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**January 2023 BoS Newsletter**

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**TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE  
NEWS  
January 2023**

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**Announcements**



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**THN is Hiring!**



### **Coordinated Entry Lead**

Texas Homeless Network (THN) is growing and we want you to be a part of the change we're making across Texas. Join our dynamic team as we lead the state to end homelessness. Whether you're interested in making system-level changes, implementing meaningful programs, or helping to train and educate service providers across the state, we have exciting opportunities for you. We are seeking to hire three full-time Coordinated Entry Leads. [Click here](#) to learn more about the position.

### **THN VISTA Leader**

Support Texas Homeless Network's VISTA program's growth and sustainability allowing community partners to expand their efforts to provide housing and other services to persons at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. This position is available for VISTA members who have completed one year of service. [Learn more about this position and complete an application on the myAmeriCorps portal here.](#)

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## **2023 Point-In-Time Count**



Join us for the Annual  
Point-in-Time Count



January 26th, 2023

TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE  
CONTINUUM OF CARE

The 2023 Texas Balance of State Point-In-Time Count will be occurring on **Thursday, January 26th 2023.**

Please contact [ava@thn.org](mailto:ava@thn.org) for more information

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# Homelessness Awareness Day at the State Capitol on February 22nd



## Homelessness Awareness Day

February 22, 2023

at the Texas State Capitol

Each legislative session, Texas Homeless Network brings advocates from around the state to educate lawmakers. This year will be our first year back to in-person at the Texas State Capitol in Austin on **February 22, 2023**. If you're looking for a way to make a big impact, this is it! Join us to advocate for affordable housing, homeless crisis system response support, and intersectional assistance to those who are most likely to experience homelessness.

[Click Here To Register](#)

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## Authentic Collaboration: Perceptions and Their Impacts

Join Rhie Azzam Morris, the Texas Balance of State Lived Experience Committee and THN staff as we explore the “How” of authentic collaboration with persons with lived experience of homelessness. This is a **two-part series** where participants will explore strategies to holistically engage persons most impacted by homelessness to build housing response systems that work for the people they serve. This session will build upon ideas introduced in the first session, addressing various topics, including how to engage persons in a meaningful way, that minimizes potential harm, honest dialogue about the work that needs to be done, and how to do it, addressing power dynamics, and what collaborative systems look like

### *Speaker Bio*

Rhie brings a perspective rooted in lived expertise both of actively being street dependent and embedded within the homeless response system, focused in advocating for reimagining systems and facilitating community groups of people with lived expertise in advocating for systems-level change. Rhie is currently working within HUD TA on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project and the Coordinated Entry Racial Equity Initiative with the main focus of her work being building up lived experience boards and supporting the growth of folks with lived experience working within their communities.

### **Dates & Times:**

February 7th & 28th  
1:00 - 5:00 PM CST  
\*Registration Coming Soon

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## Funding & Other Opportunities

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### Notice of Funding Availability for State HOME-ARP Funding for Rental Assistance

The HOME-ARP Rental Housing Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Governing Board on December 8, 2022. The 2023-2 HOME-ARP Rental Housing NOFA is available online at <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/nofa.htm>.

HOME-ARP Rental Housing Application materials are available at <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/special-initiatives.htm>, and are to be used in conjunction with the Uniform Multifamily Development Application materials posted at <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/apply-for-funds.htm>.

Applications under this NOFA will be accepted starting December 9, 2022, and the first Application Acceptance Date will be January 31, 2023 at 5:00pm Austin Local Time.

Webinars are being conducted on the above materials, and registration information is also available at <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/multifamily/special-initiatives.htm>. Staff anticipates posting the recorded webinars online for those who cannot attend the live webinar dates.

Please send any questions about the above to Tiara Hardaway, HOME-ARP Manager, at [tiara.hardaway@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:tiara.hardaway@tdhca.state.tx.us).

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### Grant Funding Opportunity - HAC's Affordable Housing for Rural Veteran's Grant

The Housing Assistance Council (HAC) has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for its Affordable Housing for Rural Veterans (AHRV) Initiative. Applications are due on January 23, 2023. Funding is limited and the application process is extremely competitive. For additional information visit [HAC Seeks Proposals for its Affordable Housing for Rural Veterans \(AHRV\) Initiative - Housing Assistance Council \(ruralhome.org\)](#).

