



July BoS Newsletter

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TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS July 2022

New Platform. Same Great News.

To create better experience for you, THN has moved platforms from Constant Contact to EveryAction. In addition to moving our newsletters to this platform, all accounts for members and donors are in EveryAction. Want to ensure your information is up-to-date?

[Check your account information now.](#)

Announcements

New Staff Members

THN is proud to announce the additions of our two newest team members to the Emergency Housing Voucher Team.

Jalisa McDuffey is the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Coordinator at Texas Homeless Network. Jalisa is originally from Thibodaux, Louisiana, and holds a Master's Degree in Nonprofit



Management. She has nearly eight years of experience working in both the nonprofit and government sector. Jalisa's previous experience includes community outreach, case management, housing navigation, and grant compliance for federally funded programs. She is passionate about housing stability and is excited to further the mission of making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring.



Shamika Williams is the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Coordinator at Texas Homeless Network. Originally from Northeast Texas, I have served in the United States Navy for 8 years. Eventually, I started working for the state within the social services sector with nursing home Medicaid, which helped with my growth in understanding local and federal laws for individuals with disabilities. Over the past 5 years, I have excelled within non-profit organizations as a peer support specialist, case manager, SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery) specialist, and program manager for the homeless population in Austin, TX. I am driven to continue assisting veterans, individuals, and families of all dynamics in achieving housing stability. I have earned my Master of Education in Mental Health Counseling and mentor on the weekend's youth within my community. I strive to assist others with becoming their greatest version of themselves and look forward to providing guidance with acquiring resources needed for stable housing.

Accepting Nominations for CoC Board

Have you experienced homelessness? Do you have expertise in homeless assistance? Do you want to get more involved in the TX BoS CoC's work? If so, run for a seat on the CoC Board!

The CoC is accepting nominations for seven board seats to guide the CoC for the next two years—October 2022 through September 2024.

Seat 2 -- Homeless Veterans

Seat 4 -- Homeless Families

Seat 6 -- Victim Services

Seat 7 -- Mental/Behavioral Health

Seat 8 -- Health/Medical Services

Seat 10 -- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Recipients/Entitlement Jurisdictions

Seat 12 -- Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice Organizations

Seat 14 -- Faith Community or Faith-Based Organizations

The Board needs members with varying skills, expertise, and backgrounds to represent the diversity of people experiencing homelessness in the CoC. Anyone who lives and/or works in the **TX BoS CoC's geographic area** is a general member of the CoC and may run for a seat on the Board. See more guidance about elections in the **CoC Board Requirements Policy**

[Click here to complete the nomination form online.](#)

The deadline for nominations is July 17, 2022, at 11:59 P.M.

CoC general members will vote in August. Elected members will start their terms in October.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, at mary@thn.org.

TX BoS CoC Program Competitions Update



Thank you for your patience as we navigate a changing landscape for the CoC Program. The CoC Program Interest Webinar that was scheduled for June 24th, kicking off the 2022 Competition cycle, has been postponed and a new date is to be determined. You haven't missed anything, the Intent to Apply stage of the CoC Program has been delayed and the new Intent to Apply Window is to be determined.

On June 22, 2022, HUD released a Supplemental Unsheltered and Rural Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). This funding opportunity is very similar to the CoC Program, in fact, it appears to directly mirror the process of the CoC Program with a few added requirements. THN staff are evaluating the requirements for this Opportunity and are designing a process that we hope will make our CoC as competitive as possible. Unfortunately, that translates into some uncertainty for the immediate short-term, as we don't know the full extent of the impact to the existing CoC Program Local Application Process. Additionally, on June 23, HUD released the FY2022 CoC Grant Inventory Worksheet, and THN staff are preparing for the upcoming release of the CoC NOFO and imminent CoC Competition. Rest assured, THN is working to develop a process that is as efficient as possible for both funding opportunities.

Questions about the Supplemental NOFO or CoC Competition? Contact txboscoc@thn.org

Please make sure you are signed up for competition updates from THN to ensure you get the latest information. Staff are planning to host a series of webinars starting in early July, registration links will be posted on the CoC Program webpage and sent via the Competition Listserv.

