

# Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

## CoC Board Meeting

June 28, 2023

NOTES approved 7/26/2023

**Members Present:** Tracy Andrus, Breall Baccus, AB Bustos, Marqus Butler, Michelle Conner, Bee Courtois, Courtney Douangdara, Stephen Kazanjian, John Meier, Andrea Omojola, Dee Ross, and Nora Vargas

**Members Absent:** Natasha Hayden, Rob Hogan, and Daphne Jackson

**Staff Present:** Kraig Blaize-Fiero, Cosme Dominguez, Kyra Henderson, Lindsay LaGrange, Ava Paredes, Mary Stahlke, and Jim Ward

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action/Next Steps
Welcome	Meeting called to order at 2:03 PM – Chair (Andrea). Quorum met.	
Consent Agenda	<p>ITEM 1: Approval of the following item presented in the meeting materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5/24 Meeting Notes</li> </ul> <p>ITEM 2: Acceptance of the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May CoC Lead Agency Report</li> <li>2023 CoC Action Plan, Q1 Report</li> </ul> <p>Motion to Approve – AB Bustos. Second – Bee Courtois. No opposed or abstained. Motion <b>passed</b>.</p>	Vote passed.
Coordinated Entry (CE) (Kyra Henderson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CE Evaluation--review of questions, limits/considerations, results (strengths, areas of improvement), and recommendations.</li> <li>Q &amp; A time allotted and taken.</li> </ul>	
PIT Count (Ava Paredes)	<p>2023 Results; census of sheltered/unsheltered persons in our communities across TX. Review of methodology, extrapolation, results, and impact. 9,065 people experiencing homelessness in the BoS CoC. 43% sheltered, 57 % unsheltered. Disparity: 23% of people experiencing homelessness in the TX BoS CoC are Black, despite making up only 13% of Texas' total population. Still collecting PIT Count data for other CoCs in Texas to create a statewide PIT Count report.</p>	
HMIS Policies (Lindsay LaGrange, Cosme Dominguez)	Proposed changes to Law Enforcement Policy – The current policy says that members of Homeless Outreach Teams are the only law enforcement personnel who may use HMIS. They have access to Street Outreach programs and restricted access to Coordinated Entry (CE) in HMIS..	Vote passed.

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	<p>The proposed change would allow Homeless Outreach Team members who are not law enforcement officers to complete CE assessments with the understanding that the information cannot be used for investigative/law enforcement purposes.</p> <p>Motion to Approve - Courtney D. Second - AB Bustos. No opposed w/ 1 abstains (John M.). Motion <b>passed</b>.</p>	
Research Opportunity (Jim Ward)	<p>HUD Grants for University-Nonprofit Partnerships Supporting Community-Engaged Research designed to address homelessness. Discussion included voices of support and questions re: current qualifications for letters of support from the Board.</p> <p>Motion – AB Bustos. Second – Bee Courtois. No abstains. Motion <b>passed</b>.</p>	Vote passed. (to provide a letter of support)
CoC Board (Andrea)	<p>Board Member attendance, considering the 70% attendance requirement. Discussion included possibly clarifying in the Board Requirements Policy what constitutes an excused absence. Motion to remove two members because of absences – Tracy Andrus. Second – Breall Baccus. 1 abstain – Michelle Conner. Motion <b>passed</b>.</p>	Vote passed.
Closing (Andrea)		
Next Boarding Meeting	Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 2:00-3:30 by webinar	
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 3:47 PM	

**Next Board Meeting: July 26, 2023**