

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

April 23, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Location: Dallas College-Brookhaven Campus (3939 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75244) Room Building H-125

## **MINUTES**

### **Welcome/Mission Moment**

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by Dr. David Woody, III, Past Chair of the General Assembly. The Mission Moment was presented by Hannah Counter (Youth Program Clinical Director, New Friends New Life). Hannah shared her journey to becoming a therapist. Her daily goals are to provide good quality service, this is what keeps her going.

### **Approval of March 2024 Minutes**

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

### **Housing Forward Update**

Rae Clay (Chief Program Officer, Housing Forward) discussed the State of Homelessness Address scheduled for next Tuesday, April 30, 2024. She also shared an update on Diversion System Transformation.

### **CoC Program Competition Debriefing**

Stephanie Campbell (Performance Management Specialist, Housing Forward) discussed the NOFO funding update. The Dallas and Collin Counties CoC was awarded 27 million (25% higher than last year). These funds allow for system transformation, showing the success of agencies working together.

### **Brother Bill's Helping Hand**

Courtney Cuthbert (Chief Operating Officer, Brother Bill's Helping Hand) provided an overview of Brother Bill's programs. Namesake Brother Bill Harrod started this organization in the early 1940's in one zip code 75212, in West Dallas. The program now serves 191 zip codes throughout Dallas proper. The organization's enrichment model is 1) Ensuring the essentials of life, 2) Empowering through learning, and 3) Enriching Relationships through faith, family, fitness, and finance.

### **Legal Aid of Northwest Texas**

Maryann D'Aniello (Supervising Attorney, Dallas Housing, Consumer Protection, and Economic benefits Division, LegalAid of NorthWest Texas). Discussed all services offered by Legal Aid of Northwest Texas. They serve 114 counties and have 27 office locations. Some of the topics discussed were 1) Qualifications, 2)Approved Priorities, 3)Intake procedures and, 4)How to Apply for services. [WWW.LEGALAIDTX.ORG](http://WWW.LEGALAIDTX.ORG)

## Training Dates and Events

Haley Walton (Training Coordinator, Housing Forward) and Lisa Heise (HMIS System Administrator, Housing Forward) discussed the HMIS user process. She encouraged participants to utilize the LEARN training program, it has a multitude of classes for self-paced and other virtual classes. Attendees were also encouraged to attend weekly classes held on Thursdays at the Library and also online. Training is available to everyone.

## Lived Experience Coalition

Erica Barnett (Marketing and Communications Manager, Housing Forward) provided information on the Lived Experience Coalition. The Lived Experience Coalition is seeking additional participants. Participants are compensated for their participation. Applications will be posted next week and will be due by May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Announcements & Upcoming Trainings

Erica Barnett, Provided updates on upcoming training opportunities and community events:

- **Collin County Homeless Coalition** on **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at **9am**, at St. Mark's Catholic Church (1201 Alma Dr., Plano, TX 75075)
- The **State of Homelessness Address**, will be held on **April 30<sup>th</sup>**, at **8.15am**, at the **Winspear Opera House** (2403 Flora St, Dallas, TX 75201). Can't make it? Next General Assembly will feature a recap.
- Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) **Regional Convening on Practical Solutions to Homelessness** on **May 7<sup>th</sup>-May 8<sup>th</sup>**, at the National Shrine Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe (2215 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75201). Register at <https://web.cvent.com/event/f1974f11-4965-46dc-964f-ccdefb2c6b86/summary> (We will put the link in the meeting minutes.)
- **All Neighbors Coalition General Assembly** on **May 28<sup>th</sup>**, at **9am**, on Zoom. Check the Housing Forward website for the link.

All training opportunities and community events are listed on the Housing Forward website at [www.housingforwardntx.org](http://www.housingforwardntx.org).

*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 10:20 am