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**TX BoS CoC
General Membership
Meeting
9/17/2025**

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- https://thn.wufoo.com/forms/wscj3hw157qvbz/

CoC General Membership Meeting

September 17, 2025, 9:00 AM-Noon
AGENDA

9:00-9:05 -- Welcome – *Kristin Zakoor, Chief Operating Officer of Texas Homeless Network*

9:05-9:15 -- Introductions – *Audra Rea, CoC Board Vice Chair and Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement*

9:15-9:20 -- State of the CoC Address – *Stephanie Andrade-Rocha, CoC Board Chair*

9:20-9:30 -- Annual Review of the CoC Governance Charter – *Mary Stahlke*

9:30-9:45 -- TX BoS CoC Gaps Analysis – *Billy Streu, Director of Planning*

9:45-11:15 -- CoC Modernization and CoC Strategic Planning –*The Cloudburst Group, Ashley Barker Tolman, and THN Staff*

11:15-11:25-- Vote on process to select CoC Board Members – *Mary Stahlke*

11:25-11:40 -- Upcoming CoC Enhancements and Benefits for General Members – *Hope Rodgers, Senior Director of CoC Programs*

11:40-11:50 -- Vote on 2026 PIT Count Date and PIT Lead Recruitment – *Ava Paredes, Data and Engagement Coordinator*

11:50-11:55 – TX BoS CoC Housing Solutions Announcement – *Diego Garza, Project Manager*

11:55-12:00 -- Closing Remarks – *Victor Rivera, CoC Board Secretary*

Welcome

Kristin Zakoor,
Chief Operating
Officer, THN

Introductions

Audra Rea,
CoC Board Vice
Chair

Introduction to the TX BoS CoC

Mary Stahlke,
Director of
Engagement

Texas Homeless Network

Mission Statement

We lead Texas communities to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Organizational Activities:

- Statewide Advocacy and Education

- TX BoS CoC Collaborative Applicant

- TX BoS CoC HMIS Lead Agency and Coordinated Entry Lead Agency
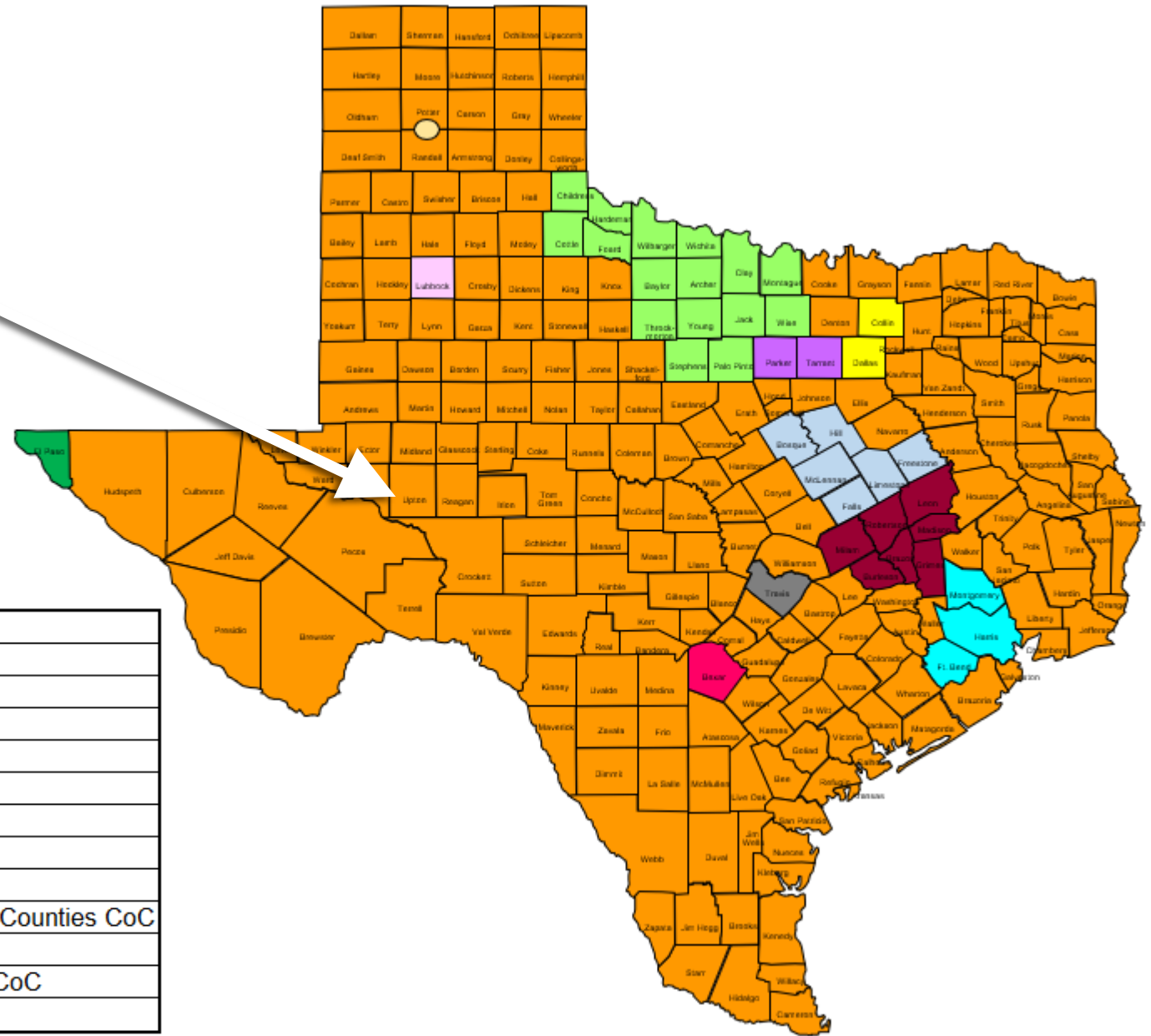

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What is a CoC?

