

Lived Experience Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Attendees:

	Members	Agency	Email
1	CJ Budaj	Our Daily Bread	cj.budaj@ourdailybreaddenton.org
2	Tammy Chan	Grand Prairie Homeless Outreach	Tchan@gphoo.org
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7	Mary Stahlke	Texas Homeless Network	mary@thn.org
8	Kraig Blaize-Fiero	Texas Homeless Network	kraig@thn.org

I. Introductions

II. Reviewed [group agreements](#)

III. Mary presented on the draft 2023 CoC action plan (PowerPoint)

- a. Related documents:
 - i. [2021-24 TX BoS CoC Strategic Plan](#)
 - ii. [2021-22 CoC Action Plan for the TX BoS CoC – Progress Report](#)
- b. Discussion highlights:
 - i. Coordinated Entry (CE) process improvement – all participants familiar with CE
 - ii. Grand Prairie Homeless Outreach Organization participates in three CoCs and with Tarrant and Dallas County CoCs' CE processes. (Tammy)
 - iii. Denton County is a CE region
 - iv. Affirmative outreach (reaching out to people least likely to request services without outreach) will be a focus (CJ expressed this will be helpful in his work)
 - v. CoC grant funding: in the TX BoS CoC, the lead agency (THN) designs and runs the competition, and individual organizations can submit applications. In some CoCs, the CoC lead agency applies for the project funding and then sub-grants it to organizations.
 1. [Current ranking policy for CoC grantees](#)
 2. [Ranked projects for FY2022](#)
 - vi. Implementing diversion will be part of the strategic plan (Wendy asked, Mary confirmed)
 - vii. "Provide immediate access to temporary living accommodations and with access to permanent housing and supportive services" – if someone is placed in a hotel, would that disqualify them from getting RRH

placement? No, they would not be disqualified from being placed in RRH as long as the room is paid for by a charitable organization.

- c. Members will review the strategic plan draft and bring their comments to the January meeting so it can be presented to the TX BoS CoC Board in late January

IV. **Finalizing goals discussion (Kraig)**

- a. Goal #1: Have at least one PLE on each CoC committee.
- b. Goal #2: (draft) telling PLE story to help others better understand homelessness and how PLE add value to their communities.
- c. See "Finalizing goals—activity for 12-7-22 cmte mtg.docx"

Draft Goals:

1. Work together to find solutions
2. Be a voice to THN about the situations of being homeless+
3. Have at least one PLE on each CoC committee++
4. Have at least one person with lived experience/expertise of homelessness (PLE) in each PIT Count outreach/survey group
5. Have at least one PLE on each street outreach team++
6. Help people to acknowledge the diversity of homeless situations; for example, rural vs. urban – in rural communities, faith communities provide services, and in urban areas, social services providers provide services++
7. Show others how we accomplished getting out of homelessness and what recovery from homelessness looks like; for example, the challenges we face in reacclimating back into society+++
8. Add value with our stories; use our stories to help the larger community better understand that we have a lot to offer, stories about struggles, dignity, what we have to offer, and how we can make the world a better place++++
9. Get grant funds to use art to tell our stories
10. Help make systems change at higher levels
11. Better understand policies currently in place and why those policies were put in place so we know where we can give input+ I
12. Target dysfunctional current policies or actions
13. Give a conference presentation about this committee
14. Use our voice and speak in this group, which helps us to use our voice and speak in other settings

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Goal	Resources Needed	People who can help	Indicator of Success	Timeline
Add value with our stories; use our stories to help the larger community better understand that we have a lot to offer; stories about struggles, dignity, what we have to offer, and how we can make the world a better place+++	-Volunteers with lived experience -Brainstorming session Print media, video, etc -Utilize the NHCHC training sessioning for video guidance -Funding	Director of Communication Running Bear Media? PLE Volunteers Outreach for more PLE for their stories	-Funding Oppurtunities are being taken advantage of due to these stories influencing the community/ local agencies -Survey asked to see stories impact -Debreif after to see how we felt the processs overall went	Jan - June: PLANNING PHASE June-Aug: ACTION PHASE Sept-Dec Roll Out

d.

Have at least one PLE on each CoC Committee	Board Action Request (BAR), Board approval	PLE Committee support staff	Board approval of proposal to have at least one PLE on each CoC committee	Dec. 2022 —discuss goal at committee meeting Jan. 2022 —discuss Board Action Request (BAR) Feb. 2022 —submit BAR to CoC Board for a vote at their Feb. meeting March-May 2022 —if approved, work with staff to develop a guide for committees to use to recruit PLE members
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f. Related links

- i. [National HealthCare for the Homeless Council's Consumer Advisory Board](#)

V. **Racial equity plan focus group announcement**

- a. Open call for focus group on race equity and homelessness/services in the BoS
- b. Email Mary if interested

VI. **Committee name discussion**

- a. Prior meeting poll resulted in tie between Living Proof Committee and Our Voice Matters
- b. Reached group consensus to move forward with the name Lived Experience Committee

Follow Up Needed

Topic	Details	Responsible Party
Strategic Plan Draft	Members will review the strategic plan draft and bring their feedback to the January meeting so it can be presented to the TX BoS CoC Board in late January	MRS/MH – share strategic plan draft with PLE members via email PLE members – review draft and bring feedback to January meeting
Goal setting	“Cleanup” and merge related story-telling goals, review at next meeting. Group will break down each of the remaining goals after reviewing strategic plan.	Kraig

Tabled Items

- None

Meeting Adjourned: 4:37 PM

Next meeting Scheduled: January 11, 2023, 3:00-4:30 PM

Minutes prepared by: Jen Beardsley