

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

CoC General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 28th, 2022, 10:30 AM-Noon.

Attendees: see attached list of attendees

10:30-10:35 - Welcome and Introductions -

- Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement for the TX BoS CoC and Ben King, THN Board Chair, welcomed attendees.

10:35-10:45 - Introduction of 2021-22 Board Members

- Andrea Omojola, CoC Board Vice Chair, presented a video introduction of the current and exiting board members.

10:45-10:50 - State of the CoC Address

- Daphne' Houston, CoC Board Chair, presented a summary of CoC activities over the 2021-22 year.

10:50-11:05 - CoC Strategic Planning

- Chad Wheeler, Strategic Planning Committee Chair, presented progress during the 2021-22 year on the CoC Strategic Plan.

11:05-11:15 - Annual Review of the CoC Governance Charter

- Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, presented changes to the CoC Governance Charter.
- The charter was made available for comment on the [Public Comment Portal](#).

11:15-11:25 - Celebrating Accomplishments: Year-in-Review Presentation

- Staff presented a video presentation on CoC activities and accomplishments during the 2021-22 year.

11:25-11:30 - Closing Remarks

- Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, thanked the attendees and closed the meeting.

11:30-12:00 – Networking

- Attendees were encouraged to stay and network with each other as the last portion of the meeting.



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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/>.



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September 28, 2022, CoC General Meeting Attendees

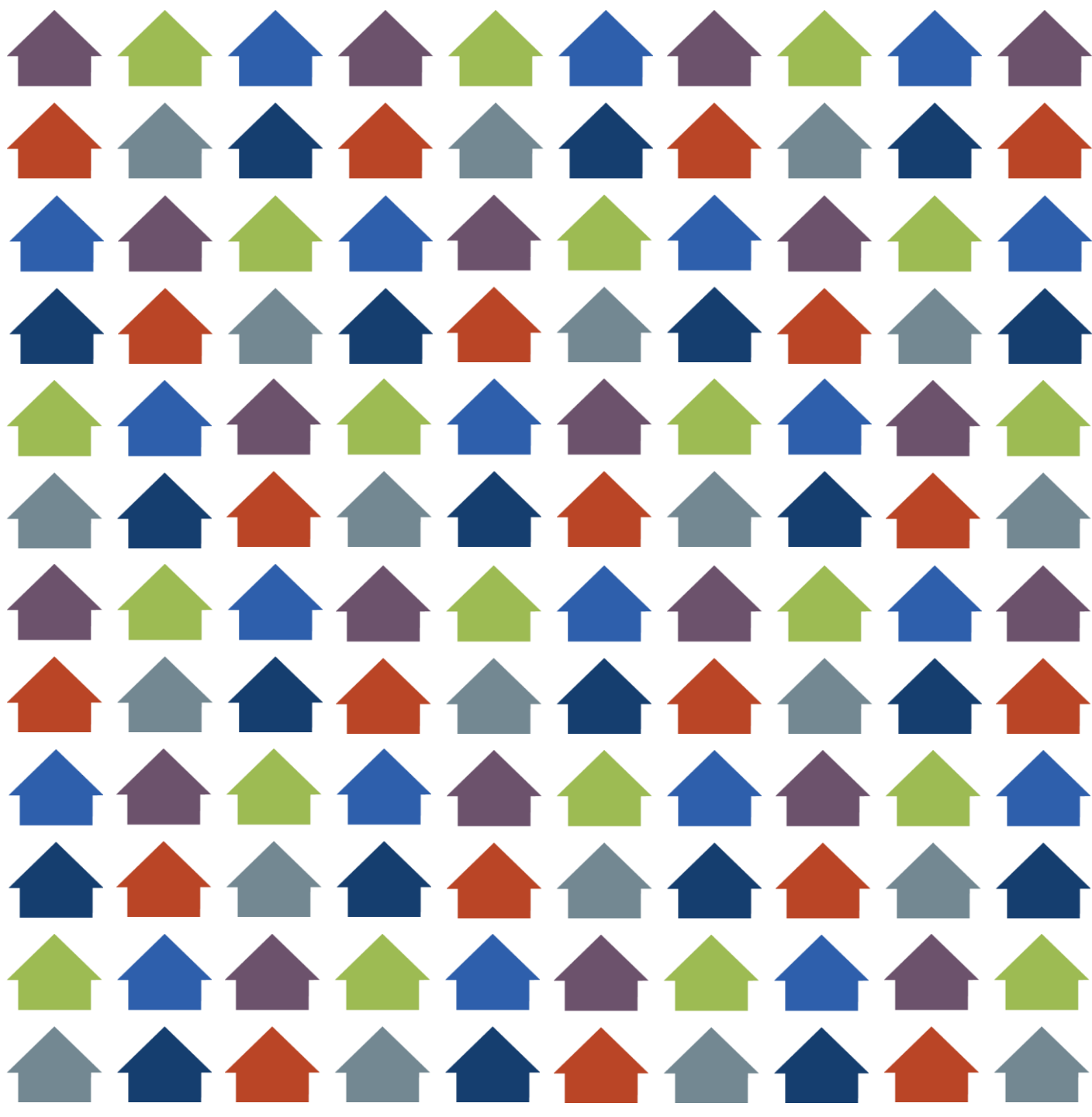
Name
In-Person Attendees
Adrianna Moreno
Alicia German
Amy Francis
Andrea Martinez
Andrea Quiroz
Audra Rea
Benjamin Elias
Breanna Williams
Briseida Courtois
Brittney WASHINGTON
Brooks Haris
Camila Rodarte
Carmen Ingle
Caryn Benson
Chesley Knowles
Christa Stenzel
Cory Smith
Courtney Douangdara
Courtney Horton
Danica Fraher
Daniel Kuehn
Daphne' Houston
Deinisha Tryals
Delia Deleon
Elliana Oyuela
Emily Williams
Felicia Burden
Gabrielle Llamas
Irena Martinez
Jason Alfonzo Graves
Jeanette Cebrian-Chagollan
Jennifer Barrientos
Jennifer Bourquin
Jessica Contreras
John Meier
Joshua Pauley
Julia Lash
Keith RUCKER
Kenneth Loy
Kim Pickens

