



Title: THN VISTA Homeless Programs Associate (Dallas)

Sponsoring Organization: Texas Homeless Network

Project Name: Texas Homeless Network VISTA Program

Site Name: Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance

Focus Area(s): Economic Opportunity

VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities

Goal of the Project: This VISTA project will leverage resources of Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance's (MDHA) to improve housing program outcomes and align efforts with the standards required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To achieve this goal, the VISTA will serve within the MDHA Continuum of Care (CoC) in improving current housing programs and developing new programs with the goal of making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring in the Dallas Area.

Objective of the Assignment (*Period of Performance: Quarter 1*)

Evaluate current programs at MDHA and propose solutions for gaps in services.

Member Activity:

1. Become familiar with the Continuum of Care organization, its programs and HUD requirements
2. Research solutions and best practices for these processes
3. Develop a framework to improve services

Objective of the Assignment (*Period of Performance: Quarter 2-3*)

Implement improvements for housing programs and establish new programs

Member Activity:

1. Engage Other Permanent Housing (OPH) projects and develop a plan to incorporate OPH projects in the Coordinated Assessment System (CAS)
2. Develop new vouchers for clients in Permanent Supportive Housing programs
3. Review current Independent Review Committee structure and make necessary adjustments
4. Support grant development for specific housing programs
5. Create tools to monitor and evaluate the success of programs and scorecards and reporting for consumption by MDHA leadership and other stakeholders
6. Improve and standardize regular CoC events including the homeless count and Landlord Appreciation Luncheon
7. Develop training for case managers

Objective of the Assignment (*Period of Performance: Quarter 4*)

Evaluate success of new processes and programs and create a plan of sustainability

Member Activity:

1. Ensure all new programs and processes have been documented
2. Evaluate effectiveness of implemented programs and document recommendations
3. Develop a plan for sustainability

If you are interested, don't wait, review the THN VISTA program at <https://www.thn.org/amicorps-vista/> and email Nick Thompson at nick@thn.org, today!