

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

July 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98004827156?pwd=SG13NFVqMFpBMWJtJkVGV1WQkYrZz09>

## **MINUTES**

### **Welcome/Mission Moment**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Brenda Snitzer (Executive Director, The Stewpot, and ANC General Assembly Chair). Mission Moment: Dolores Sosa Green (Chief Executive Officer, Incarnation House). Dolores shared that they help high school students with many essential needs, college trips and enrichment opportunities. She has been with the company for 2 years. The students should feel cared for and shown love. Dolores shared her personal experience of being homeless.

### **Approval of June 2024 Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Richard Grady and seconded by Dr. David Woody III, no nays were recorded.

### **Housing Forward Update**

Sarah Kahn- Housing Forward (President & CEO) introduced Patricia Blasquez- Housing Forward's new (Chief External Relations Officer). David Gruber resigned from Housing Forward. Sarah discussed "Continuum of Care Annual Competition for funding". Sarah shared what is NEW in FY 2024: Two-year funding cycle, Cost of living increases and New PSH NOFO. CEO roundtable coming soon to discuss the 5-year vision for COC portfolio. Sarah ended with a Thank you video for our Heros working to prevent homelessness!

### **Genesis Women's Shelter & Support**

Jordyn Lawson, MA LPC-S (Chief Residential Officer). Genesis has a 24/7 helpline (214.946.4357) for appointments, shelter, resources, referrals etc. calls can be anonymous. Genesis has 3 locations that provide multiple services. Genesis provides an emergency shelter for immediate escape from danger of DV. Genesis also has a 6 month to 1year stay apartments called "Annie's House Transitional Living Program". Contact information: Jordyn Lawson [jlawson@genesishelter.org](mailto:jlawson@genesishelter.org) and Laurel Schuckebrock [lschuckebrock@genesishelter.org](mailto:lschuckebrock@genesishelter.org)

### **Hope's Door New Beginning Center**

Christina Coultas (Chief Executive Officer). Hope's Door vision is to end abuse for ALL. Community Impact: Safety, Advocacy, Healing and Prevention. Hope's Door has a 24-Hour hotline. Hope's Door intended impact: People experiencing abuse will be safe and empowered until abuse no longer exists. Christina explained Survivor Rights.

## Dallas Public Library Resources

Shannon Adams (Adult Engagement Administrator). Shannon provided an overview: Background, Program Objectives/Goals, Current Programs and Contact Information. The Team: Shannon Adams (Adult Engagement Administrator) 214.670.1420 [shannon.adams@dallas.gov](mailto:shannon.adams@dallas.gov)  
Avery Barnwell (Homeless Engagement Coordinator) [avery.barnwell@dallas.gov](mailto:avery.barnwell@dallas.gov)

## Training Dates and Events

Megan Starnes – (Training Manager, Housing Forward).

- **RRH Case Management Series** - Published in LEARNS, easy way to onboard new RRH Case Managers with a predetermined list of courses
- **PSH Case Management Series** – Coming soon! Will be published in LEARNS alongside RRH Series as an onboarding tool for agencies and program onboarding
- **CoC-funded Project Onboarding** - Coming soon! Newly funded CoC projects will receive additional training and TA around project administration

*Check out the course list or see upcoming scheduled events anytime at:*

<https://courses.housingforwardntx.org/>

## Announcements & Upcoming Trainings

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

- **Collin County Homeless Coalition on August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9am, at St. Mark's Catholic Church (1201 Alma Dr., Plano, TX 75075)**
- **Are you part of a workgroup? Not yet? Check out the workgroup schedule on the Housing Forward website: <https://housingforwardntx.org/all-neighbors/general-assembly-and-workgroups/>**
- **General Assembly on August 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9am, at Dallas College-Brookhaven Campus (3939 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75244), Building H –Room H125**

Erica created rooms for networking until 10:30.

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 10:30 am**