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Kimberly German
Kristi Mumford
K'Nedra Starks
Lashandraia DWYER
Leia Atkinson
Lisa Griffin
Lori Covil
Lucas Alvarez
Lucy Tompkins
Luis Ovalle
Luisa Apolaya Torres
Mae Lewis
Marcelo Uriegas
Maria E Martinez
Maria Galvan
Marilyn Reed
Mary Gaona
Mayra I Rivero-Diaz
Mechelle Lindsay
Megan Ball (she/her)
Melissa Escamilla
Melissa Nicewarner Daly
Michelle Johnston
Michelle Yates
Nancy Heintz
Naomi Cortez
Natalie Manzanares
Nieshia Hall
Pj Siegfried
Rebecca Mojica
Ricardo Pena
Robert Salas
Sabrina Fields
Samuel Chappell
Sergio Ramirez
Sheila Williams
Shirra Bell
Shruti Mehta
Stephanie Rodriguez
Steven Brown
Sydney Savage
Tammy Flores Chan
Tiffany Brown
Tiffany Ross
Tommy Lee Martinez
Trey Culver

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Trish Hastings
Varnay Turner
Veronica Hernandez
Victor Rivera
Virginia Williams Trice
Wallace Revalee
William Hall
Zack Shlachter
Zulema Medelion
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Jenny Goode
Belinda Bradford
Betty Kay Schlesinger
Ginny Stafford
Melinda Baker
Kyle Knutson
Vanessa Hernandez
Alanna Richardson
Deanna Lowrey-Green
Rebecca Bromley
Debra Huffman
Anne Spanyers
Greg Gutierrez
Deonta Davis
Delise Coleman
Christopher Valmores
Brian Hawkins
Kristin Smith
Eyal Kaczur
Carmen White
Nancy Glover
Tavia Hatfield
Cinda Hayward
Natasha Hayden
Damian Clark
Carol Racz
Lisa Murray



TX BoS CoC September 2022 General Meeting

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CoC General Meeting

Agenda

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By webinar: [Register for the General Membership Meeting](#)

And in person at the Austin Southpark Hotel, 4140 Governors Row Austin, Texas 78744

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Welcome

Presented by:



&



Mary Stahlke, Director of
Engagement

Dr. Ben King,
THN Board Chair

TX BoS CoC Staff



Eric Samuels
President and
CEO



Lisa Albracht
VISTA Project
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Jen Beardsley
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Samantha Foss
Director of Development
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Gabrielle Garcia
Training
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Helen Garcia
EHV Referral
Coordinator



Brian Goodner
Chief Financial
Officer



Kyra Henderson
Director of Systems
Change



Margaret Hill
Governance
Coordinator



Jordan Hulin
Systems Change
Coordinator



Lindsay LaGrange
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Deanne Locke
Accounting and HR
Coordinator



Katie Martinez
Systems Change
Manager



Jalisa McDuffy
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Axton Nichols
Emergency Solutions
Coordinator