[Click Here to Sign Up For Competition Updates](#)

Conference Registration is Now Open!



Texans ending homelessness together

September 28 - September 30, 2022
Austin, Texas

2022 CONFERENCE on ending homelessness

We are thrilled to announce that registration is open now for the 2022 Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness.

For over 25 years Texas Homeless Network has organized and led this unique and powerful statewide conference on ending homelessness. With over 500 participants, this opportunity builds networks, educates providers, and leads conversations in our communities.

Join us in Austin, TX from September 28 - 30 for an another amazing conference.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Do you have questions about whether you qualify for the discounted member rate? Email samantha@thn.org before registering to receive the discounted rate if you qualify.

Join the Team!

HMIS Support Specialist

THN seeks to fill the full-time position of HMIS Support Specialist. The ideal candidate is analytical, tech-savvy, understands database management, and is ready to learn new concepts as part of a dynamic data team. The candidate must have the ability to communicate effectively to a variety of audiences and provide technical support. The candidate must have a well-disciplined, organized approach to time and project management, and exhibit qualities that illustrate a dedication to meeting the data needs of organizations working to prevent and end homelessness.

[Click Here to Apply](#)

Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Research and Development VISTA - THN

Join Texas Homeless Network's (THN) Data team to help improve database maintenance, create materials for funding sources and provide support to the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) Data Committee.

As the HMIS VISTA, you will serve with the Data and Policy Analyst in determining needs and developing a plan of improvement for Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (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

[Click Here to Learn More and Apply](#)

THN Evaluation VISTA

Join Texas Homeless Network's Systems Change team in strengthening local homeless service systems by implementing local Coordinated Entry evaluation processes.

As the THN Evaluation VISTA, you will create a project plan for the pilot Coordinated Entry (CE) evaluation process with the Systems Change Manager to implement locally in Coordinated Entry Planning Entity (CEPE) regions. Once you have completed the project plan, you will engage CEPE regions to implement pilot evaluation processes in a few communities across the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) to increase effectiveness of CE and better serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. You will do so by: 1) selecting pilot regions and familiarizing with their current CE communication and evaluation engagement, 2) conducting training and technical assistance to local service providers, 3) evaluating feedback from pilot implementation, 4) creating implementation guidelines and training frameworks for broader local implementation, and 5) co-facilitate feedback process for CEPE pilot regions to give feedback for continued improvement and sustainability.

Benefits:

\$1226 monthly living allowance

\$6k Segal Education Award or \$1.8k cash stipend upon completion of service

[Click Here to Learn More and Apply](#)

June 2022 TX BoS CoC Orientation

If you were unable to attend the orientation, [the video is available to view on the Texas Homeless Network YouTube channel](#).

Also, we are still accepting feedback so that we can improve future meetings. [Fill out the Post-Meeting Survey to share your thoughts](#).

State Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness



The Texas Interagency Council on Homelessness (TICH) is revising the State Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness. Several opportunities to give input into the plan are available, including **completing a survey**, attending webinars, and participating in a public hearing. To learn more about the process, see the **Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' website**.

More information on TICH may be found at <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/tich/index.htm>. For questions and additional information, please contact Sean Lonergan, Homeless Policy Advisor at sean.lonergan@tdhca.state.tx.us or (512) 475-3892.

Members Sought for the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee



If you're interested in issues related to behavioral health services and programs within Texas, you may want to apply to be a member of the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission executive commissioner will appoint members to the committee to serve terms expiring Aug. 31, 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m., July 5.

For more information about the committee **visit the committee website** or **email Danielle Kailing**.

For more information about the application process, **email Susanna Sparkman**.

