

Persons with Lived Experience Group

Meeting Minutes - 8/2/2022

Introductions

The group members and facilitators introduced themselves.

Orientation to the CoC

Group members were oriented to the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care ([See presentation](#))

Group Goals

The group reviewed the answers from the survey and also discussed some other possible goals, as well as the goals that THN staff have for the group. We did not have time during this session to finalize the goals. This activity will be continued at the next meeting.

Some of the discussion:

- How to create sustainable living situations for people transitioning out of homelessness?
- Looking at what supportive services are offered by agencies (for example: life skills training, job training)
- How do we fill the gaps in supportive services, since programs are not required to have them? Can THN provide more guidelines on this?
- Landlord retention/mediation
- Support groups for people exiting homelessness
- Interagency cooperation

Group Agreements

The group began discussing what kind of expectations we have for group meetings. These can be found in the [Lived Experience Group Agreements document](#). This activity will be continued at the next meeting.

Group Name

The group reviewed some proposed names from the survey. This activity will be continued at the next meeting.

CoC Plan Survey

Members were presented with information about the CoC Plan to Serve People Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs. The plan was created as part of the application for a new funding source from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development that is specifically intended for programs that address unsheltered and rural homelessness. The plan was created through feedback from organizations throughout the TX BoS CoC.

Group members were asked to sign a letter saying that they approve of the plan.

[\(See presentation\)](#)

Compensation

The \$25 dollar compensation will be given in the form of a physical gift card. This is the easiest for THN to keep track of for accounting purposes. Members were asked to email their physical addresses to Margaret Hill, Governance Coordinator.

Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest

THN staff requested that the members fill out the electronic Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Forms before the next meeting.