Alex Paredes
Data
Coordinator



Hope Rodgers
CoC Performance
Manager



Dominique Sam
HMIS Support
Specialist



Billy Streu
EHV Service
Coordinator



Mary Stahlke
Director of
Engagement



Anja Taylor
Barrier's Fund
Coordinator



Jim Ward
Director of
Planning



Shamika Williams
EHV
Coordinator



Kristin Zakoor
Chief Operating
Officer

State of the CoC Address

Presented by:



Daphne'
Houston,
CoC Board
Chair

CoC Strategic Planning

Presented by:



Chad Wheeler,
Strategic Planning
Committee Chair

CoC Strategic Planning

January 2022 – CoC began implementing the CoC Strategic Plan
Accomplishments include:

Establishing a Persons with Lived Experience Committee –

- Gave input on priorities in the *CoC Plan to Serve People Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs*
- Will contribute to developing the 2023 CoC Action Plan, based on the CoC Strategic Plan
- Will identify activities that the CoC needs to improve, offer recommendations, and evaluate progress

CoC Strategic Planning

Establishing a Youth Action Board –

- CoC Board established a Youth Action Board (YAB) as part of the Ending Youth Homelessness Committee
- Will guide the CoC's work to address youth homelessness
- Recruiting has begun
- YAB efforts will pick up after staff support position is filled

CoC Strategic Planning

Developing a Systems Change team at THN to evaluate and refine Coordinated Entry (CE) –

- CoC-dedicated staff positions at THN were created to assess, refine, and support CE
- Our very large CoC means more than one CE system is operating
- 17 CE regions
- Strengthening this elemental piece of the CoC's work will benefit people experiencing homelessness, agencies, communities, and the CoC

CoC Strategic Planning

Enhancing HMIS data quality –

- CoC staff have developed a new Data Quality Plan that is designed to improve the quality of data entered into HMIS, leading to improved reporting and more accurate data to make informed decisions.

CoC Strategic Planning

Assessing shelter and housing beds across the CoC to work toward supply; meeting demand –

- Following up on needs identified in the Gaps Analysis, staff and the Community Investment Committee have been assessing the distribution of shelter and housing beds across the CoC, with the goal of having the supply better meet the demand.

CoC Strategic Planning

Recruiting more organizations to apply for funding –

- Robust outreach effort to encourage organizations to apply for FY 2022 CoC Program funding
- Informed organizations about new funding to address unsheltered and rural homelessness and supported applicants with project design and application assistance
- Applicants incentivized to partner with housing and healthcare resources, to create comprehensive projects
- Goal is more funding in the CoC to end homelessness for people with severe service needs

CoC Strategic Planning

Addressing racial disparities –

- Activities to identify racial disparities in CoC data, reflecting disparities in the CoC's Homeless Crisis Response System, have begun

CoC Strategic Planning—2023 Activities

- Continuing work to end veteran homelessness and youth homelessness;
- Further advancing racial equity;
- Enhancing efforts around anti-discrimination and equal access for LGBTQ+ persons;
- Improving outcomes on the CoC's system performance measures (SPMs);
- Growing partnerships with organizations serving children and youth to fully support students experiencing homelessness;
- Developing agreements with systems of care to avoid discharging people into homeless situations; and
- Implementing the *CoC Plan to Serve People Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs* and operating projects funded under the Supplemental NOFO to reduce unsheltered and rural homelessness.

Governance Charter Review

- Annual review of the TX BoS CoC Governance Charter, in accordance with HUD policy
 - *“...develop, follow, and update annually a governance charter, which will include all procedures and policies needed to comply with subpart B of this part and with HMIS requirements as prescribed by HUD; and a code of conduct and recusal process for the board, its chair(s), and any person acting on behalf of the board;” - § 578.7 of the CoC Interim Rule*

