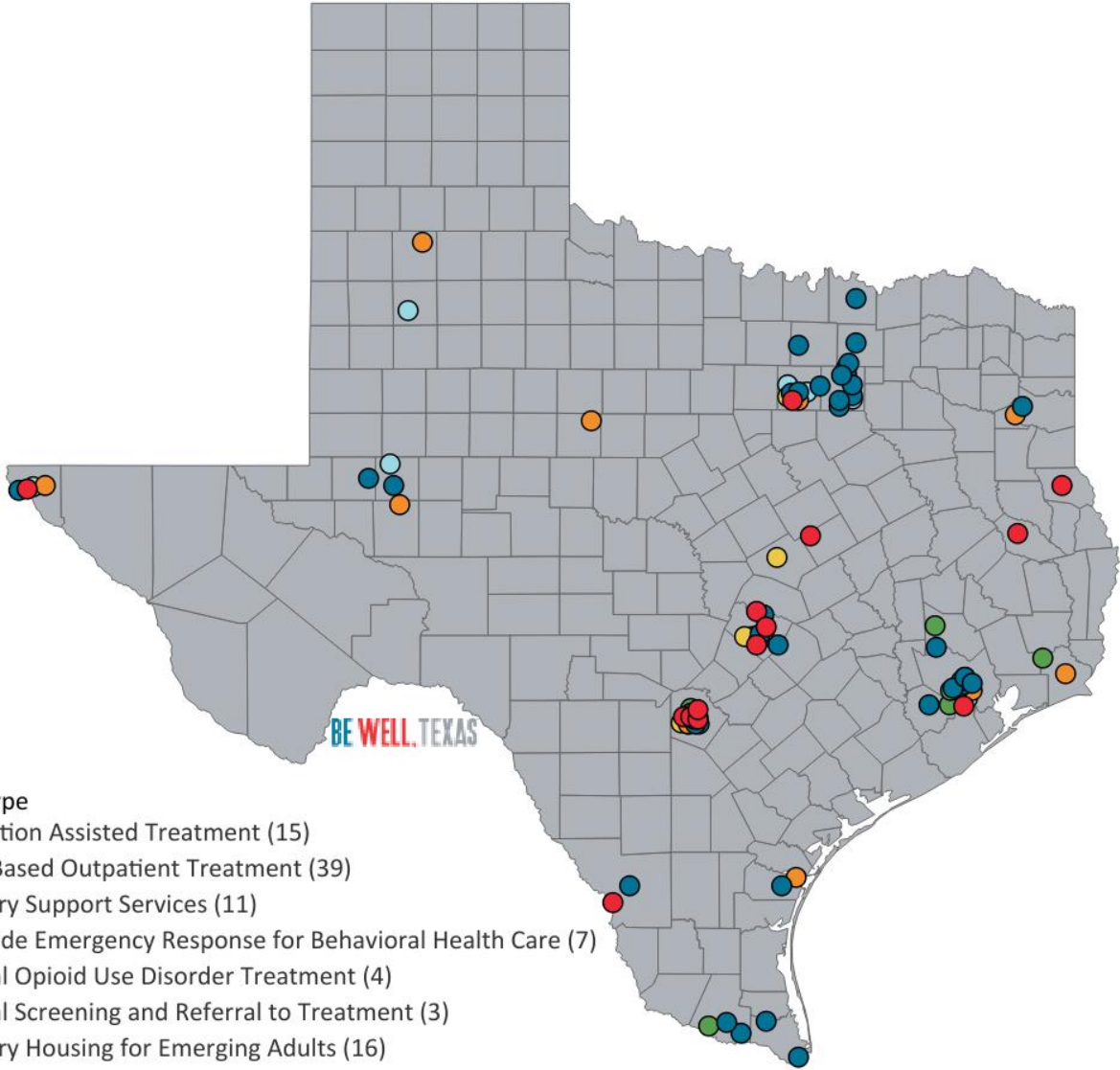
**Recovery Housing**  
Establish and maintain specialized Level II and Level III residences for individuals ages 18-25 recovering from an SUD

