

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

June 24, 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 Brenda Snitzer, III, Executive Director, The Stewpot, and ANC General Assembly Chair. The microphone was passed around the room to give people the opportunity to speak about their wins! The Mission Moment was presented by Mary Jones, Case Manager, VAMC HUD-VASH. Mary talked about the rejection, discrimination, hardship etc., of being homeless and her compassion (being a veteran as well) on veteran homelessness. Mary gave a heartfelt speech on what our veterans go through and how we can help.

Approval of March 2024 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Karamoko Andrews and seconded by Verna Jones, no nays were recorded.

Housing Forward Update

Sarah Kahn (President & CEO, Housing Forward) discussed the State of Homelessness Address data, wins on the state of homeless veterans. More data will be released in Mid-July. Sarah discussed the following topics: Strategic and Aligned Investments in Rehousing; Transformation leads to third consecutive year of reductions; Next milestone: 50% reduction in unsheltered homelessness, targeting encampments in public spaces.

CitySquare Update

Annam Manthiram (CEO, CitySquare) gave an overview of how she came to work for CitySquare. Discussed the primary goal in the transition of CitySquare for their neighbors and employees. The goal is to transition and close by 12/01/24. Annam gave an overview of all aspects that will need to transition. They want to make sure that the buyer of the property is someone who will give back to the community. Introduced the names of the Transition Team.

Effectively Ending Veteran Homelessness

Leah Williams (Senior Manager of Housing Initiatives, Housing Forward). Discussed what it means to say, "Effectively ending Veteran Homelessness", and the time it took to accomplish the goal. Leah explained the Criteria and Benchmarks/ Census Data for effectively ending veteran homelessness and how it was done.

VA Perspective

Karamoko Andrews (Manager, HUD-VASH VA North Texas Medical Center) discussed the HUDVASH process from Admission Event through Move-In, Initial home visit & transfer to maintenance social worker. Karamoko thanked HUD/VASH and Community Partners for their great efforts helping Veterans.

The Workgroup Worked

Dr. David Woody, III (President & CEO, The Bridge) discussed his experience with veterans and how we need to pull together all services to keep up the good work of housing veterans.

The Future of the Veterans Initiative

Leah Williams (Senior Manager of Housing Initiatives, Housing Forward) discussed One Team Approach, Veteran providers, Improving HMIS data quality, Working with VAMC, Increased Coordination and Aging Veteran Population.

Announcements & Upcoming Trainings

Erica Barnett (Marketing and Communications Manager, Housing Forward) Provided updates on upcoming training opportunities and community events:

- **No Collin County Homeless Coalition meeting in July.**
- **General Assembly on July 23rd**, at 9am, on Zoom, at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98004827156?pwd=SG13NFVqMFpBMWJtjRKVG1WQkYrZz09#success>
- **Connecting Neighbors to Disability Benefits** - Cancelled due to storm impact and has not yet been rescheduled. Stay tuned!

All training opportunities and community events are listed on the Housing Forward website at www.housingforwardntx.org.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am