

TX-600 Continuum of Care, Serving Dallas & Collin Counties
January 23, 2024 9:00 a.m.
Zoom

MINUTES

Welcome/Mission Moment

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Brenda Snitzer, Chair of the General Assembly. The Mission Moment wasn't presented by Luis Acuna-Pilgrim (Director of Housing Initiatives, Housing Forward) due to illness.

Approval of December 2023 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Krystal Lotspeich and seconded by Lana Hansen, no nays were recorded.

COC Annual Planning

Sarah Kahn (Interim President and CEO, Housing Forward) discussed data received to help prevent homelessness in the coming year and new resources to help with our goals. System Modeling is answering the call for a more robust system analysis. 3 Buckets used to model the program. **Need**- What is the annual need? **Pathways**- what are pathways out of homelessness? And **Cost**- How much of each pathway do we need to meet the need? What's the cost?

Safe Haven

Melanie Gather (Program Manager, Safe Haven, Metrocare Services). Melanie presented a slide show, it explained Safe Haven's Mission, Program Description, Eligibility Criteria and Services Provided.

City of Dallas CoC Consultation

Christine Crossley (Director, City of Dallas Office of Homeless Solutions). Discussed Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Christine provided background, eligible activities & clients, budget, input opportunities, funding opportunities (doing business with the city) and how to connect with them (via social media).

Overdose Response in Collin County

Siddharth Rangan (Recovery Support Peer Specialist, Overdose Response Team, Lifepath Systems). Explained how homelessness and substance use are intertwined. They are a new team of recovery coaches, specialists and case managers. Services are provided at no cost. Work with ages 13 and up. Provided contact information.

Final Preparations for the PIT Count

David S. Gruber (Senior Director of Development and Communications, Housing Forward). Provided reminders: Kickoff Sites, what happens after the PIT count and when will individual cities get their numbers?

State of Homelessness Address – April 18th.

Announcements & Upcoming Trainings

Megan Starnes (Training Manager, 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.

Announcements: David S. Gruber (Senior Director of Development and Communications, Housing Forward). PIT Count- 1-25-24, Collin County Homeless Coalition- 2-01-24, Renew ANC membership, General Assembly 2-27-24, No Alliance Homeless Forum in February.

Virtual Networking opportunity: What are you looking forward to in 2024?

For comments or questions regarding All Neighbors Coalition General Assembly business, please contact Chair Brenda Snitzer at BrendaS@thestewpot.org

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am