**Provider Network**  
Statewide preferred network of evidence-based SUD treatment providers and recovery specialists

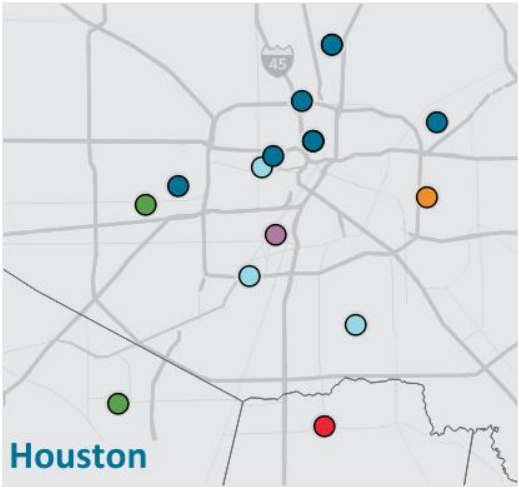
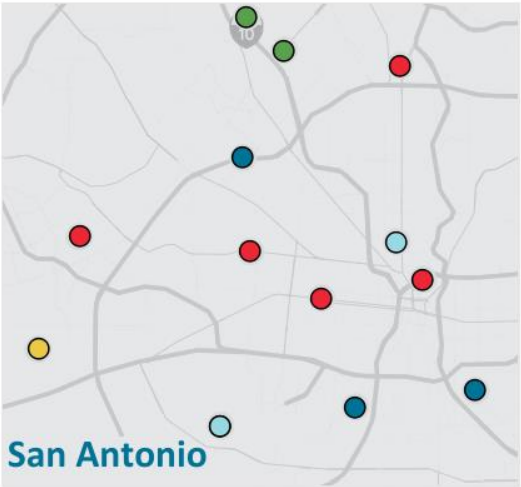
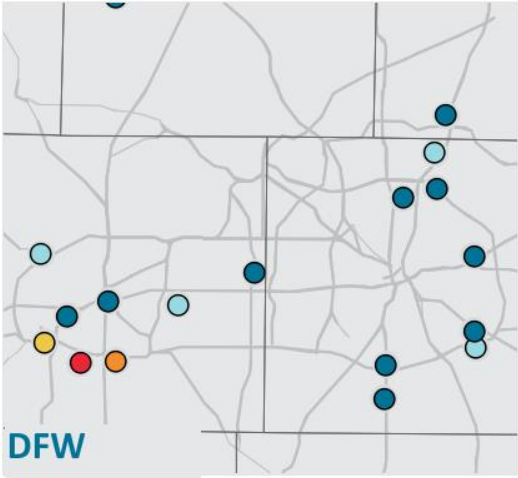
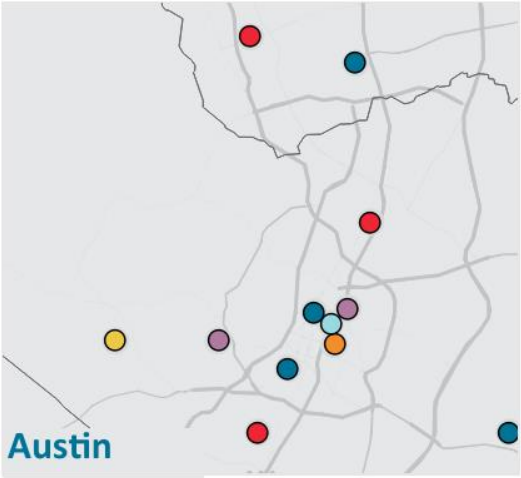
**Telementoring**  
Increase community capacity to deliver evidence-based treatment through GetWaiveredTX, ECHO, TxSUS, technical assistance and consultation

