

# TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS March 2025

### **Announcements**

2025 Homelessness Awareness Day



Each legislative session, Texas Homeless Network unites advocates from across the state to educate lawmakers on policies that make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. On March 12th, we're bringing this powerful movement back to the Texas Capitol—and we need you there!

Join over 100 advocates in speaking directly with legislators about real solutions to homelessness, from expanding affordable housing to strengthening crisis response systems. This is our chance to show the strength of our community, share stories, and influence policies that create lasting change.

**Don't miss out! Register now to be part of this impactful day.** Together, we can make a difference for the 25,000 Texans experiencing homelessness.

Register to Attend

# Save the Date! CoC General Membership Meeting on May 14, 2025

The spring meeting of the TX BoS CoC is tentatively scheduled for **May 14, 2025, from 2:00-3:30**, by Zoom. Please hold this date and time on your calendar and plan to join us. More details to come.







# Upcoming CoC Program Training Event on March 20th

The TX BoS has tentatively scheduled a live webinar to discuss information regarding elements and requirements of Match in the CoC Program and utilizing Match to build partnerships and capacity in your community. This webinar will be valuable for CoC Program Leadership of new and renewal projects, and agencies interested in applying for CoC Program funding.

Date & Time: Thursday, March 20, 2025, 10:00-11:30 AM

Note: There is a possibility that this Match webinar will be modified to be held as an Office Hours space for CoC Program recipients. Regardless, we plan to hold an event at the date and time listed above and hope you will be able to join us.

Click Here to Register

# **Funding Oppurtunities**

# 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 <u>requesting proposals</u> 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 <a href="mailto:hri@naeh.org">hri@naeh.org</a>.

## **Important Dates**

#### 2025 Homelessness Awareness Day

March 12, 2025 10:30 AM

HAD is almost here, but you can still sign up to be part of this powerful day of action. Join advocates, community leaders, and changemakers as we raise awareness and push for real solutions to homelessness. Act now before it's too late—be part of the movement! <a href="https://www.thn.org/policy-advocacy/">https://www.thn.org/policy-advocacy/</a>

Webinar: CoC Program Match

March, 20, 2025 10:00 AM

This training primarily focuses on match requirements for CoC Program grants covering topics regarding how to utilize match for capacity building and general management of match. This training is also helpful for those interested in applying for CoC Program grants and are encouraged to participate as well.

Who Should Attend: General BoS Membership, All CoC Program Recipients Click Here to Register

**BoS Board Meeting** 

March 26, 2025 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** 

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

#### North

<u>From shelter to success: Formerly homeless man becomes licensed barber</u> (Bowie County) <u>Denton council OKs support for 3 affordable housing projects, including one for people long unhoused</u> (Denton County)

#### South

Councilman Eric Cantu said the city needs to do more for the homeless (Nueces County)

#### East

How Southeast Texans Still Did Homeless Count Amid Winter Storm (Jefferson County)

#### West

<u>Is homelessness on the rise in Abilene? Annual survey set to show higher local numbers</u> (Taylor County)

#### Central

<u>Killeen council to vote on funding downtown homeless shelter</u> (Bell County)

<u>Caldwell County hoping to get homeless count for better resources</u> (Caldwell 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 <a href="mailto:txboscoc@thn.org">txboscoc@thn.org</a>.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Measles: Information to Know

Measles cases are increasing, and the disease can lead to illness, hospitalizations, and even death. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has published a <u>fact sheet on measles</u>, including prevention, symptoms, and what to do if you encounter a case of measles. Also, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a <u>health advisory</u> about measles and has published resources such as <u>Preventing & Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease Within Shelters</u>. All providers are encouraged to work closely with their local public health departments on issues related to measles and other infectious diseases.

### **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 <u>Join Us page</u> 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 <a href="mailto:txboscoc@thn.org">txboscoc@thn.org</a>.









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