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### Reimagining Interim Housing

The guidance and recommendations of people with lived expertise of homelessness, and the lessons learned throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, make it clear that we must create and seize opportunities to transform our approaches to sheltering people experiencing homelessness. The Framework for an Equitable Homelessness Response partners have been implementing a Reimagining Interim Housing project to support communities to pursue such transformation and are now releasing two new documents to help shape and inform communities efforts.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

## Recommendations

### **All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness**

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) released [All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#). "All In was built from the ground up and shaped by public input from more than 500 people who have experienced homelessness as well as leaders, providers, advocates, developers, and other partners from more than 600 communities, tribes, and territories. The plan builds on best practices and can be used by communities to guide state and local plans to end homelessness, like the federal goal to reduce homelessness 25% by 2025. Read more about the [plan on USICH's website](#).

### **Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR), Part 1**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR), Part 1. Some key findings: "While the overall number of people experiencing homelessness in 2022 increased slightly compared with 2020, it rose significantly for individuals, people with disabilities who experience long-term homelessness, and people in unsheltered settings. Single individuals not part of family households continue to represent the largest group of people experiencing homelessness. Homelessness among single individuals increased by 3.1%. The number of chronically homeless individuals (individuals with disabilities experiencing homelessness for long periods of time) increased by 16% between 2020 and 2022. People who identify as Black, African American, or African, as well as indigenous people (including Native Americans and Pacific Islanders) continue to be overrepresented among those experiencing homelessness." More information can be found in the [press release](#), [2022 Annual Homeless Assessment Report Part 1 by the numbers fact sheet](#) and [summary](#).

## 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 State (BoS) Continuum 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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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 January

### Community Investment Committee Meeting

*Jan 20, 2023, 1:15 - 2:15 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

### Tx BoS November Board Meeting

*Jan 25, 2023, 2:00 - 3:30 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

### 2023 Point-In-Time Count

*Jan 26, 2023*

### Tx BoS Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

*Jan 31, 2023, 3:00 - 4:30 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

## February

### CoC Administration 101

*Feb 14, 2023 09:00 - 11:00 AM*

Please join Texas Homeless Network and Regional TA staff on February 14th from 9am-11am for a CoC Administration 101 training. This training is part one of a multi-part training series on Continuum of Care Program Administration. In this session, staff and guest presenters will cover topics related to CoC Program compliance basics, including Rent Reasonableness, Rent Calculations, Utility Allowances and Reimbursements, Data Collection, and Terminations and Grievances. Additionally, THN staff will discuss its 2023 CoC Program Monitoring Strategy for the TX BoS CoC. All CoC Program-funded staff are highly encouraged to attend this training.

Who Should Attend:

All CoC Program Recipients,  
CoC Program Rapid Re-Housing Programs,  
CoC Program Permanent Supportive Housing Programs

[Click Here to Register](#)

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

[Photos: Ribbon cut, doors ready to open at new Loop 288 shelter](#) (Denton County)

[United Way of Hunt County to install mobile showers to assist local homeless population](#) (Hunt County)

[North Texas Fashion Class Produces Clothes For The Homeless](#) (Denton County)

### South

[Warming shelters scarcely used, homeless shelter sees uptick](#) (Webb County)

[Salvation Army, Good Sam prepare to take in homeless during freezing temperatures](#) (Nueces County)

[Cold weather responsible for around half of all homeless deaths in the Coastal Bend this year](#) (Nueces County)

[Frigid conditions coming to Crossroads Thursday, warming centers to open](#) (Victoria County)

### East

[Guest Commentary: Domestic violence creates rise in homeless families](#) (Galveston County)

[City of Longview sets sights on helping homeless community](#) (Gregg County)

[Open Arms Foundation gives back to East Texas children, teens, homeless, elderly at Christmas](#) (Harrison County)

### West

[Lubbock homeless man making an impact](#) (Lubbock County)

[Lubbock man who gave free haircuts to homeless dies at 42](#) (Lubbock County)

[Remembering West Texans who died homeless; National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day 2022](#) (Lubbock County)

### Central

['There will be no other place to send them': Hays County homeless center closing its doors](#) (Hays County)

[Riding to success: Feed My Sheep receives donation of 15 bicycles to aid homeless](#) (Bell County)

[Warming shelter in Temple opens for the long haul with homeless population at greater risk in freezing temperatures](#) (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](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. 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](mailto:txboscoc@thn.org).



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