## Connecting Texans to life-saving treatment

## Statewide Provider Network



### Major Metropolitan Areas





# Emerging Adults Recovery Housing



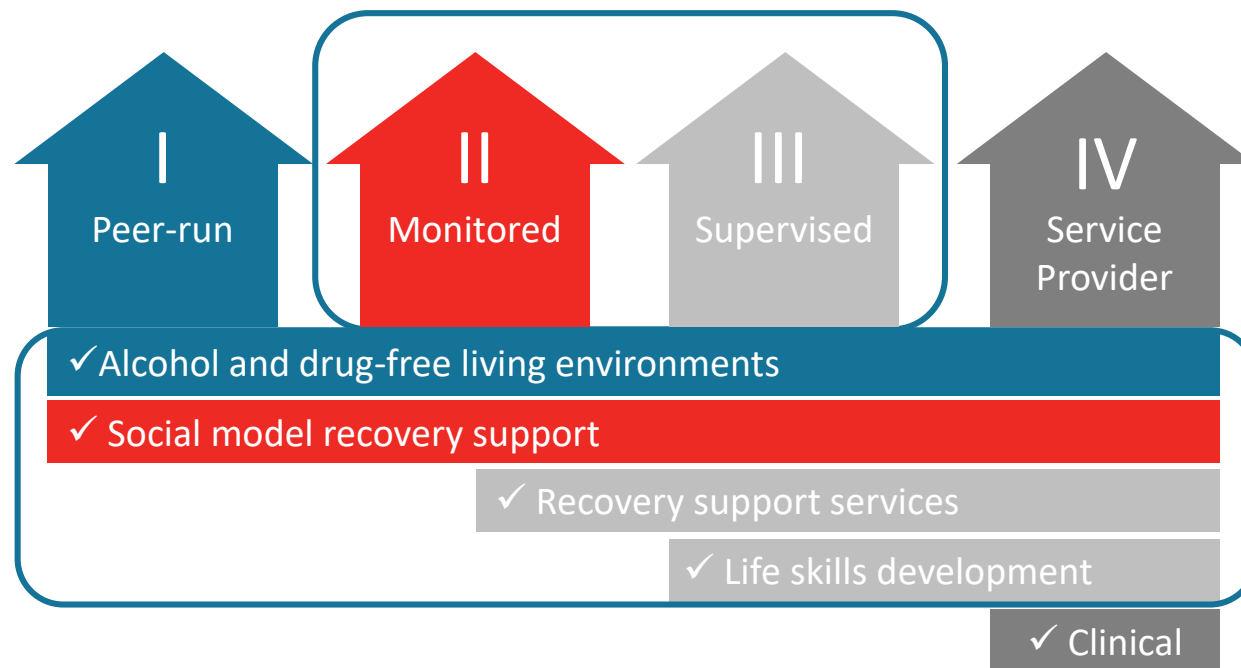
Expand recovery housing

Partner to open Level II and Level III recovery houses



Target young adults

Young adults ages 18-25 enrolled in outpatient, recovery support and opioid treatment services



# Telehealth Services

*Virtual Addiction Recovery Medical Home where treatment is initiated by a patient experience coordinator who will introduce the participant to a suite of services hand-picked for them based on assessed needs and individual preference.*

## Be Well Texas Clinic

Be Well Texas provides compassionate, evidence-based treatment and care for people with substance use disorder and related treatment needs.

Through telehealth and in-person services, we offer confidential access to care on at the patient's convenience

## RecoveryTexas.org

There are many pathways to recovery. Not sure what is right for you? At RecoveryTX you can call/text/chat with a peer who gets it, take a self-assessment, go to a meeting, go to recovery yoga or access Be Well Texas Clinic

## Digital Health Services

Weconnect, RecoveryLink, Epic. Digital tools used to enhance outcomes and sustain recovery



# Be Well Texas Clinic



## Medication Assisted Treatment

Board-certified addiction medicine physicians provide psychiatric evaluation, medication-assisted treatment, medication management, medications and labs.



## Counseling

Licensed professional counselors can provide evidence-based individual and family therapy.



## Peer Recovery Support

Certified peer recovery support specialists will identify ways to best support your recovery and wellness goals.



## Case Management

Case management uses a client-centered, collaborative approach to provide comprehensive care to patients.

