



TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

December 2024

Announcements

THN Offices Closed for Holiday Break



THN offices will be closed for our Holiday Break from December 20th through January 6th, 2025. We can't wait to see y'all in the New Year!

Staff Updates



We are pleased to announce that Billy Streu has accepted the position of CoC Performance Manager effective November 4th, 2024. If you know Billy, you know what kind of passion he brings to anything he does, and I am particularly excited to see that passion in action as the CoC Performance Manager!

In 2025, the CoC Planning Team will focus on training and technical assistance for CoC and ESG recipients, CoC modernization, and the implementation of new and improved CoC written standards for service delivery.



As we welcome Billy Streu as the CoC Performance Coordinator, we also need to announce that Jim Ward, Director of Planning, is leaving THN. His last day will be December 13, 2024.

Jim will move on to the Affordable Housing Finance world in Travis County, Texas.

Staff are at work developing a transition plan that will minimize disruption to the operations of the CoC, and will begin the process of hiring for his role in the weeks to come.

If you would like to stay in touch with Jim, please contact him via email prior to the 13th.

THN is proud to introduce Diego Garza. Diego is the Housing Solutions Project Manager at THN where he manages the Day 1 Families Fund Grant.

He is energized by THN's commitment to ending homelessness and honored to be overseeing a fund with the focus to Family Homelessness.

Originally from Edinburg, TX Diego earned a Degree in Business Management from Texas State University before moving to Austin and eventually joining the team at THN.

He creates a meaningful life by communing with friends and sharing in meals, art, and conversation.



Lastly we welcome Yvie Peña. Yvie is the AmeriCorps VISTA Project Coordinator at The Texas Homeless Network. In her role, she helps strengthen non-profits across Texas to better support vulnerable communities, working closely with VISTA members, site supervisors, and new recruits to build capacity in an effort to create tangible change.



Outside of her professional work, Yvie is a ceramicist, an avid camper, and a hiker who loves a long trek to a swimming hole. She also runs a DIY Community Space on Austin's East Side.

2025 Point-in-Time Count

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2025 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

The PIT Count aims to provide a snapshot of the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in a geographical area over the course of one night.

Where?

Unsheltered Locations

- Cars
- Parks
- Streets/Sidewalks

Sheltered Locations

- Transitional Housing
- Emergency Shelter

When?

Thursday
January 23th
2025

Why?

- To Raise Community Awareness
- To Advocate for Local and Federal Funding
- To Understand characteristics and Trends of Homelessness
- To Engage our Communities in Ending Homelessness

For More Information:
Contact Ava@THN.org

Recruiting for CoC Modernization Workgroup

The CoC is going through a process of modernizing to enhance the way the CoC is structured and provides support to local communities, to achieve better outcomes for people experiencing homelessness. THN, as the CoC's Collaborative Applicant, is working with technical assistance providers from The Cloudburst Group to explore how modernization could be carried out.

The CoC is developing a workgroup to work with THN and Cloudburst on next steps, including delivering several meetings for the CoC general membership and the public. The meetings will focus on specific topics related to modernization: CoC governance, HMIS, Coordinated Entry, funding, and geography.

We are especially seeking more people who reflect a large portion of the population experiencing homelessness in the CoC, namely, Black or African-American males and Hispanic/Latino males.

To join the workgroup, please complete the [interest form](#), and we'll be in touch soon with more information.

For more information about modernization, see the [slides](#) from the 9/11/2024 CoC General Membership meeting. To give input on modernization, please complete the [online input form](#). For questions about modernization, email mary@thn.org.

"What is CoC Modernization?" Session

The CoC is exploring options to modernize structures and processes to enhance capacity in ways that improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness at the local level. This session is open to all people in the Texas Balance of State CoC's geography who are interested in learning about CoC modernization, particularly those who may have missed the September general membership meeting presentation or would like a refresher. Come and learn more about what modernization is!

When: **Friday, January 17, 2024, from 1:00-2:30 PM**

[Click Here to Register](#)

Important Dates

HMIS Admin Webinar

December 11 2024, 1:00 PM

*For HMIS Admins only

[Click Here to Register](#)

FY 2024-2025 CoC Program Competition Feedback Session

December 18 2024, 1:00 PM

This feedback session is an opportunity for applicants of the FY 2024-2025 CoC Program Competition to share feedback and information regarding this year's competition process.

Who Should Attend: All CoC Program Recipients, All FY 2024-2025 CoC Program Competition Applicants

[Click Here to Register](#)

BoS PIT Office Hours Session 2*December 18, 2024, 3:00 PM*

This virtual meeting is for PIT LEADS ONLY to receive support for the upcoming 2025 Point-In-Time Count. Folks will be able to come in and ask questions and receive support from Data and Engagement Coordinator Ava Paredes.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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

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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