



TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

December 2023

Announcements

THN Offices Closed for the Holiday Break



THN offices will be closed for our Holiday Break from December 25th through January 8th, 2024. We can't wait to see y'all in the New Year!

2024 PIT Count



Join us for the Annual
Point-in-Time Count



January 25th, 2024

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The 2024 Balance of State CoC Point-In-Time count will be occurring on January 25th, 2024. For more information please contact ava@thn.org

New CoC Board Members Elected

Congratulations

Congratulations to the newly elected CoC Board members. We thank you for your willingness to serve the CoC in this important way.

Seat 1: Courtney Horton

Seat 3: Victor Rivera

Seat 5: Stephanie Andrade-Rocha

Seat 7: Briseida Courtois

Seat 9: Megan Price

Seat 11: Audra Rea

Seat 13: Bert Bagley

Seat 15: Grace Moody

Thank you to everyone who voted. We received more than 400 votes, which is a record. Your voice matters, and we appreciate your participation.

Learn more about the new members on [THN's website](#). Terms will begin in January 2024 and end in March 2026.

Lived Experience Committee (LEC) Recruiting



THN, as the lead agency for the TX BoS CoC, is recruiting individuals who have experienced homelessness to serve on a committee. This committee will provide THN staff with valuable input on homeless services within the CoC.

Purpose: The committee will spearhead the CoC's efforts to get input from people with lived experience of homelessness (PWLE). The feedback provided by committee members will be based on their personal experience interacting with homeless services within [TX BoS CoC communities](#). Committee members and staff will also develop input processes and reach out to other PWLE.

Requirements for participation:

1. Has experienced homelessness
2. Lives and/or works within the [geographic boundaries of the TX BoS CoC](#)

Important Considerations:

The LEC meets monthly by video call, and meetings last about 1.5 hours each. Members who wish to receive compensation for participating in meetings will receive \$40 per meeting.

Interested individuals should fill out the [Interest Form](#). Questions may be directed to mary@thn.org.

CoC Orientation Video on THN's Website

Do you want to learn more about the TX BoS CoC's activities? Watch the ["CoC Orientation" video on THN's YouTube channel](#). The hour-long video spotlights the major activities such as Coordinated Entry, HMIS, Local Homeless Coalitions, and the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. Whether you're new to the CoC or want a refresher, this video is for you!

Funding & Other Opportunities

THN Partnership Development VISTA (Central Texas):

Lead the way in transforming collaboration and impact! Are you ready to drive change and revolutionize collaboration among homelessness resources and organizations? Your mission is clear: assess the current state of engagement, enhance cooperation with organizational leaders, create dynamic support materials, and evaluate the impact.

[Embark on a transformative journey by learning more about this pivotal role and submitting your application through the myAmeriCorps portal.](#)

THN BoS CoC Service Enrichment VISTA (Central Texas):

Step into the arena of change as a VISTA member dedicated to eradicating poverty by amplifying housing-focused programs and empowering service providers. Your pivotal role centers on redefining and enhancing the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) Written Standards for Service Delivery. Ready to be part of the solution? [Dive deeper into this extraordinary role, uncover the potential for change, and submit your application via the myAmeriCorps portal.](#) Your mission to change lives starts now.

Important Dates

***No General Meeting in December**

2023 Serving Survivors Training Series

Part 1: TX BoS CoC Serving Survivors Q&A Session

December 5th from 10-11am

Please join Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) and Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) staff for a live Question & Answer session on December 5th from 10am-11am. In this session, TX BoS CoC and TCFV staff will field questions related to serving survivors and victims of domestic violence (DV) within the housing crisis response system. As survivors engage in both DV-specific and mainstream resources, service providers of all backgrounds and tenure are encouraged to attend and ask questions. This is part one of a two-part training series on serving survivors of DV in the TX BoS CoC.

Prepared attendees will have successfully completed the Serving Survivors Litmos Course in advance of the session and come prepared with questions.

[Click here to sign up for the Serving Survivors Litmos Course.](#)

[Click here to register for the December 5th Serving Survivors Q&A Session](#)

Part 2: TX BoS CoC Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Training

December 12th from 10-11:30am

Please join Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) and Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) staff for a live VAWA training webinar on December 12th from 10am-11:30am. In this session, attendees will learn about the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization Act of 2022 and considerations for housing-focused service providers and programs working with survivors and victims of domestic violence (DV), with a focus on those working in programs funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This is part two of a two-part training series on serving survivors of DV in the TX BoS CoC.

[Click here to register for the December 12th VAWA Training.](#)

Lived Experience Committee Meeting

December 6, 2023, 3:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

BoS Executive Committee Meeting

December 7, 2023, 2:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

Community Investment Committee Meeting

December 13, 2023, 1:30 PM

*Closed Meeting

December Texas BoS Board Meeting

December 13, 2023, 2:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

Our webinar platform is Zoom, please make sure you are using the most up to date software

from Zoom's [Download Center](#)

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

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.



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