Funding Opportunities

TDHCA ESG Funding Competition

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) is hosting a funding competition for Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) Funds. TDHCA will accept funding applications beginning Tuesday, July 5th and ending Friday July 29th, 2022. **Information on this funding opportunity is available on TDHCA's website.**

All applicants for state ESG Funds are required to consult with their CoC Lead Agency in the preparation of their application. **If you are planning to apply for these funds within the Texas Balance of State CoC, please reach out to Texas Homeless Network at esg@thn.org no later than Friday, July 22nd, 2022 in order to schedule your required consultation.**

FY 2022 Improving Adult and Juvenile Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program

Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to state, local, and tribal governments, as well as community-based nonprofit organizations, to enhance or implement clinical services and other evidence-based responses to improve reentry, reduce recidivism, and address the treatment and recovery needs of people with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders who are currently involved in the criminal justice system or were formerly involved.

Grants.gov Deadline July 28, 2022, 8:59 pm Eastern

[Click here to find out more](#)

Supplemental Unsheltered and Rural Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

The \$365 million package includes grant funds along with additional vouchers that will enhance communities' capacity to humanely and effectively address unsheltered homelessness by connecting vulnerable individuals and families to housing, health care, and supportive services. This Initiative for Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness being made available by HUD strongly promotes partnerships with health care organizations, public housing authorities and mainstream housing providers, and people with lived experience and expertise of homelessness.

Current Closing Date for Applications: Oct 20, 2022 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 8:00 p.m., ET, on the listed application due date.

[Click here to read the full announcement](#)

[Click here to read the full NOFO](#)

Get Involved



Sign Up for CoC Competition Updates

Don't miss out on CoC Competition Updates! [Register for CoC Competition Updates](#) to receive information and



Become a AmeriCorps VISTA Member

Care about ending homelessness in Texas? Join Texas Homeless Network's (THN) Data team



Youth Action Board

YAB members will collaborate with THN to help end youth homelessness across the TX Balance of

announcements about the FY2022 CoC Competition process. All renewal applicants, new applicants, or interested parties should complete this form.

[Click Here to Find Out More](#)

to help improve database maintenance, create materials for funding sources and provide support to the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) Data Committee.

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State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC) and vote to select one delegate to represent youth and young adults experiencing homelessness on the TX BoS CoC Board.

[Click Here to Find Out More](#)

Important Dates

JULY

Updated Data Quality Process Training for HMIS Admins

Wednesday 6 July 2022, 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Required training for all HMIS Administrators to walk through THN's updated Data Quality Process which will replace the old UDQ process. This process will help all HMIS agencies keep an eye on the quality of their data throughout the year...

Who Should Attend: HMIS Administrators Only

[Register Here](#)

July 2022 CoC Board's Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 7, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

FY2022 DV Bonus Interest Webinar

Monday 11 July 2022, 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM

An interest webinar for those curious about the FY2022 CoC Program Domestic Violence Bonus funding. THN staff will field questions from interested parties, and provide additional context for prospective applicants

Who Should Attend: General BoS Membership, Victim Service Providers, Any other interested applicants

[Register Here](#)

July 2022 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Thursday 14 July 2022, 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

Local Homeless Coalitions & Collective Impact Discussion Series: Establishing a Common Agenda

Tuesday 19 July 2022, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Establishing a shared agenda may seem like a simple task when ending homelessness is the overall vision, but what do groups do when each member imagines a different path to that future? In this discussion among Local Homeless Coalitions on establishing a common agenda in collective impact efforts, peers will discuss approaches to getting everyone on the same page and creating shared stewardship of an overall mission.

Who Should Attend: Local Homeless Coalition Members

[Register Here](#)

July 2022 TX BoS Board Meeting

Wednesday 27 July 2022, 02:00 PM - 03:30 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](#)

What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[The Daddy Daughter Dance hosted by Mission Texarkana kicks off Father's Day weekend](#) (Bowie County)

[Denison restaurant providing free meals to those in need](#) (Grayson County)

South

[Homeless Helping Homeless organization seeking to change lives](#) (Nueces County)

East

[Port Arthur getting two new facilities for the homeless](#) (Jefferson County)

West

[Back to School Shoe Drive: New tennis shoes requested for homeless students](#) (Taylor County)

[Abilene's homeless population faces dangerous heat, nonprofits working to help](#) (Taylor County)

Central

[Radio host organizes event to help city's homeless](#) (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](#)

Join Us

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 ["Join Us" 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 [Join Us 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.



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