# Clinic Stats

## Be Well Texas Clinic Number Served

October 1, 2021-May 31, 2022

	Disaster	COVID	Total
Visits	312	1693	2005

Source: BWTX Clinic

## Payer Mix as of 05/31/2022

Payer	
Commercial	104
CareLink	4
Medicaid	56
Medicare	32
Self-Pay	317
Totals	513

Referring Organization
Bandera Family Health Care
Christian Farms Treehouse
DR. LISA DAVIS
Family Member or Friend
Integral Care Next Step
Kendall County Criminal District Attorney's Office
Laurel Ridge Treatment Center
Lukner Medical Clinic, PLLC
MST
Next Step Integral Care
Nexus Recovery Center
Now Clinic
Porter Medical Associates
Recovery ATX
Recovery Resource Council
San Antonio Council on Alcohol & Drug Awareness
Self
South Texas Rural Health Services
Texas A&M Health Family Care Clinic
Texoma Community Center
United States Probation
UT San Antonio
Thriveworks
UHS



**Recovery Texas is a low-to-no cost way of getting back on track.**



**GET SUPPORT**

Call, text or chat with our certified peer recovery support specialists



**SELF SCREENING**

Self-screening assessment to determine risk



**BE WELL TEXAS CLINIC**

High-quality, low-barrier access to evidence-based treatment for addiction recovery and mental health wellbeing





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# Be Well Texas Partnerships



Thank You

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Get Started at [BeWellTexasClinic.org](http://BeWellTexasClinic.org)

OR CALL (833) 778-2571

Here for you  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Not sure if you are ready for treatment? Visit [RecoveryTexas.org](http://RecoveryTexas.org) to talk with a peer in recovery, take a self-screening, access resources and meetings, or attend recovery yoga - all at no cost.

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Addiction Treatment & Recovery

Be Well Texas is part of UT Health San Antonio, a premier academic research center, whose mission is to make lives better through excellence in education, research, health care and community engagement.



@BeWellTexas

This project is supported by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission through federal funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant award number HHS000963100001/HHS000843300001.

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### Why Choose a Virtual Visit?

Be seen on your terms, in the comfort of your home. Telemedicine allows people to meet over the internet using audio and video, rather than in-person.

- No travel or wait times
- No need to leave work or schedule childcare
- Visits are done in the privacy and comfort of your home
- Easy to use with a smartphone, tablet or computer with internet access and camera
- Convenient, confidential and flexible scheduling





# WELCOME TO BE WELL TEXAS. WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

At **Be Well Texas**, we believe in a future where substance use disorder (SUD) prevention, treatment and recovery are easily accessible to all Texans, regardless of their ability to pay. Here, we recognize and appreciate that there are many pathways to recovery, and meet people where they are without judgment.

Be Well Texas is a state-funded program for Texans seeking help with substance use and/or mental illness. Our caring, compassionate staff provides convenient access to high-quality, evidence-based treatment and services to all people with or without insurance or the ability to pay.

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**Not sure if Be Well Texas is right for you?**  
Let's talk: (833) 778-2571

## Now Welcoming New Patients.

Be Well Texas is open to anyone 18 or older, regardless of ability to pay, with no-pay and no-insurance options available. Same-day and next-day appointments available for in-person or online visits.

## What to Expect

**STEP 1:** Visit [BeWellTexasClinic.org](https://BeWellTexasClinic.org)  
or call (833) 778-2571

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**STEP 2:** Schedule a virtual visit or  
an in-person appointment

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**STEP 3:** Begin your recovery with experts  
supporting you at every step

## How We Help

At Be Well Texas, we offer comprehensive care for substance use disorder and non-severe mental illness. Psychiatric evaluation, medication management, counseling, peer recovery support, technology tools and case management are included in our suite of services. All laboratory and medication costs are included and free for those who qualify.



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**BE WELL, TEXAS<sup>SM</sup>**

Addiction Treatment & Recovery  
A Resource for Providers and Referral Sources



Be Well Texas at UT Health San Antonio provides equitable access to high quality, evidence-based treatment for substance use disorders that are grounded in compassion, built on science and improved by technology.

