

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

October 22, 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 9:10 am by Brenda Snitzer, General Assembly Chair (Executive Director, The Stewpot). Mission Moment: Kyla Rankin (Project Director, Parkland HOMES). Kyla has been with Parkland for 24years. Parkland has 3 mission statements/visions for the various areas. Quality care is a focal point for all visions.

Approval of September 2024 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Heather Walsby and seconded by Rebecca Martinez-Soto, no nays were recorded.

Housing Forward Update

Rae Clay (Chief Program Officer, Housing Forward) shared information concerning NOFO, COC Annual NOFO (Final application to be posted on Housing Forward website by 10/28) and COC Builds (applicant going forward will be announced this week). Rae shared the great news about Street To Home: Dallas closing downtown encampments, but the work isn't complete.

YHDP Project Update

Leah Williams (Senior Manager of Housing Initiatives). One of their community goals is to Significantly Reduce Unaccompanied Youth Homelessness. Leah shared funding opportunity overview and what projects it covers. Leah announced the YHDP Awardees: Elevate North Tx, City House, TRAC, Family Gateway, Under 1 Roof and Shared Housing! The age group for YHDP is 18-24 (unaccompanied). Leah answered several questions from the audience concerning different qualifications for someone to be in the program and what programs would cover them.

Employment Resources

Felicia Hines (Regional Sales Manager, First Step Staffing). First Step Staffing Mission: To provide a pathway to economic stability through employment and retention services. They provide several services: Rapid Employment, Transportation, Retention Services and Disability Services. Felicia discussed the first step process, who qualifies for the service and what happens once they get the job. Contact information: 713.280.6392, Felicia@firststepstaffing.com, www.firststepstaffing.com, 1960 Tellespen RD., Houston, TX 77023. Dallas Contact number: 469.899.3867

Employment Resources

Armando Cantu (Founder/Executive Director, CARDBoard Project) and Samantha Moran (Digital Access Manager, CARDBoard Project). CARDBoard mission is to close the digital divide by connecting the digitally disconnected and providing a digital connection or all. Armando gave the history of how the project started. Samantha shared who they serve and gave an example of how life would be without internet connection. The way to close the digital divide: Connectivity, Devices and Digital Skills. CARDBoard is a mobile service that gives hands-on training to individuals. Armando shared their 10-step roadmap to self-sufficiency (barrier busters). A beautiful success story of Isiah K was presented. Contact information: Cardboardproject.org. 972.571.3202.

Training Dates and Events

Megan Starnes (Training Manager, Housing Forward).

- **Safe Zone 101: Gender & Sexuality Awareness**
 - **Tues. Oct 29 @ 9am-11:30am**
 - **5 spots still open! Register today in LEARNS**
 - **Pre-work & RSVP required**
- **Collaboration to End Homelessness for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence**
 - **Thurs. Nov. 7 @ 2pm-3:30pm via Zoom**
 - **Hosted by Region 6 HUD TA team, available to all CoC members**
 - **Email Megan.Starnes@housingforwardntx.org for meeting information**
- **HMIS Annual Training: Required for all HMIS users**
 - **Available via LEARNS December 1, 2024**
 - **Complete by January 15, 2025, to retain HMIS access in 2025**

Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence Series:

3-Part series hosted in partnership with Texas Advocacy Project- open to all CoC Members!

Part 1

- **Dynamics of Domestic Violence**
 - **Wed. Oct 23 @ 1:30-3:30 via Zoom – Register today via LEARNS course! Several spots available!**
 - **Bonus session from 3pm-3:30pm will cover Texas Advocacy Project services and resources**

Part 2

- **Empowerment-Based & Trauma-Informed Response to Survivors of Violence**
 - **Wed. Nov. 6 @ 1:30-3:00 via Zoom**

Part 3

- **Advanced Safety Planning**
 - **Wed. Dec. 4 @ 1:30-3:00 via Zoom**

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

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

Announcements & Upcoming Trainings

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

- **PIT Workgroup – Meeting virtually at 2:00pm.**
- **PIT Volunteer Registration Opens in November**
- **General Assembly – Tuesday, December 3rd, 9:00 – 10:30, Dallas College – Brookhaven Campus**
- **All Neighbors Coalition membership renewal coming soon!**

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 10:24 am