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## TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

February 2024

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### Announcements

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#### **Guidance on Submitting Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans for FY 2024**

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[Click here to read the full notice](#)

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#### **NAEH Webinar: Targeted Homelessness Prevention: Stemming the Inflow**

This webinar will discuss how to stem inflow into homelessness through targeted prevention. Learn from communities that have successfully employed data-driven strategies, prioritized equity, and adopted a client-centered approach to address homelessness at its roots.

[Click here to register](#)

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## Funding & Other Opportunities

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### Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

The Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Services (DOL-VETS) HVRP FOA is now available. HVRP is an employment-focused competitive grant program designed to give America's veterans experiencing homelessness the ability to reach their full employment potential and obtain high-quality career outcomes. If your organization has experience providing veteran and/or employment-related services, you may be interested in applying for this HVRP grant.

[Read the Full FOA Here](#)  
[FOA News Release](#)  
[FOA Flyer](#)

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## Important Dates

### **\*No General Meeting in February**

#### **Lived Experience Committee Meeting**

*February 7, 2024, 3:00 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

#### **Community Investment Committee MEeting**

*February 14, 2024, 1:30 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

#### **Texas BoS Board Meeting**

*February 28, 2024, 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](#)*

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

### **North**

[Texarkana, Texas, readies for annual count of homeless population](#) (Bowie County)

[Homeless Survey in Paris](#) (Lamar County)

### **South**

[Point-in-Time data survey on local homeless population](#) (Nueces County)

**East**

- [Lufkin shelters conduct the point in time homeless count](#) (Angelina County)
- [Over 64 agencies come together for Longview’s Homeless Resource Day](#) (Gregg County)
- [Down for the count](#) (Jefferson County)

**West**

- [PIT count at Odessa Links](#) (Ector County)
- [Homeless Coalition conducts largest PIT Count in Midland](#) (Midland County)
- [Volunteers Needed to Count the Area Homeless](#) (Tom Green County)

**Central**

- [Temple reports increase in homelessness in 2023](#) (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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## Staff Recommendation

Two recent studies show the challenges faced by people at risk of homelessness and experiencing homelessness as well as renters. The Point in Time (PIT) Count data from 2023 showed a 12% increase in homelessness over 2022's count. Likely contributing factors are the cost of housing and the ending of COVID-related funding. And now more than half of renters are paying more than 30% of their income for housing, and many of them are paying more than 50% of their income. Read more about these sobering statistics at:

AP News "[US homelessness up 12% to highest reported level as rents soar and coronavirus pandemic aid lapses](#)" (December 2023)

NPR "[Housing is now unaffordable for a record half of all U.S. renters, study finds](#)" (January 2024)

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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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