

# Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

## CoC Board Meeting

September 20, 2023

NOTES, approved 10/25/2023

**Members Present:** Tracy Andrus, AB Bustos, Marqus Butler, Michelle Conner, Courtney Douangdara, Rob Hogan, John Meier, Andrea Omojola, Rich Penksa, Dee Ross

**Members Absent:** Stephanie Andrade-Rocha, Breall Baccus, Bee Courtois, Daphne Jackson, Stephen Kazanjian,

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

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action/Next Steps
Welcome (Andrea O.)	Meeting called to order at 2:10 PM - quorum not met. Starting with non-voting agenda items. Then quorum was met at 2:11.	
Consent Agenda (Andrea O.)	<p>ITEM 1: Approval of following items presented in the meeting materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8/23 Meeting Notes</li> <li>• 9/13 Meeting Notes</li> </ul> <p>ITEM 2: Acceptance of the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August CoC Lead Agency Report</li> <li>• CoC Action Plan Quarter 2 Report</li> </ul> <p>Motion to Approve – Courtney D. Second – Rich P. No opposed or abstained. Motion <b>passed</b>.</p>	Vote <b>passed</b> .
CoC Program (Jim W.)	<p>Review FY 2023 CoC Application. Andrea O. has conflict of interest, so Courtney D. is officially chairing.</p> <p>Purpose of CoC Program is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote community commitment</li> <li>• Effective use of mainstream resources</li> <li>• Provide funding for rehousing homeless people while minimizing their trauma</li> <li>• Optimize self-sufficiency</li> </ul> <p>Primary Interventions – Rapid Rehousing (RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Joint Transitional Housing (TH) &amp; RRH. No new standalone TH applications accepted by HUD this year.</p>	<p>Vote <b>passed</b>.</p> <p>Staff will post Consolidated Application on THN’s website for the required period, then submit it to HUD by the due date.</p>

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	Motion to Approve Consolidated Application – Rich P. Second – AB. No opposed or abstained. 4 recused. Motion <b>passed</b> .	
CoC Board Participation (Andrea O.)	<p>Andrea O. back to chair meeting after vote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social activity with THN Board members at the Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness – Wed., 9/27, 6:00-8:00, Meanwhile Brewing Company</li> <li>• Bee (absent), Rich (yes), and Rob (yes): Who is interested in attending an in-person Board retreat in early February at the THN office?</li> </ul>	Staff will plan a board orientation for February 2024
Board Member Suggestions (Board)	<p>CoC Regionalization (Courtney)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aimed at breaking down silos and continuing to ID gaps and increase capacity and collaboration. Board feedback was supportive with questions surrounding realignments and funding included for hiring more staff for realignment.</li> <li>• Possible Board workgroup to advance research and possibility of this coming to fruition.</li> </ul> <p>Jim W. requested info from anyone on Board regarding protection for voucher holding tenants; widescale or veteran-specific, in their area.</p>	Staff will prepare information about staff efforts at exploring regionalization, for discussion at a future board meeting (likely Nov. or Dec.)
Closing (Andrea O.)	Meeting adjourned at 3:33p.	
Other	<p>During the meeting board members suggested opportunities to get more involved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work to get more people to vote when general members have voting opportunities, like in the board election</li> <li>2. Work to get more projects to apply for DV Bonus funding</li> <li>3. Help projects to leverage housing and healthcare</li> <li>4. Form a working group to explore regionalizing the CoC</li> <li>5. Identify activities, like advocacy, that could help the CoC receive its full Preliminary Pro-Rata Need (PPRN) amount in the CoC Program competition</li> </ol>	Staff will add these items to the next Executive Committee meeting agenda for further discussion

**Next Board Meeting: October 25, 2023, 2:00-3:30**

**Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness – September 27-29, Austin**