

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

August 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Dallas College, Brookhaven Campus (3939 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75244), Room BHH-H125

MINUTES

Welcome/Mission Moment

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 am by Ikenna Mogbo (Chief Housing Officer, Metrocare Services). Mission Moment: Karen Hughes (President/CEO, Vogel). Karen shared the mission of Vogel and the many accomplishments. Karen shared the story of Noah, his journey from adoption, coming to the country, speech therapy, school etc. Noah, a child of trauma has excelled and is a great example of why Vogel exists “trauma responsive care”.

Approval of July 2024 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dustin Perkins and seconded by Richard Grady, no nays were recorded.

Housing Forward Update

Rae Clay- Housing Forward (Chief Program Officer). New employee- Danielle Wireman will assist greatly in Housing Forward. Rae gave a presentation on Quarterly System Performance. Community -Wide Performance Dashboard measures the health of our system through: Housing Placement, Time to obtain housing, Returns to homelessness, Demographics, and Racial Equity. To review the information, you can visit the link. <https://housingforwardntx.org/data>

Rae explained FY 2024 Continuum of Care annual competition for funding and Determining COC NOFO funding priorities. Rae gave a QR Code to access all information for current funding opportunities.

Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness

Ashley Marshall (Dallas ISD). Dallas has over 4,000 homeless students, she explained that homelessness doesn't just mean sleeping on the streets. Dallas ISD partners with several organizations to help assist with the needs of the children. Ashley has been with the organization for over 22 years. Ashley shared stories of her experience working with the children. Ashley's dream is to have a room where parents and children can come and shop for free necessities without being embarrassed.

James Thomas (Plano ISD). Thomas presented “Counselors and McKinney-Vento Staff Presentation”. McKinney-Vento talks about it, gives the definition of homelessness, and explains unaccompanied youth). Identification training is required. James shared several shelters within Plano ISD. Plano ISD also has “The Caring Place”, which is a clothes closet and food pantry for Immediate needs! Plano ISD secures transportation and offers several services to students, community and families. James can be reached at 469.752.2227 or james.thomas@pisd.edu

Training Dates and Events

Megan Starnes – (Training Manager, Housing Forward).

- "Connecting Neighbors with Disability Benefits through SSI" - not being rescheduled at this time
- Upcoming in late Q3 and Q4 – all dates TBD
 - CAS & Diversion Workflow Updates – all CAS users/orgs must complete
 - HMIS Annual Training – all users must complete training
 - More robust training on conducting the PIT Count as homelessness services providers heading into the new year!
 - Implementing HUD's Equal Access Rule in Emergency Shelters Registrar | trainings@hudexchange.info
 - Monthly Mental Health First Aid certification courses by NTBHA | ksamples@ntbha.org

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 September 5th, at 9am, at St. Mark's Catholic Church (1201 Alma Dr., Plano, TX 75075)
- PIT Workgroup Meeting on September 24th, at 4pm, virtual
 - Point-in-Time count is scheduled for January 23, 2025
- General Assembly on September 24th, at 9am, via Zoom

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 10:33 am