## CLINICAL SERVICES

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### Who We Are

Be Well Texas is designed by an interdisciplinary team of addiction medicine specialists, behavioral health experts and people with lived experience in recovery. Here, we provide comprehensive, effective, high-quality addiction treatment, including medication and lab services, delivered by caring physicians and clinicians at low-to-no cost to the patient. Through convenient and rapidly accessible telehealth and in-person services, we meet people where they are to achieve sustainable recovery and improved health outcomes.

### Why We Do It

At Be Well Texas, we are dedicated to changing the standard of care for people with substance use disorder in Texas. By providing convenient and rapid access to this life-saving treatment, we are confident that we can learn new ways to manage this chronic disease.

### What We Treat

#### Support for All Addictions and Non-Severe Mental Illness

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**BE WELL TEXAS IS WELCOMING NEW PATIENTS,  
PROVIDERS AND PARTNERS.**

**MAKE A REFERRAL  
IF YOU ARE A COMMUNITY OR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER,  
REFER A PATIENT TO OUR STATEWIDE, TELEMEDICINE  
SUD TREATMENT PROGRAM:**

**1: ONLINE BY SUBMITTING THE PATIENT  
REFERRAL FORM**



**2. CALL OUR CLINIC (833) 778-2571**

Be Well Texas services are confidential and supervised  
by board-certified physicians in addiction medicine and  
psychiatry.

**BeWellTexasClinic.org**





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CAN CHANGE.**

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From remote rural areas to crowded city streets, we're connecting Texans all across the state to lifesaving recovery treatment. We're doing it through three bold initiatives.

At Be Well Texas, we believe anyone seeking help for substance use disorder should be able to get it, regardless of their ability to pay. That's why our program, funded by a statewide grant, allows us to deliver quality, evidence-based care and treatment to everyone, including the underinsured and those without insurance.

But it takes more than money to develop and offer solutions. It takes a multi-faceted program and a dedicated, experienced team. Be Well Texas at UT Health San Antonio offers a unique, three-pronged approach to helping Texans find recovery.

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## Provider Network

The heart and soul of Be Well Texas is our provider network, a statewide group of health care providers and clinics that are specially trained to help those seeking treatment and who work together to help those in need. The network includes substance use and mental health professionals across the continuum of care.

As part of the network, providers receive tools and support services to help them improve patient outcomes while offering low-or-no cost treatment to those who need it most. Providers can also offer their patients a variety of treatment approaches, including medication-assisted outpatient treatment, peer recovery support, emergency response and more.

In addition, all providers have access to ongoing training and technical assistance as they navigate the program.

**IT ALL STARTS WITH  
OUR WORLD-CLASS  
PROVIDERS.**

**JOIN OUR PROVIDER  
NETWORK.**

**(833) 600-BWTX (2989)**

Monday – Friday  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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If you have a patient who is struggling with substance use or mental health challenges, consider referring them to Be Well Texas at (833) 778-2571 or [BeWellTexasClinic.org](https://BeWellTexasClinic.org). If you're interested in joining our provider network, contact us at (833) 600-BWTX (2989) or visit [BeWellTexas.org](https://BeWellTexas.org).

Addiction knows no boundaries, which is why Be Well Texas offers telementoring services to providers anywhere in the state. Already, more than 800 health care providers have been trained through the program.

**WE'RE BRINGING  
SUD TRAINING  
AND TREATMENT  
TO ALL PARTS  
OF TEXAS.**

### Telementoring Program

A key component of the Be Well Texas program is education. If we can increase the number of health care providers delivering evidence-based treatment, we can make a lifesaving difference.

Our telementoring program is a comprehensive, statewide training and supervision program that's expanding the workforce capacity for SUD. Already, the program has trained more than 500 providers across the state, and it's available to any Texas provider, regardless of geography or local resources.

Using video conferencing technology, the telementoring program connects subject matter experts with health care workers in underserved, remote or rural communities to help them increase their knowledge and incorporate best practices for screening and treatment of SUD.

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### Clinical Services

When patients are ready for recovery, the Be Well Texas clinic is here. It's our patient-facing treatment program for Texans seeking help for substance use disorder or mental health wellbeing.

