

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

Seat 14 – Faith Community or Faith-Based Organization

Robert Hogan

Current Position:

Deacon at Catholic Diocese of Lubbock, Texas

TX BoS CoC county served:

Lubbock

Do you have lived experience of homelessness? In other words, have you ever lived in a homeless situation?

No

Are you affiliated with a HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program-funded project and/or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program-funded project operating in the TX BoS CoC?

No

Are you the Chair of a Local Homeless Coalition (LHC)?

No

Please describe your personal and/or work experience with the population you would be representing in the designated seat, if elected.

I have worked since 2015 with St. Benedicts Chapel in Lubbock, Texas, which is a local homeless outreach organization, first as a volunteer, and then as a board member and board chairman. I have spent hundreds of hours working with members of the homeless community. In addition, I am a Roman Catholic Deacon with an external ministry in Homeless Outreach.

Please describe how you have participated in the TX BoS CoC in the past.

I have not participated in the TX BoS CoC in the past, but I am eager to serve.

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Please describe your experience, if any, working with the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program or similar programs focused on ending homelessness (ESG, SSVF, PATH, and RHY).

I have not participated in this capacity in the past, but I am eager to serve.

Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors, including any leadership roles.

I have past experience on several boards, most notably the Christ the King School Board (a private Catholic School), the St. Benedict's Chapel Board, and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. I am a past President of the Christ the King School Board, and a past President of the St. Benedict's Chapel Board, and I am currently the Diocesan Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development for the Diocese of Lubbock. The most important part of any board is the development of a consensus as to problems and ways that those problems are addressed. We find strength through our diversity, and in using those different skills to benefit the community that we serve.

Please describe your experience, if any, with managing grants.

Part of my role with the Diocese of Lubbock Catholic Campaign for Human Development involves interfacing with local grant recipients, reviewing the utilization of grant funds, and advising national staff on the usage and renewal of local grants. It is important to guide local grant recipients on the appropriate and most effective use of grant funds, and to make sure that the funds are used on appropriate expenditures.

Please describe your specific skills that can benefit the CoC.

I am a practicing attorney in Texas, and this gives me skills in understanding and explaining various federal and state legal regulations and requirements, written grant requirements, and the policies behind them. It also gives me the ability to quickly review large amounts of data and recognize patterns and trends. Most importantly, my background in ministry and service helps me to interface with others and to build consensus to working together.

Why do you want to serve on the CoC Board?

I want to be involved in the effort to find long-term solutions to the problem of homelessness in Texas, both from a relief standpoint, but also from an aspect of prevention. To help understand the community factors which lead to homelessness (the broader picture) and to find new and innovative ways to work toward education and prevention.



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If you are elected to the board, what do you plan to work on and accomplish?

It is important to help the voting and working community to understand the multi-faceted problem of homelessness. Our current environment is one of separation and division, where people feel sympathy toward the homeless and housing insecure, but largely look upon them as "others." I would like to find a way to bring these communities together in support of the homeless and housing insecure – to provide greater community support for early intervention, and options for mental health treatment, to prevent homelessness before it occurs.

What else would you like the CoC members to know about you?

I am also a father of four children, and I serve the community in the Civil Air Patrol. I look forward to having the opportunity to serve my community and the State of Texas in the area of homelessness through the CoC Board, in order to build bridges between communities and those organizations that serve them.

