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## TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

April 2025

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### Announcements

#### CoC General Membership Meeting on May 14, 2025



The spring meeting of the TX BoS CoC general membership is scheduled for May 14, 2025, from 2:00-3:30 Central Time, by Zoom. Come and learn more about what's happening in the CoC and how you can be a part of it. Agenda coming soon!

Anyone who lives and/or works in the TX BoS CoC's geographic area is considered to be a general member of the CoC. Join us for this first of two General Membership Meetings in 2025!

\*The second meeting is scheduled for September 17th.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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### Thank You to 2024-25 CoC Board Members



We extend our deepest gratitude to the CoC Board members who served in the 2024-25 term. They guided the CoC and kept it moving forward, even amidst changes and uncertainty. We greatly appreciate their commitment to the CoC.

Members are Stephanie Andrade-Rocha, Bert Bagley, Michelle Conner, Annie Erickson, Rob Hogan, Courtney Horton, Daisy Lopez, Grace Moody, Rich Penksa, Megan Price, Jason Priddy, Audra Rea, and Victor Rivera.

Learn more about the CoC members and read notes from board meetings on [THN's website](#).

### **New CoC Board Year Set to Begin on April 1st**

Congratulations to the CoC Board members who will serve an April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2027, term:

#### **Seat 2–Homeless Veterans**

Gary Jesus Medina, Homeless Veteran Program Manager at the Texas Veterans Commission

#### **Seat 4–Homeless Families**

Michelle Conner, Chief Operating Officer at Giving Grace in Denton

#### **Seat 6–Victim Services**

Daisy Lopez, Director of Operations at Friendship of Women, Inc., in Brownsville

#### **Seat 8–Health/Medical**

Moises Arjona, Jr., Collective Impact Director at *Unidos Contra La Diabetes* in Weslaco

#### **Seat 10–Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient**

Rich Penksa, Managing Director of Accounting at the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities in Corpus Christi

#### **Seat 12–Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice**

Kyle Moore, Sergeant in the Killeen Police Department in Killeen

#### **Seat 14–Faith Community or Faith-Based Organization**

Jessica Randle, Director of Development at St. Vincent's House in Galveston

They join the other eight board members whose terms are continuing for the next year. The board will hold its orientation on April 11th. Look for information about the new board members on [THN's website](#) soon.

## Updates to TX BoS CoC Written Standards for Service Delivery

TX BoS CoC has made changes to its Written Standards for Service Delivery. Public comment was solicited in January and the Board approved these updates in February. Please click the link below for the updated version:

[TX BoS CoC Written Standards for Service Delivery \(approved 2/26/25\)](#)

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## Webinar: TX BoS CoC Written Standards for Service Delivery Updates

Join us for this upcoming live training webinar! Texas Homeless Network's Planning Team will be presenting information and general updates to the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care Written Standards for Service Delivery. Topics include added sections regarding Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing projects, Emergency Transfer Plan, and the TX BoS CoC Monitoring Strategy.

**This webinar is mandatory for CoC Program and ESG recipients.** Registration is also open to the general TX BoS CoC membership. The webinar will also be recorded and distributed afterwards.

**Date & Time: Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 10:30 AM -12:00 PM**

[Click Here to Register](#)

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## Funding Opportunities

### The Primary Prevention Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

The Primary Prevention Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program provides funding to identify and implement strategies and services for youth between ages 12 and 26 in order to prevent homelessness, including strategies designed to serve youth and young adult populations with a high likelihood of imminently experiencing homelessness, housing instability, or other forms of victimization such as human trafficking to include individuals transitioning out of foster care, the juvenile justice system, or a residential behavioral health system.

Estimated Application Due Date: May 1, 2025.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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## Important Dates

**BoS Board Orientation***April 11, 2025 9:00 AM***\*Closed Meeting****Webinar: Navigating Challenges in Homeless Services***April 16, 2025 11:00 AM*

Objective: Help leaders identify strategies for managing crises, such as unexpected funding cuts, burnout, trauma, or natural disasters. This is a space to connect, reflect, and grow with peers across the state who understand the weight and responsibility of this work.

[Click Here to Register](#)**Webinar: TX BoS CoC Written Standards for Service Delivery Updates***April 22, 2025 10:30 AM*

Description: This webinar will go over the several of the updated sections including; Joint TH/RRH, Emergency Transfer Plan, and updates to Category 4 definition..

[Click Here to Register](#)

*Our webinar platform is Zoom, please make sure you are using the most up to date software from Zoom's [Download Center](#)*

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## What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC?

**North**

[Restoring dignity | How a mobile shower service is serving North Texas' unhoused population](#) (Smith County)

**South**

[Laredo police investigate early morning stabbing of homeless man](#) (Webb County)

**East**

[Poll: Should the City of Beaumont lead the way on homeless issue?](#) (Jefferson County)

[Port Arthur mayoral candidates focus on homelessness at public forum](#) (Jefferson County)

**West**

[The Field's Edge seeks new CEO as founder transitions to ministry role](#) (Midland County)

**Central**

[Temple TX shelter changes homeless population count method for better accuracy](#) (Bell County)

These articles were gathered from Google Alerts and emails sent directly to us. If you have articles about your community's efforts to prevent and end homelessness that you want to be highlighted in our next newsletter, please email the articles to [txboscoc@thn.org](mailto:txboscoc@thn.org).

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## 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

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## 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](mailto:txboscoc@thn.org).



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