Supervised by board-certified physicians in addiction medicine and psychiatry, the clinic offers both telehealth and in-person visits. Texans 18 years or older have access to a full range of treatment options: SUD assessment, psychiatric evaluation, evidence-based counseling (individual and family), medication and medication management, peer recovery support, case management, pharmacy and lab services.

To ensure services are made available to as many people as possible, payment options include no-pay, sliding scale, Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance plans. At Be Well Texas, our goal is to provide a recovery solution that's focused on the patient, proven by science and long lasting.

**MAKE A REFERRAL.** If your patient is struggling with SUD and/or mental health challenges, please consider referring them to Be Well Texas. Contact us at **(833) 778-2571** or **BeWellTexasClinic.org**. Together, we can change lives.





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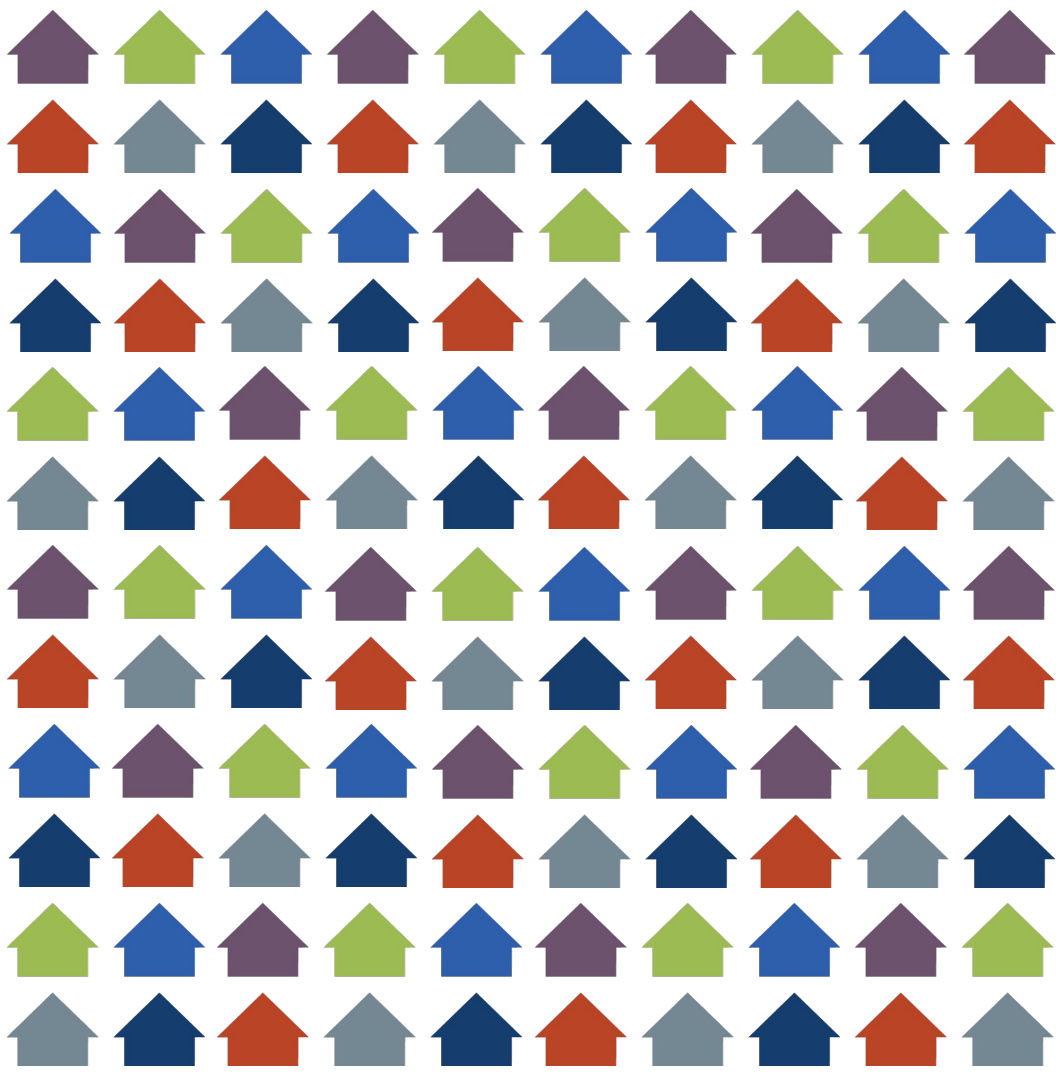
## Addiction Treatment & Recovery

