

TX-600 Continuum of Care, Serving Dallas & Collin Counties

February 27, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Location: Dallas College-Richland Campus (12800 Abrams Rd, Dallas, TX 75243) Room SH 118

MINUTES

Welcome/Mission Moment

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Brenda Snitzer, Chair of the General Assembly. The Mission Moment presented by Luis Acuna-Pilgrim (Director of Housing Initiatives, Housing Forward). Luis shared how to break down barriers and how it's implemented at Housing Forward.

Approval of January 2024 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Valerie Palmer and seconded by Heather Mosley, no nays were recorded.

Housing Forward President and CEO Update

Sarah Kahn (President and CEO, Housing Forward) discussed Housing Forward's New executive team. Mackeshia Brown (Chief Financial Officer) and Rae Clay (Chief Program Officer). Chief External Relations Officer role will be posted as well.

HUD CoC Awards

Trudy Hernandez (Director of Performance Management, Housing Forward) and David Stucker (Director of Government Grant Administration & Data Integrity, Austin Street Center).

Trudy announced CoC was awarded a 27 million Grant (25% higher than last year). HF received all of Tier 2 funding. David gave some key points in preparing for FY2024 COC program NOFO (start early, be patient, be accurate in what applying for, you are applying for next year).

City of Dallas May 2004 Bond Election

Ikenna Mogbo (Chief Housing Officer, Metrocare). Provided key things to look for when voting so that the money will go towards helping people. May 4th early voting day.

Collin County Homeless Coalition

Rick Grady (President, Collin County Homeless Coalition). Discussed the 5 priorities of the organization (Housing, Coordination, Resources, Support and Data).

Youth Initiatives Update

Leah Williams (Senior Manager of Housing Initiatives, Housing Forward) and Youth Action Board Members. Meetings available to discuss mapping out how to further help the youth. Trainings available to everyone.

Community Council of Greater Dallas

Sharla Myers, JD (CEO, Community Council of Greater Dallas). Provided information on current programs and homeless services. Their focus is keeping people housed. Provided contact information.

PIT Count – What’s Next

Freda Nelms and David S. Gruber (Director of Data Management and Reporting and Senior Director of Development and Communications, Housing Forward). 1,100 volunteers across both counties participated in the count. April 18th the final count will be announced, in order to get that count a process is in place (that takes time) to make sure it’s accurate.

Announcements & Upcoming Trainings

Trudy Hernandez (Director of Performance Management, 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 and Raffle: Erica Barnett (Marketing and Communications Manager, Housing Forward). Renew ANC membership, Collin County Homeless Coalition- March 7th, General Assembly March 26th-Zoom, State of Homelessness Address April 18th. 6 books raffled off.

Racial Equity Workgroup

Amber Austin (Senior Manager of CAS, Housing Forward) and Dr. David Woody (President and CEO, The Bridge). They are needing more input in seeing how far racial equality has come, gaps that need to be addressed on March 19th, as well as how systemic racism effects our unhoused clients and solutions to address it.

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 10:24 am