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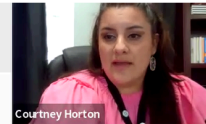
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## Announcements

### CoC General Membership Meeting was a Success



#### Next Steps

##### Early Meetings

TA attends the CoC Board Meeting and Spring General Membership Meeting (today!)

##### Full CoC Meeting

TA will bring summary of discussions and analysis to the September full CoC meeting



##### Meetings and Analysis

TA will meet with groups within the CoC and analyze options – including potential advantages and disadvantages

The CoC General Membership meeting held on May 15th brought together people from across the CoC to learn more about CoC modernization, its aims, and how it might affect people experiencing homelessness, local communities, service providers, and the CoC. The [meeting recording](#) is available on [THN's YouTube channel](#). Stay tuned to this newsletter and THN's website for information about how you can give input on CoC modernization. And plan to attend the CoC General Membership meeting on September 11th so you can hear options for moving forward with modernization. If you have questions or input about modernization, please email Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, at [mary@thn.org](mailto:mary@thn.org).

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## Recruiting Independent Review Team Members

The TX BoS CoC is recruiting Independent Review Team (IRT) members to assist in reviewing and scoring applications submitted under the FY24 Local Application Process for the CoC Program. IRT members can expect a 1-2 hour training session prior to reviewing applications. The total time commitment is expected to be less 10 hours during the months of August or September. IRT members will receive compensation of \$75 per application that is reviewed and scored with a maximum of 5 applications per member.

If you are interested in taking part in the process, please complete the IRT Interest Form below. Selected individuals who register their interest via the below form will receive direct communication from THN staff with access to an IRT application when available in May.

[Click here to complete the IRT Interest Form.](#)

## Lived Experience Committee (LEC) Recruiting

THN, as the lead agency for the TX BoS CoC, is recruiting individuals who have experienced homelessness to serve on a committee. This committee will provide THN staff with valuable input on homeless services within the CoC.

**Purpose:** The committee will spearhead the CoC's efforts to get input from people with lived experience of homelessness (PLE). The feedback provided by committee members will be based on their personal experience interacting with homeless services within [TX BoS CoC communities](#). Committee members and staff will also develop input processes and reach out to other PLE.

### Requirements for participation:

1. Has experienced homelessness
2. Lives and/or works within the [geographic boundaries of the TX BoS CoC](#)

### Important Considerations:

The LEC meets monthly by video call, and meetings last about 1.5 hours each. Members who wish to receive compensation for participating in meetings will receive \$40 per meeting.

Interested individuals should fill out the [Interest Form](#). Questions may be directed to [mary@thn.org](mailto:mary@thn.org).

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## Webinar: Ensuring LGBTQ+ Access to Services: Equitable Practices for Housing & Homelessness Providers

Join us for an interactive live webinar as we discuss best practices for ensuring affirming and accessible housing and homelessness services for our LGBTQ+ neighbors. Using HUD's Equal Access ruling and guidance as a foundation for our conversation, we will explore the ways to ensure your agency is ready to provide the best and most responsive services possible to LGBTQ+ clients experiencing homelessness. Whether you're a frontline worker, manager, or policymaker, this webinar equips you with the tools and knowledge to create more equitable and welcoming environments for all individuals experiencing housing instability. Join us and take a crucial step towards building a more just and compassionate society.

**Date & Time: Jun 11, 2024 02:00 PM**

[Click Here to Register](#)

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## Webinar: FY2024 CoC Program Renewal Applicant Scoring Feedback Session

It's that time again! Please join TX BoS CoC staff on **June 12 from 10:30am-12:00pm** for a virtual CoC Program Renewal Application scoring feedback session. The purpose of this meeting is for currently funded CoC Program recipients to provide feedback and input on the scoring tool that will be used to evaluate CoC Program Renewal Applicants in the FY2024 CoC Program Competition.

**Who Should Attend:**

All CoC Program Recipients

[Click Here to Register](#)

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## Funding & Other Opportunities

### TDHCA 2024 Emergency Solutions Grants Funding Opportunity

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has announced the availability of application materials for the 2024 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Regional Funding Competition. This may be of interest to many of our stakeholders working in homeless services. ESG is one of very few Federal resources dedicated to homelessness.

TDHCA hosted a live webinar on June 3, 2024 at 9 a.m. CST to provide an overview of the application process.

For those unable to attend, the webinar recording will be uploaded to the [ESG Video Library](#) a few days after the conclusion of the webinar.

Application materials, including the Submission Manual and program volumes, can be found on the [ESG funding webpage](#).

The Application period opened on Friday, May 24, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Central Time. **The**

**Application period will close Monday, June 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** Central Time. Applications received after the Application Deadline will not be accepted, reviewed, or considered for award by TDHCA.

For any questions about the webinar or application, please contact TDHCA's Homeless Programs Team at [esg@tdhca.texas.gov](mailto:esg@tdhca.texas.gov) or Rosy Falcon, Homeless Program Manager, at 512-475-3975.

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## Important Dates

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*June 11, 2024, 2:00 PM*

[Click Here to Register](#)

### **Webinar: FY2024 CoC Program Renewal Applicant Scoring Feedback Session**

*June 12, 2024, 10:30 AM*

[Click Here to Register](#)

### **Community Investment Committee Meeting**

*June 12, 2024, 1:30 PM*

\*Closed Meeting

### **Texas BoS Board Meeting**

*June 26, 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**

[Denton County's homelessness data was up 20% on a single night. Local teams aren't giving up](#) (Denton County)

### **South**

[Guest commentary: Solutions are emerging as homelessness trends upward](#) (Galveston County)

### **East**

[Longview homeless advocate explains opposition to outdoor sleeping ordinance](#) (Gregg County)

### **West**

[Community agencies host Homeless Navigation Day as severe weather approaches](#) (Tom Green County)

**Central****[Harker Heights council to consider panhandling ordinance Tuesday](#)** (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

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**SSA Online Services: A How-To Guide for SOAR Providers**

The Social Security Administration (SSA) Online Services can be used to efficiently communicate with, acquire information from, and send information to SSA. This guide describes who is eligible, how to obtain access, and the key uses for each online service. If you have questions, please contact your SOAR TA Center Liaison.

[Check out the guide here](#)



## 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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