**Be Well Texas** is part of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, also known as UT Health San Antonio, a premier academic research center, whose mission is to make lives better through excellence in education, research, health care and community engagement. Working through its medical practice of the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine, UT Health Physicians offers more than 800 providers in more than 100 specialties and subspecialties providing expert patient care, nationally leading education and powerful scientific solutions for our diverse communities.



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# **Preparing for the FY 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition**

**Strategies For Change**

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# Agenda

- Overview of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
- Local Application Process
- Upcoming Important Dates
- Technical Assistance During Competition
- Next Steps



# CoC Program Description

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to:

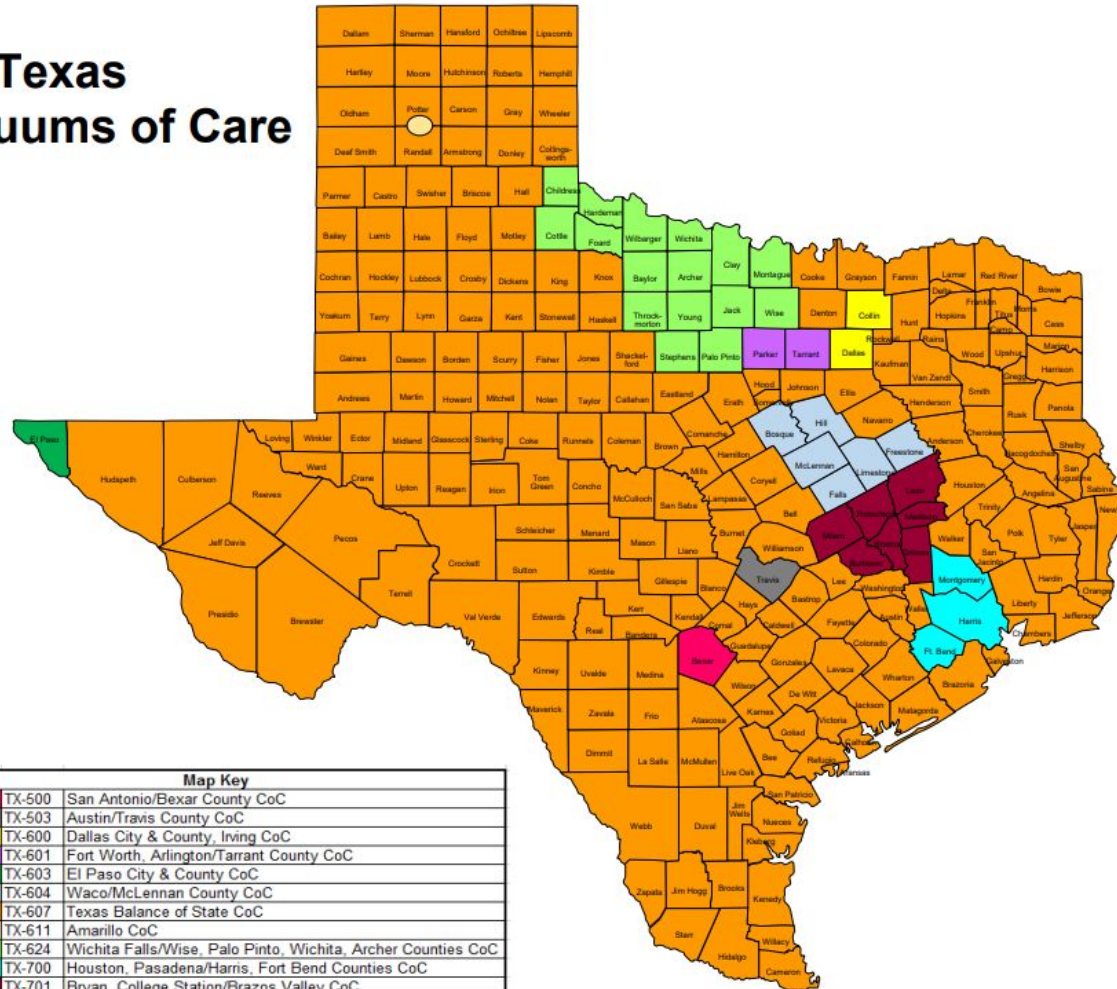
- Promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- Provide funding... to quickly re-house homeless persons... while minimizing trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by persons in homeless situations; and
- Optimize self-sufficiency among persons experiencing homelessness.

