



TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

June 2025

Announcements

Community of Practice Focus Group



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THN Gap Analysis

THN's Planning Team is conducting a gap analysis on the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care and requesting agencies that directly or indirectly serve individuals experiencing homelessness to fill out the form linked below. The form will help the Planning Team identify needs in each community, training opportunities, what service gaps may exist, and better tailor a CoC Program Project Design Clinic. The questionnaire is 30 questions long and takes about 10 minutes to complete. The questionnaire will be open from 6/6/2025 to 7/7/2025 and is accessible through a computer or phone.

The Planning Team will also conduct listening sessions to gather more information after the questionnaire period has ended. The specific dates are to be determined.

The link to the gap analysis questionnaire is below and if you have any questions, please email txboscoc@thn.org.

[Click here to access the Gap Analysis Questionnaire](#)

OR

Scan the Gap Analysis Questionnaire QR Code below:



CoC Board Elects Officers for 2025-26

The CoC Board has elected its officers for the 2025-26 board year, through March 31, 2026. Congratulations to:

Chair: **Stephanie Rocha**

Vice Chair: **Audra Rea**

Secretary: **Victor Rivera**

Learn more about the officers and other board members on [THN's website](#).

Funding & Other Opportunities

TDHCA Announces 2025 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Competition

TDHCA has announced its 2025 ESG Competition, which will run from May 23, 2025, to June 23, 2025. The link to the application materials and the link for the webinar are below.

[Click here for the ESG Application Materials](#)

Interested agencies are encouraged to monitor TDHCA's ESG YouTube playlist for new recordings that may be posted.

[TDHCA's ESG YouTube Playlist](#)

Webinar: Weathering the Storm – A Rural Guide to Disaster Planning and Readiness

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available ahead of time. This informative session will help community leaders, nonprofits, and funders get ready before the next emergency.

June 24 | 10:00 – 11:00am CT

Who Should Attend?

Anyone who wants to learn how to plan ahead for a disaster — especially local nonprofits and governments.

Featured Speakers:

Courtney Goss, State Voluntary Agency Liaison, TDEM

Stephanie Duke, Chairperson, Texas VOAD

Justen Noakes, Executive Director, BeforeDuringAfter

Taylor Wolter, Director, Rebuild Texas Fund

What Will You Learn?

How disaster relief is changing in Texas and what proactive planning looks like

Who's involved in disaster response, featuring key organizations like:

~Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)

~Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Texas VOAD)

~OneStar's Rebuild Texas Fund

How to use [BeforeDuringAfter](#), a new tool that helps small businesses and communities access disaster resources

Tips for tapping into philanthropic support during a crisis

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Important Dates

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BoS Board Meeting

June 25, 2025 2:00 PM

*Closed Meeting

Free CSH Webinar: Supporting Tenants with Pets

June 27, 2025 11:00 AM

Do you work with tenants who have pets? Looking for resources to both support them and protect your buildings or units? Then this webinar is for you!

[Click Here to Register](#)

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Jul 10, 2025 10:00 AM

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

What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[Longview mayor creates 5 new taskforces to help homeless, transient population](#) (Gregg County)

South

[Homelessness crisis in Victoria impacting vulnerable children and adults](#) (Victoria County)

East

[Beaumont mayoral candidate outlines plan to help homeless](#) (Jefferson County)

West

[West Texas VA Hosts 15th Annual VA2K Walk & Roll to Support Homeless Veterans and Promote Community Wellness](#) (Howard County)

Central

[City council discusses homelessness population data, approves contract for SMPD departmental staffing study](#) (Hays 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.

Staff Recommendation

NLIHC Releases *Advocates' Guide 2025*

The National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) has released its [Advocates' Guide 2025: A Primer on Federal Affordable Housing and Community Development Programs and Policies](#). "The *Guide* is considered by many to be the leading reference work for advocates and affordable housing providers looking for a quick and convenient way to understand federal affordable housing programs and policies." The resource includes several sections related to homelessness.

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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