



CoC Workgroups

Our workgroups accomplish specific tasks to conceive, test, and implement policies and practices that improve how providers work together to make services more efficient.

Workgroup	Mission	Objectives	Purpose	Workgroup Representatives	Meeting Details
Racial Equity	Drive and support Racial Equity within our Homeless Response System & By our Homeless Response System while centering and amplifying the perspective and voice of people with lived experience. Create and maintain a culture of accountability utilizing appropriate tools, training, and regular review of relevant data stratified along racial lines for system performance, funding, and outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase understanding of racial equity + homelessness across our CoC & in the larger community • Eliminate racial disparities/inequities in service delivery • Eliminate racial disparities/inequities in housing placements (length of time) • Incorporate racial equity analysis across CoC workgroups in plans & outcomes • Increase engagement and inclusion of individuals with lived experience in all aspects of CoC planning and systems • Revamp Racial Equity workgroup to act as a thought partner in all workgroup plans & processes 	Track progress on CoC-wide equity goals; design and implement strategies for reducing disparities in housing outcomes and addressing system inequities	Joli Angel Robinson (Housing Forward, Chair) Dr David Woody (Exec Council Liaison)	Monthly, Third Friday 3 to 4 PM
Veterans	The community achieves and maintains an effective end to veteran homelessness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce length of time from identification to housing to 90 days Ensure rate of inflow matched outflow Decrease total number of active BNL veterans Identify and address racial disparities in housing outcomes 	Track progress and support goal of ending veteran's homelessness; Create alignment on the core elements of the strategy to end/reduce Veteran homelessness and the process for decision making	Leah Williams (Housing Forward, Chair) Tammy McGee (Clutch) Dr David Woody (Exec Council)	Leadership Workgroup Every Other Thursday 9 to 10:30 AM
Rapid Rehousing	Households experiencing homelessness can move directly into permanent housing in the community using a combination of financial assistance and housing-focused services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase housing placements Improve long term housing stability Build capacity of new RRH workforce Identify and address racial disparities in housing outcomes and access 	Support the implementation/operationalize new RRH projects through alignment of process and resources; to enhance service delivery capacity	Luis Acuna-Pilgrim (Housing Forward, Chair) Heather Muller (Clutch) Brenda Snitzer (Exec Council)	Leadership Workgroup Monthly, Third Tuesday 10:30 to 12 PM
Coordinated Access System	To connect all people experiencing homelessness to the right housing intervention through a standardized matching and referral process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve equity in access and outcomes in CAS Increase efficiency and effectiveness of system flow Build provider capacity Refine and scale CAS process, policy and tools to improve effectiveness 	Monitor the efficacy and effectiveness of CAS; to synthesize practice to create and modify CAS policies in support of improved functioning	Crystal Sheppard, The Family Place (Chair) Andrew Lomax, The Bridge (Co-chair) Rebecca Hickom (Housing Forward) Daniel Roby, (Exec Council)	Monthly, Third Tuesday 9 to 10:30 AM
Permanent Supportive Housing	Households experiencing chronic homelessness have access to permanent, affordable housing and comprehensive services to remain stably housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand PSH Options Increase Transitions from PSH to Permanent Housing (Move On) Improve Long Term Housing Stability Identify and Address Racial Disparities in Housing Outcomes 	Implement PSH refinements and support improved PSH performance	Madeline Reedy, City Square (Chair) Ayanna Robertson / Trudy Hernandez (Housing Forward) Yolanda Jones (Exec Council)	Monthly, Fourth Wednesday 2 - 3:30 PM

Youth	A youth-informed network of activists, advocates, community and faith-based partners, and other stakeholders committed to a relentless focus on making instances of homelessness and housing insecurity rare, brief, and non-recurring for youth and young adults in Dallas and Collin Counties. We are devoted to raising awareness of these issues to combat persistent institutional policies incriminating and subjecting them to barriers that impede their growth.	Develop a Youth and Young Adult "System Vision"	Facilitate the collaboration of stakeholders to ensure youth homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring	Leah Williams / Jordan Gilbert (Housing Forward Co-Chairs) Amber Austin (Clutch) Karen Hughes (Exec Council)	Monthly, Third Wednesday 10am - 11am
		Identify and engage all literally homeless and at-risk Youth			
		Streamline Access to Housing for Youth			
Street Outreach	The CoC has a coordinated street outreach component of the rehousing system to identify, assess, serve, and rehouse all people who are unsheltered in Dallas and Collin Counties.	Build a Coordinated Outreach Response	Develop a comprehensive, coordinated street outreach response to unsheltered homeless	Hannah Sims (Housing Forward, Chair) Heather Muller (Clutch) Brenda Snitzer (Exec Council)	Monthly, Second Wednesday 2:30 to 4:00 PM
		Reduce the number of encampments			
		Increase housing placements from unsheltered locations			
		Identify and address racial disparities in outreach and housing outcomes			
HMIS	The CoC has complete and accurate data on homelessness and is maximizing the use of data in system planning and performance improvement.	Build capacity for improved data quality	Provide input and guidance on HMIS governance, policy, performance, promote data quality and standards, and respond to implementation challenges	Sarah Masih, The Salvation Army & Hayedeh Jahansouz, The Bridge (Co-Chairs) Freda Nelms (Housing Forward) Dr David Woody (Exec Council)	Monthly, Third Tuesday 2 to 3:00 PM
		Increase HMIS participation			
		Integrated DV data			
Diversion & Rapid Resolution Pilot Workgroup	Further understand and monitor the impact of Diversion as an exit pathway for those experiencing homelessness in Dallas and Collin counties. Best practices and strategies learned and refined through this pilot project will be used to scale Diversion as a system-wide intervention.	Build and scale diversion across the CoC	Ad hoc Diversion Pilot Workgroup: To test, design, and iterate a Diversion pilot program model.	Rebecca Hickom (Housing Forward, Chair) Amber Austin and Tammy McGhee (Clutch) Ellen Magnis (Exec Council)	Ad Hoc Workgroup
Domestic Violence	Safely and securely support housing stability activities for DV households within the CoC	Refining and scaling DV CAS process, policy, and tools to improve effectiveness	Provide input and guidance on policy and practice refinements.	Rebeca Hickom / Freda Nelms (Housing Forward, Co-Charis) Christina Coultas (Exec Council)	Ad Hoc Workgroup
		Increase collaboration between VSPs, CoC and other homeless services providers			
		Eastablish and implement data collection and reporting process for VSPs			

WORKGROUPS ON THE HORIZON
Families Workgroup
Landlord Engagement
Employment and Education
Inclement Weather Shelter