The TX BoS CoC is directed by the TX BoS CoC Board of Directors, made up of 16 elected members, each with a specific focus area. The CoC Board determines the policy direction of the CoC and ensures that the CoC fulfills its responsibilities.

Additionally, the Board oversees the work of CoC committees and the CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead Agency (THN).



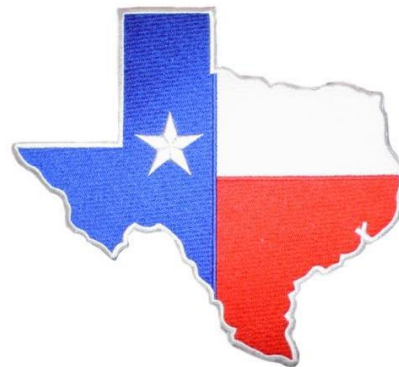
# Texas Continuums of Care





# THN and the TX BoS CoC

- THN is the Collaborative Applicant for the TX BoS CoC
- THN is the HMIS Lead Agency for the TX BoS CoC
- TX BoS CoC covers 215 of Texas' 254 counties (87% of Texas's land mass)



# The TX BoS CoC Local Application Process

- Intent to Apply
- HUD Releases NOFA
- THN releases TX BoS CoC RFP
- Full Application
- Threshold/Quality Review
- Independent Review Team
- Announcements
- Submission to HUD



# CoC Program Requirements

- Document homelessness and chronic homelessness, as well as any other eligibility criterion for each project participant
- Use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (or, for victim services, an HMIS-comparable database) to collect data
- Participate in Coordinated Entry (CE)
- Report performance in Annual Performance Reports (APRs) and in the System Performance Measures (SPMs)
- Adhere to the CoC Program Interim Rule and other applicable regulations, policies, procedures, and TX BoS CoC standards expectations
- Play an active role in the local community's Housing Crisis Response System



# Important Dates

6/24/22	Interest Webinar Held
6/24/22	Intent to Apply Opens via SurveyMonkey for Renewal Project Applicants, New Project Applicants via the Bonus, DV Bonus, or Reallocation, and for Expansion Project Applicants
7/5/22	Intent to Apply Closes at 11:59pm
TBD	Application Opens via SurveyMonkey



# THN Support during Competition

- No individual Project-Level Technical Assistance following the release of the NOFO
  - New Project Applicants are required to participate in Technical Assistance with THN staff during application period, following Request for Proposals
- Competition Q&A Webinar & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Webinars will be recorded and posted to the THN Website





# Resources & Links

- FY21 CoC Competition Materials  
<https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/resources/>
- FY22 CoC Competition Updates Sign-Up  
<https://secure.everyaction.com/QbbursTCJUyspRALogp7Tw2>
- 6/24/22 Interest Webinar Registration  
<https://thn.adobeconnect.com/fy22coc/event/registration.html>



# Next Steps

- Sign up for CoC Competition Updates
- Intent to Apply form must be completed by July 5, 2022 at 11:59pm.
- Renewal projects to complete FY22 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) GoogleForm – date TBA.
- New applicants are encouraged to contact THN staff with questions prior to submitting an Intent to Apply
  - Contact Hope Rodgers, CoC Performance Manager & Jim Ward, Director of Planning at [Hope@thn.org](mailto:Hope@thn.org) & [Jim@thn.org](mailto:Jim@thn.org)



# Questions?

