

Lived Experience Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Location: Zoom

Time: 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Attendees:

#	Members	Agency	Email
1	Tania Hughes	Gulf Coast Center	taniah@gulfcoastcenter.org
2	Tammy Chan	Grand Prairie Homeless Outreach Organization	tchan@gphoo.org
3	Margaret Hill	Texas Homeless Network	Margaret@thn.org
4	Mary Stahlke	Texas Homeless Network	Mary@thn.org
5	Jen Beardsley	Texas Homeless Network	jen@thn.org
6	Jim Ward	Texas Homeless Network	jim@thn.org

[Link to meeting materials](#) (blue underlined text is hyperlinked. Ctrl+Click to follow link)

- I. [Group agreements](#) and [anonymous suggestion box](#) made available
- II. Conversation with Tammy Chan:
 - a. Wants to find examples of when the voice of lived experience helps a committee make decisions, tangible connections between LE voice influencing policy decisions
 - b. Discussed homelessness criminalization advocacy
 - c. Discussed the difference between homelessness advocacy and lobbying
- III. Conversation about requiring all committees to have PWLE with Tania Hughes:
 - a. Discussed difficulty of requiring PWLE on all committees and them needing to deal with being tokenized; avoid doing so by not making LE central to identity and introductions.
 - b. PWLE need to be able to choose what committees they are part of
 - c. Mentors for PWLE members on committees would be helpful
 - d. Need to find ways to make PWLE comfortable to ask questions
- IV. Put on hold:
 - a. Reviewed Group Goals progress (Margaret)
 - i. Storytelling Project
 - ii. Committee Representation
 - iii. Policy Review
 - b. Other Business
 - i. Next steps and follow up
 - ii. New topics?
 - iii. Post-meeting survey

Follow Up Needed

Topic	Details	Responsible Party
LEC Survey	3/14 email from Margaret: We need your input on a few things related to	LEC members

	<p>the content, function, and timing of Lived Experience Committee meetings. Please complete this survey by Wednesday, March 22nd:</p> <p>Lived Experience Committee Survey</p> <p>The LEC has had a big impact on us a THN so far, and there are so many ways that the committee could continue to make a difference in the way the CoC interacts with people that have experienced homelessness. So far you have done the following:</p> <p>Aug. 2022 -- signed the letter of support for the "CoC Plan to Address Severe Service Needs" that was developed as part of the application for the CoC Program's Supplemental Notice Of Funding Opportunity (SNOFO) to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness</p> <p>Nov. 2022 -- gave input on the 2023 Point in Time (PIT) Count</p> <p>Dec. 2022 -- established goals for the committee to achieve in 2023</p> <p>Dec. 2022 and Jan. 2023 -- reviewed the 2023 CoC Action Plan and provided feedback</p> <p>Feb. 2023 -- began developing the Board Action Request proposing that each of the CoC Committees have at least one seat designated to be filled by a person with lived experience of homelessness</p>	
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Tabled Items/Parking Lot

- From 2/15/2023 meeting: "Board buddy" support idea for those filling a PWLE seat on committees (could be part of policy if Board Action Request item is passed)

Meeting Adjourned: 4:11 PM

Next meeting Scheduled: April 12, 2023, 3:00-4:30 PM

Minutes prepared by: Jen Beardsley