

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

CoC Board Meeting

April 26, 2023

NOTES

Members Present: Breall Baccus, AB Bustos, Michelle Conner, Bee Courtois, Courtney Douangdara, Rob Hogan, Stephen Kazanjian, John Meier, Andrea Omojola, and Dee Ross

Members Absent: Natasha Hayden, Daphne Jackson, Marqus Butler, and Nora Vargas

Staff Present: Kraig Blaize-Fiero, Margaret Hill, Mary Stahlke, and Jim Ward

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action/Next Steps
Welcome	Meeting called to order at 2:04 PM	
Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITEM 1: Approval of the following item presented in the meeting materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3/1/2023 Board Meeting Notes ○ 3/24/2023 Board Meeting Notes ○ Vote: Motion to approve – Arelecia. Second – Bee. No abstains or opposed. Motion passed. • ITEM 2: Acceptance of the following report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January CoC Lead Agency Report ○ February CoC Lead Agency Report 	Vote approved.
CoC Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Hill presents policy change re: CoC Committees Policy via Lived Experience Committee members stating each Committee should have at least one person on committee with lived experience. • Compensation for 'lived experience members' should be offered but not required. • Must meet same requirements required of other committee members (w/ notable caveat). • Serve as lived experience committee member for guidance to committee. • Vote: Motion to approve – Courtney D. Second – Michelle C. No abstains or opposed. Motion passed. 	Voted approved.
CoC Board Orientation	Andrea opens conversation up to touchstone words developed during the Board orientation. Reviewed words presented during Orientation by the person that submitted.	Vote approved.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picking touchstone words. Ranked words to choose top 5. Words chosen are people-driven, justice, racial equity, consistent engagement, centering the most vulnerable people. Vote: Motion to approve – AB. Second – Bee. No abstains or opposed. Motion passed. 	
Board Member Topics	Board Member business. Updates/highlights for each member’s area.	Keep open slot for next meeting.
CoC Program	<p>FY2022 CoC Programming SNOFO awards. Second round of awards, all PHA’s interested in stability vouchers were approved to move forward. 1 declined due to administrative burden. All VSP conditional awardee’s have been approved via HUD.</p> <p>FY23 NOFO should be released in May/June of this year per HUD. Policy re: competitive application process needs to be reviewed/approved.</p> <p>4 revised w/ 1 new. Policies have been up for public comment for required amount of time, no public comment received.</p> <p>Vote 1: Reallocation policy – do not spend funds in a timely manner, funds can be recaptured by service area and put towards another agency or have rebuttal from original agency. Incentive program instituted to ensure any reallocated money stays close to the community originally awarded.</p> <p>Time check by Mary – 3:14pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vote (reallocation policy change): Motion to approve – John M. Second – AB. No abstains or opposed. Motion passed. <p>Vote 2: Significant change – how the CoC handles requests for significant amendments. Grant modification considerations for CoC’s to ensure funds are utilized for intended purposes as required by HUD. Clearly articulated process to get approval from CoC for transparency purposes when changing what funds are being repurposed for. Question re: adjustment for percentage of what is considered “needing of approval” considering turn around time for approval and timing during FY.</p>	<p>Vote 1 approved.</p> <p>Vote 2 delayed; significant change policy will be adjusted by Jim Ward and staff and put back up for public comment before official voting.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote (significant change new policy): Motion tabled for review on adjustments and turnaround time. 	
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	Pushed to next month's meeting for timing purposes.	Present at next months Board meeting.
EHV Program	Jim Ward introduced the Emergency Housing Vouchers Program for the benefit of the new members and gave updates on the program. 25 to 30 households being housed each month which puts program on track to complete on time.	
Meeting adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM	

Next Board Meeting: TBD