Governance Charter Review

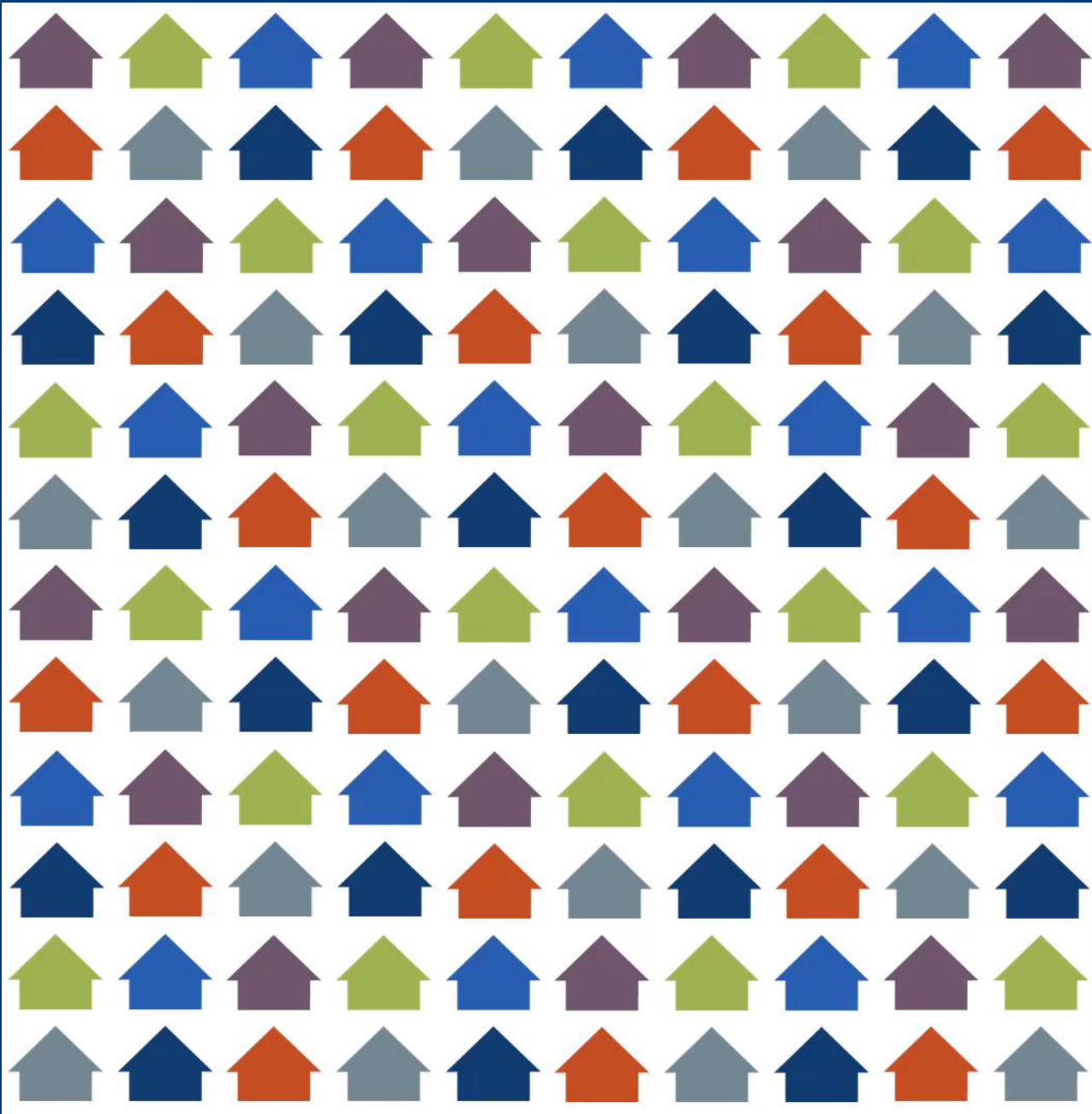
- Identifies the CoC's governance structure, roles, responsibilities, and authority
 - Collaborative Applicant
 - HMIS Lead Agency
 - CoC Board
 - Local Homeless Coalitions (LHCs)
 - CoC Committees
 - CoC Lead Agency and staff support
- Outlines key operational components of the CoC, including policies and procedures

Governance Charter Review

- General members may suggest changes throughout the year:
 - *“TX BoS CoC general members may suggest amendments or revisions to the Governance Charter at a regular TX BoS CoC General Meeting. The Governance Charter may be fully revised to include agreed-upon changes, or an Amended Article may be added for insertion into the existing document. Suggested changes will be voted on by the General Membership at the next General Meeting. During the 60 days between each meeting, staff will give public notice about the suggested changes. After an open discussion of the General Membership, the general members will vote on adoption of the suggested amendment or revision. The amendment will be adopted if it receives a simple majority (at least 51%) affirmative vote of the members present and eligible to vote.”*
(TX BoS CoC Governance Charter, p. 11)

Governance Charter Review

- Changes for 2022:
 - Updated descriptions of CoC Board and CoC Committees to match changes made to CoC Board Requirements Policy and CoC Committees Policy
 - CoC Board added Board Seat 16 to be filled by a Youth Action Board member
 - Board terms are changing to April through March
 - New section about responding to new funding opportunities
- Governance Charter available for public comment
 - <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/join-us/texas-balance-of-state-public-comment-portal/>



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