

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

December 3, 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 9:09 am by Brenda Snitzer, General Assembly Chair (Executive Director, The Stewpot). Mission Moment: Kathy Smith (COO, Hope Restored Missions). Hope Restored Missions is celebrating 5 years of service, Located in Plano. The organization is known as “The Bridge of Hope”, they assist homelessness, domestic violence, mental health, at risk youth and various other needs. Kathy shared her story of being homeless twice and her journey to success.

Approval of October 2024 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cynthia Gonzalez and seconded by Traswell Livingston III, no nays were recorded.

Housing Forward Update

Rae Clay (Chief Program Officer, Housing Forward) shared that we have housed 4,399 individuals, we partner with 200 landlords, and we have an increase of 25% Federal funds. Housing Forward’s dashboard is back up.

Rebecca Hickom (Director of CAS, Housing Forward). 476 households have been served through our Diversion process. Family Gateway served 2,482 families. Major wins- have housed over 100 individuals in less than 100 days.

Luis Acuna-Pilgram (Director of Housing Initiatives, Housing Forward). Housing Forward has received a huge win for ending Veteran Homelessness. Housing Forward received a grant agreement with HUD.

Inspiring Wins Across the System

Rae Clay (Chief Program Officer, Housing Forward) opened the floor for individuals to share their wins.

David Gruber (TRAC)- need to raise 5.35 Mil and they have already raised 65%.

Austin Street- has had their highest housing exits- 604.

Traswell Livingston III (ASD)- Rebranding to avoid stigmatism from AIDS to ASD. They strive to educate the community on HIV, first by knowing their status, if positive to be linked to care, medication and treatment to become virally suppressed. They have expanded their housing.

Kelvin Brown (CEO, Housing Crisis Center), now Home Point. They have removed “Crisis” from their name.

Several others were able to share their wins for 2024 and goals for 2025.

Training Dates and Events

Megan Starnes (Training Manager, Housing Forward).

- **Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence – final session of this virtual series by the Texas Advocacy Project is on Wednesday, December 4, from 1:30 PM. [Enroll Today.](#)**
- **HMIS New User Training - All remaining sessions this year will be held virtually. If you have new employees who will need HMIS access before the holiday office closure, please ensure their training requests are submitted by the end of day on Thursday, December 5.**
- **CAS Intake Workflow - Changes to the CAS intake workflow are coming in the new year. All organizations participating in CAS should watch for a training schedule and dates, which will be announced in early January.**

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:

- **Collin County Homeless Coalition on December 5th, at 9am, at St. Mark’s Catholic Church (1201 Alma Dr., Plano, TX 75075)**
- **Don’t forget to renew your ANC membership! Everyone needs to renew in January 2025.**
- **Point-in-Time count is scheduled for January 23, 2025**
 - **Volunteer Registration is OPEN!**

PIT Count Volunteer Registration

- We need around 1,200 outreach workers, system workers, and volunteers to cover all of Dallas and Collin counties.
- Point-in-Time count is scheduled for the evening of January 23, 2025
- Several kickoff locations throughout both counties
 - Register here: <https://housingforward.pointintime.info/>

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 10:12 am