



TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

February 2025

Announcements

CoC Board Election and New CoC Board Members



All seven seats that are up for election in 2025 have only one nominee each, so the CoC does not need to hold an election. The CoC Board has accepted nominees to fill Seat 2 through Seat 12, and they will consider the nominee for Seat 14 at their February meeting.

Congratulations to the CoC Board members who will serve an April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2027, term:

Seat 2–Homeless Veterans

Gary Jesus Medina, Homeless Veteran Program Manager at the Texas Veterans Commission

Seat 4–Homeless Families

Michelle Conner, Chief Operating Officer at Giving Grace in Denton

Seat 6–Victim Services

Daisy Lopez, Director of Operations at Friendship of Women, Inc., in Brownsville

Seat 8–Health/Medical

Moises Arjona, Jr., Collective Impact Director at *Unidos Contra La Diabetes* in Weslaco

Seat 10–Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient

Rich Penksa, Managing Director of Accounting at the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities in Corpus Christi

Seat 12–Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice

Kyle Moore, Sergeant in the Killeen Police Department in Killeen

New board officers will be elected in April, but the current officers are Stephanie Andrade-Rocha (Chair), Audra Rea (Vice Chair), and Victor Rivera (Secretary). Read more about CoC Board members on [THN's website](#).

CoC Board Requirements Policy Revision



The CoC Board recently updated the CoC Board Member Requirements Policy to include language saying that if a board member is removed from the board for a code of conduct violation or a conflict-of-interest violation, that member is not eligible to run for a seat on the CoC board for 5 years following their removal. See the [revised CoC Board Member Requirements](#) on [THN's website](#).

Fair Housing Resource Roundup - New Products and Ways to Share

The National Fair Housing Training Academy has published new resources related to fair housing. "Included in this roundup are new fair housing resources to build capacity for governments, public housing agencies and stakeholders to advance fair housing principles in community planning and daily operations."

For more information, view the [Fair Housing page](#) and the [National Fair Housing Training Academy page](#).



Funding Opportunities

The Primary Prevention Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

The Primary Prevention Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program provides funding to identify and implement strategies and services for youth between ages 12 and 26 in order to prevent homelessness, including strategies designed to serve youth and young adult populations with a high likelihood of imminently experiencing homelessness, housing instability, or other forms of victimization such as human trafficking to include individuals transitioning out of foster care, the juvenile justice system, or a residential behavioral health system.

Estimated Application Due Date: May 1, 2025.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Workforce Innovations Grant

The National Alliance to End Homelessness is [requesting proposals](#) for a new grant opportunity that will award up to \$50,000 to start or continue initiatives that support the recruitment, promotion/advancement, and retention of high-quality homeless services staff.

With a workforce under constant strain, this opportunity aims to encourage small-scale innovations in the homeless services workforce.

[Click here to learn more about the Workforce Innovations Grant](#)

Applications are due by 11:59 P.M. EST on **March 28, 2025** to hri@naeh.org.

Important Dates

THN Offices Closed

Feb 21, 2025

BoS Board Meeting

Feb 26, 2025 02:00 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](#)

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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