A CoC, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the CoC Program Interim Rule at 24 CFR Part 578.3, is the group organized to carry out the responsibilities required under the CoC Program for a defined geographic area.

A community-based planning network for homelessness assistance.

The geographic area covered by the community-based planning network.

A program operated by the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

Map Key

(pink)	TX-500	San Antonio/Bexar County CoC
(gray)	TX-503	Austin/Travis County CoC
(yellow)	TX-600	Dallas City & County, Irving CoC
(purple)	TX-601	Fort Worth, Arlington/Tarrant County CoC
(green)	TX-603	El Paso City & County CoC
(light blue)	TX-604	Waco/McLennan County CoC
(orange)	TX-607	Texas Balance of State CoC
(cream)	TX-611	Amarillo CoC
(light green)	TX-624	Wichita Falls/Wise, Palo Pinto, Wichita, Archer Counties CoC
(light pink)	TX-625	Lubbock CoC
(cyan)	TX-700	Houston, Pasadena/Harris, Fort Bend Counties CoC
(dark red)	TX-701	Bryan, College Station/Brazos Valley CoC

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Mission Statement

The TX BoS CoC develops system-level responses and coordinates local community strategies that prevent and end homelessness and increase housing stability.

HUD's definition of "Homeless"

- Residing in a place not meant for human habitation

- Residing in temporary shelter

    - Congregate/emergency shelter

    - Transitional housing

    - Hotel/motel *paid by charity or federal/state/local government*

- Fleeing domestic violence

Ending Homelessness

Every community has a systemic response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible or is otherwise a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.

State of the CoC Address

Stephanie Andrade-Rocha, CoC Board Chair

CoC Governance Charter—Annual Review

To find the CoC Governance Charter online:

www.thn.org

Hover over "Texas BoS Continuum of Care"

Hover over "About TX BoS CoC"

Click on "Our Governance"

See "TX BoS CoC Governance Documents"

Governance Charter Overview

- Charter identifies the CoC's governance structure, roles, responsibilities, and authority
- Outlines key operational components of the CoC
- Links to CoC policies and procedures
- General members, CoC Board members, and THN staff may suggest changes throughout the year
- Staff will give public notice about the suggested changes and make them available for public comment
- CoC Board approves changes on behalf of the CoC

Governance Charter—Proposed Changes

- Proposed changes this year:
  - Revised CoC Map
  - Revised CoC Board Term dates
  - Revised role of CoC Workgroups
  - Updated links to several documents and websites
  - Made minor grammatical changes

Comment on CoC Governance Charter

- Give comments on the proposed changes to the CoC Governance Charter

- Late September through late October

2025 CoC Gaps Analysis

Billy Streu,
Director of Planning

CoC Modernization and Strategic Planning

TA Team

Ashley Barker Tolman (she/her)

Katie Peterson (she/her)

Process to Select CoC Board Members

- Written process must be voted on at least every 5 years
- Process:
  - THN staff solicit nominations from CoC general membership for seats that are up for election
  - People nominate themselves using the nomination form
  - Nominations may be accepted by the current CoC Board members or put out for a vote by the CoC general membership
  - If CoC general members vote, the nominees receiving the most votes will be elected to their respective seats

Vote on Board Selection Process

- Vote on this process and/or suggest changes

Upcoming CoC Enhancements

Hope Rodgers, Senior Director of CoC Programs

TX BoS CoC Staffing Enhancements

- In August, Texas Homeless Network (THN) created and filled the role of Senior Director of CoC Programs
- This new role represents a shift in the internal structure and oversight provided to THN's Texas Balance of State CoC teams
- Goal to facilitate and finalize internal transitions by the end of October

Role at a Glance

Oversees all CoC Programs and Operations of the TX BoS CoC

Aligns HUD Requirements with Local Needs

Coordinates across TX BoS CoC Teams to Strategically Fill Gaps and Solve Local Implementation Needs

Leads CoC Strategic Planning and System Performance

Benefits for General Members

Enhanced community supports through ensuring local challenges and successes shape the TX BoS CoC's priorities

Stronger connections to communities and General Members, reinvigorating relationships post-pandemic

Implementation of system-wide strategies to advance the performance and operations of the CoC

Let's Work Together

- Your feedback shapes our direction
- Stay engaged in committees, workgroups, and CoC Modernization efforts
- Bring forward local issues—we're listening

Together, we can **make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.**

Contact Information

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Thank you!

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2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

Ava Paredes, Data and Engagement Coordinator

2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

- PIT Lead recruitment has begun
- Contact Ava@thn.org if you want to be a PIT Lead for your community

- Vote on the PIT Count date for 2026

TX BoS CoC Housing Solutions

Diego Garza,
Housing Solutions
Project Manager

Closing Remarks

Victor Rivera,
CoC Board Secretary

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