



TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

January 2025

Announcements

Happy New Year!



2025 Point-in-Time Count



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

CoC Board Election Update



The CoC is holding an election for members to fill even-numbered seats for a 4/1/2025 through 3/31/2027 term.

~Nominations were accepted from November 4th through 22nd, and the CoC received at least one nomination for each seat.

~The current CoC Board considered the slate of candidates at their December 11th meeting.

~Voting will occur from **February 7th through 21st**.

More information about voting will be published in the February edition of the BoS Newsletter and on [THN's website](#), so stay tuned. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, at mary@thn.org.

Racial Equity Committee Seeking BoS Members

Texas Homeless Network is seeking partnerships with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) providers and persons with lived homeless experience (PWLE) that live or work in the Texas Balance of State CoC to help **develop** a Racial Equity Committee (REC). This group will be made up of THN staff and external partners that live and work in the Texas Balance of State CoC. THN is seeking 2-3 external partners to help establish and propose the REC to the CoC Board. Participants will help to develop policies and best practices regarding racial equity to be implemented by the Balance of State CoC.

If this is something you are interested in, please fill out the linked interest form below:

[Interest Form](#)

After you fill out the interest form, you will be contacted by someone at THN regarding the next steps of the process.

"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](#)

Public Comment Announcement for Written Standards Interim Update



Public Comment Period for interim updates to the TX BoS CoC Written Standards for Service Delivery is Open

The Texas Balance of State CoC is seeking public comment on proposed additional sections and updates to the TX BoS CoC Written Standards for Service Delivery. The public comment period will open on January 10, 2025 at 3:30 pm and closes on January 31, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

[Click here for information on how to submit a public comment.](#)

For accessibility needs, contact txboscoc@thn.org

Housing Assistance Council (HAC) opens Affordable Housing for Rural Veterans (AHRV) Initiative



Local nonprofit housing development organizations can apply by January 21 for grants to meet or help meet the [affordable housing needs of veterans with low incomes in rural places](#). Grants typically range up to \$30,000 per organization and must support bricks-and-mortar projects that assist low-income, elderly, and/or disabled veterans with critical home repair or accessibility modifications, support homeless veterans, help veterans become homeowners, and/or secure affordable rental housing. HAC's AHRV Initiative is funded through the generous support of The Home Depot Foundation. For more information, contact HAC staff, ahrv@ruralhome.org. No phone calls please. Program staff will be available to answer questions during the [AHRV RFP overview webinar](#) on January 8.

Credit: HAC News. HAC [website](#).

Important Dates

BoS PIT Office Hours Session

Jan 14, 2025 10:00 AM

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.

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BoS Board Meeting

Jan 29, 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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