



Texas Homeless Network

January 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to this month's Texas Homeless Network newsletter. We're sharing stories and updates from communities across Texas, with a focus on our **10-Year Impact Report**, highlighting a decade of progress driven by coordination, data, and collaboration. You'll also find Balance of State updates, and opportunities to stay engaged as we continue working to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.

From the Field: *Stories and updates from communities across Texas, highlighting the people and programs making a real difference.*



10 Years of Impact: At a Glance

For more than three decades, Texas Homeless Network has worked to strengthen the systems communities rely on to prevent and end homelessness. Our [10-Year Impact Report](#) highlights a decade of progress made possible through statewide collaboration.

Key Takeaways:

- **Statewide reach:** Supporting communities across **214 Texas counties**
- **Stronger systems:** Expanded coordinated entry and data-driven decision-making
- **Capacity building:** **18,000+ providers trained** and **24,000+ technical assistance engagements**
- **Housing-first focus:** Solutions centered on stable housing and long-term stability

- Partnership-powered progress: Collaboration drives measurable results

Homelessness in Texas is complex and growing, but coordinated systems are making measurable progress. The 10-Year Impact Report details the data, partnerships, and infrastructure behind that progress and where the work continues.

[View the Full Report](#)



In Case You Missed It: Our Stories of Change Series

As we share highlights from our 10-Year Impact Report, we want to revisit one story that brings the data to life: Lisa's.

After fleeing domestic violence and experiencing homelessness, Lisa found stability through Southside Community Center, a Texas Homeless Network partner. With coordinated community support, she secured safe housing, access to critical resources, and a path forward for her family.

Today, she's working toward her GED and building long-term stability.

Lisa's story shows the real impact behind the numbers and the role supporters like you play in making stories of change possible.

[Read Lisa's Story](#)

Coordinating Change: Updates from the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care, showcasing statewide coordination, planning, and strategies to end homelessness

VA to Award Grants to Organizations Providing Supportive Services for Veterans

With total funding of \$855 million, the VA will award an estimated 200 grants to private and nonprofit organizations that provide supportive services for very low-income veterans residing in or transitioning to permanent housing. The VA considers applications from rural and tribal communities, as well as U.S. territories, a priority for grant distribution.

Important Note: If any potential applicants are needing a Letter of Support from TX BoS CoC, these requests must be sent to txboscoc@thn.org by 5:00 PM on January 31, 2026.

Learn More

Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA) Compliance Date Extended for CPD Programs

HUD has announced an extension of the compliance date for the [HOTMA Final Rule](#). The new deadline is **January 1, 2027**, for all **Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs** that use HUD's income regulations under **24 CFR Part 5**. The HOTMA Final Rule updates how income and assets are calculated for HUD programs to simplify processes and improve consistency across housing programs.

What Does This Mean for CPD Grantees?

- CPD grantees include **CoC Program recipients** and **ESG recipients**.
- HUD is allowing grantees that are ready to comply to adopt HOTMA requirements earlier, any time between **January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2027**.
- Grantees may also implement certain **income safe harbors** from the HOTMA Final Rule and the [2025 HOME Final Rule](#) before the extended compliance date.
- Until your chosen compliance date, you may continue using the previous income rules under: **24 CFR 5.603, 5.609, 5.611, and 5.617**, as applicable.

Questions? If you have HOTMA-related questions, contact your [CPD Field Office](#) or txboscoc@thn.org.

CoC Board Election Update: Seat 17 Remains Open

The CoC Board election process continues. Nominations were accepted from 11/28/2025, through 1/4/2026, but the CoC did not receive any nominations for Seat 17, representing elected public officials. Seat 17 will serve a 4/1/2026 through 3/31/2028 term (two years). Everyone who is interested in running for Seat 17 is encouraged to [nominate themselves](#).

Learn more about CoC Board service in the [CoC Board Requirements Policy](#).

For the other board seats, the current CoC Board will develop a slate of candidates in late January, and voting by CoC general members will take place in mid-February. The board year will start on April 1st. If you have questions, please contact Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, at mary@thn.org or 512-861-2180.

Upcoming Coordinated Entry-focused CoC Modernization Workgroup Meetings

Join us for our upcoming [CoC Modernization Workgroup meetings](#) focused on the Texas Balance of State CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE) System. Meeting attendees will receive a high-level overview of the TX BoS CoC's CE system and will engage in discussion centered on providing feedback aimed at modernizing CE. Meetings will be held virtually on February 17th and March 17th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

To be added to the meeting invitations, or to discuss modernization topics, please complete the [TX BoS CoC Modernization Workgroup form](#).

What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC

Across the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care, communities are addressing homelessness through a mix of prevention, response, and recognition.

In **Bowie County**, efforts include a [Chili Cook-off Fundraiser and the annual PIT Homeless Count](#). **Hidalgo County** saw an [arrest connected to the murder of a homeless man](#). In **Galveston County**, *The Daily News* published a commentary [on housing as the most effective solution to homelessness](#), and another local outlet shared a story of a [homeless man rescuing a mother and baby after a car crash](#).

In **Central Texas**, a Bell County reverend was [honored for work with people experiencing homelessness](#), and **Williamson County** [renewed its partnership with Bluebonnet Trails](#) to support mental health and homelessness initiatives.

Don't Forget! Point-in-Time Count Scheduled for Late January

The 2026 Balance of State CoC Point-In-Time count will be occurring on Thursday, January 22nd, 2026. For more information please contact ava@thn.org

Thank You!

Thank you for being part of this work and for standing with Texas Homeless Network as we support communities across the state. Your partnership makes it possible to turn data into action, coordination into impact, and collaboration into real change for people experiencing homelessness. If you're able, please consider making a gift today—your support helps ensure we can continue building systems that make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring across Texas.

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