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## November 2022 BoS Newsletter

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# TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

November 2022

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## Announcements

### Welcome New TX BoS CoC Board Members

Please join us in welcoming a new board member in Seat 7, representing Mental/Behavioral Health, Briseida Courtois. "Bee" serves as the Provider Network Program Manager for Be Well Texas at U.T. Health San Antonio. Bee began her term in October. The former member, Linda White, resigned in August.

We also welcome new CoC Board members whose terms will begin in January 2023:

Seat 2, Homeless Veterans: Anthony Bustos

Seat 4, Homeless Families: Michelle Conner

Seat 6, Victim Services: Breall Baccus

Seat 8, Health/Medical: Stephen Kazanjian

Seat 10, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient: Nora Vargas

Seat 12, Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice: Tracy Andrus

Seat 14, Faith Community/Faith-Based Organizations: Robert Hogan

Reminder: The CoC Board term dates are changing from an October through September term to an April through March term. To make that change, members currently filling even-numbered seats are serving through December 2022, and newly elected members will begin serving in January 2023.

See more information in the [CoC Board section of THN's website](#).

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# National Homeless Services Workforce Survey

Participate in the first survey of U.S. homeless services workforce in nearly 30 years! The survey seeks to understand the background, characteristics, and work experiences of people who work in the homeless services sector. This information will fill a major gap in knowledge about the workforce and its needs.

Because there is no national registry of people in the homeless services workforce, we are asking CoC lead agencies to assist us in distributing the survey to workers in their community.

You can also visit the study website: <https://www.nhswsurvey.com/>.

Below is some key information about the study.

**Who Can Participate?** Workers can participate if they are at least 18 years old and currently work in an agency or program that exists primarily to provide services to people experiencing homelessness or people recently housed after a period of homelessness.

This includes, but is not limited to, working in outreach, shelter, transitional living, rapid rehousing, and supportive housing programs.

This does not include those who work exclusively in food, clothing, or furniture/household goods provision (e.g., food banks).

Participants can be full or part time employees, paid or volunteer positions, direct service or management positions, and those working in all organization types (e.g., public, private, non-profit, and faith-based).

**What Does Participation Involve?** Participating in this study involves completing an online survey, which will take about 20 minutes. As a thank you, participants who complete the survey have the option to enter a drawing to win one of ten \$50 Amazon gift cards.

Survey Link

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## National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) Reports

If you're looking for information about housing affordability, NLIHC can help. "Every year, NLIHC releases three flagship publications: *Out of Reach*, *The Gap*, and *Advocates' Guide*. [Out of Reach](#) reports on the mismatch between what workers can afford and the market rents they must pay in every community in the U.S. [The Gap](#) documents the gap between the number of renter households and rental units that are affordable and available to them by income grouping in every state and the largest 50 metropolitan areas.

The [Advocates' Guide](#) is designed to educate advocates everywhere about the programs and policies that make housing affordable to low-income people across America." ([The Connection](#))

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## Funding & Other Opportunities

### Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) NOFA

The Department of Veterans Affairs has released the FY2024 [Supportive Services for Veterans Families \(SSVF\) Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#)

\*\*\*\*\*Deadline is 4:00 PM EST February 10, 2023\*\*\*\*\*

Open to eligible entities including non-profit organizations, but interested parties should verify their eligibility at [38 CFR Part 62](#)

Strong applicants will submit a letter of support from the Continuum of Care, in the geography the proposed project will be located. Applicants requesting a letter of support from the Texas Balance of State CoC must do so no later than Monday, January 9, 2023 at 11:59:59 PM CST. To request a letter of support, please email your request to [txboscoc@thn.org](mailto:txboscoc@thn.org) ATTN Jim Ward, Director of Planning.

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## 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 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](#)



### Become a AmeriCorps VISTA Member

Care about ending homelessness in Texas? 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.

[Click Here to Find Out More](#)



### Youth Action Board

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

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## Important Dates

\*No General Meeting Scheduled for November

### **Lived Experience Committee Meeting**

Nov 9, 2022, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

\*Closed Meeting

### **Tx BoS November Executive Committee Meeting**

*Nov 10, 2022, 2:00 - 3:00 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

### **Tx BoS November Board Meeting**

*Nov 16, 2022, 2:00 - 3:00 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

### **Serving Survivors 101 Part 1**

*Nov 17, 2022, 2:00 - 3:30 PM*

In this two-part training series, experts from Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) will discuss best practices for housing service providers serving survivors of domestic violence. Please join us on November 17th for part one of this series, Serving Survivors 101, to learn more about trauma-informed and victim-centered care, as well as safety planning best practices. Texas Homeless Network staff will be available to field questions related to serving survivors in CoC-funded programming. Part two of this training series, on December 7th, will take a closer look at serving survivors through Coordinated Entry.

#### Who Should Attend:

General BoS Membership,  
All CoC Program Recipients,  
All ESG Program Recipients

[Click Here to Register](#)

### **Tx BoS Strategic Planning Committee Meeting**

*Nov 29, 2022, 3:00 - 4:30 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

See more events on [THN's Training and Events calendar](#).

*Our webinar platform is Zoom, please make sure you are using the most up to date software from Zoom's [Download Center](#)*

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## **What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC?**

### **North**

[Look inside: Denton's new homeless shelter on track to open in December](#) (Denton County)

### **South**

[Salvation Army of the Coastal Bend, city work to help the homeless community](#) (Nueces County)

[Corpus Christi Veterans Stand Down to deliver hygiene products and a warm meal](#) (Nueces County)

### **East**

[Texas Baptist Men break out chainsaws to help with homeless veteran facility construction](#) (Cherokee County)

[Guest Commentary: Homeless shelters offer and need a hand](#) (Galveston County)

[New \[City of Beaumont\] Homeless Resource Page](#) (Jefferson County)

[CampV holds 'Veteran Stand Down' to raise awareness about homeless veterans in East Texas](#) (Smith County)

### **West**

[Police: 20 pedestrians hit by vehicles in Abilene this year, homeless to get reflective vests](#) (Taylor County)

[3:11 Ministries is making sure every kid in West Texas has a Christmas](#) (Midland County)

### **Central**

[Homeless residents find hope at nonprofit's annual triage](#) (Bell County)

[Temple nonprofit Feed My Sheep recognized by Texas governor](#) (Bell County)

[Two council members want city to consider no-camping ban on homeless](#) (Bell County)

[Homeless Coalition hosts information session](#) (Hays County)

[Homelessness coalition seeks volunteers to help with Williamson County point-in-time count](#) (Williamson 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](mailto:txboscoc@thn.org).

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## **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](#)

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## **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.

### **CoC Program Funding**

If you are a representative of an agency that is interested in applying for U.S. Department

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

of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding, please contact [txboscoc@thn.org](mailto:txboscoc@thn.org).



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