

TX-600 Continuum of Care, Serving Dallas & Collin Counties  
September 26, 2023 9:00 a.m.  
Zoom

## **MINUTES**

### **Welcome/Mission Moment**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Brenda Snitzer, Chair of the General Assembly. The Mission Moment was presented by Erica Smith, CPO of Volunteers of America.

### **Approval of August 2023 Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Daniel Roby and seconded by Ellen Magnis, no nays were recorded.

### **Housing Hero Nominations and Tickets**

Sara Craig (VP of Development and Communications, Housing Forward) gave instructions on buying tickets and encouraged everyone to submit nominations for the Housing Heros Luncheon.

### **Executive Council Refresh and Expansion**

Joli Robinson (President & CEO at Housing Forward) provided an update the expansion and refresh of the executive council. They are specifically targeting prospects from the youth space, Collin County, PSH providers, and those with lived experience.

### **Coordinated Outreach Overview/Encampment Process**

Hannah Sims (Crisis System Management, Housing Forward) and Yolanda Williams (Assistant Director of Homeless Services, CitySquare) provided an overview of coordinated outreach and encampment decommissioning process. Encampment outcomes and the system-wide approach to encampments was discussed.

### **Veterans Workgroup Update**

Leah Williams (Senior Manager of Housing Initiatives, Housing Forward) and Karen Bond (Director of Client Services in Dallas, American GI Forum-National Veterans Outreach Program) provided updates on the process of achieving an end to veteran homelessness and the application to USICH.

### **The Deflection Center**

Dave Hogan (Dallas Deflects Director, Homeward Bound) provided an overview of the Dallas Deflection Center which aims to divert individuals with mental illness, experiencing

homelessness, and/or with low-level criminal offenses from entering the criminal justice system. There was an emphasis given on the collaboration between mental health providers, housing and other services.

### **Announcements & Upcoming Trainings**

Megan Starnes (Training Manager, Housing Forward) and Sara Craig, VP of Development/Communications, Housing Forward) provided updates on upcoming training opportunities and community events. All training opportunities and community events are listed on the Housing Forward website at [www.housingforwardntx.org](http://www.housingforwardntx.org)

Virtual Networking opportunity: What is something about your organization that people might not know?

***For comments or questions regarding All Neighbors Coalition General Assembly business, please contact Chair Brenda Snitzer at [BrendaS@thestewpot.org](mailto:BrendaS@thestewpot.org)***

**Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am**