

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

February 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Location: Dallas College, Brookhaven Campus (3939 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75244), Room BHH-H126

MINUTES

Welcome/Mission Moment

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 am by Rae Clay (Chief Program Officer, Housing Forward). Mission Moment: Georgia Hamilton (Executive Director, The Bethel Project). Georgia explained the 3 tiers of their program and many more great services they provide. Georgia shared a letter that a client wrote and how they can provide for the client.

Approval of January 2025 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Heather Molsby and seconded by Cynthia Gonzalez, no nays were recorded.

Find Help Resource

Tyson Bain (Director, Baylor Scott & White Health). They have a web-based program that has a community health dashboard. Tyson explained the search tools and how to navigate through the site. The site has thousands of programs available on the site. The site has several filters to help you find services, eligibility, costs etc. for your client, which can be shared with the client via email/text. The program gives a full life cycle of the referral process of a client.

Housing Forward Update

Sarah Kahn (President and CEO, Housing Forward) shared with us what is entailed with the Federal update. Sarah provided encouragement that we will survive this (we are fighters) for those we service. Funding freeze rescinded, January 29; contingency planning for potential delays and ensuring sufficient funding in FY 2025 appropriations bill. Sarah opened the floor to discuss concerns, what their organization is doing, and ideas on what can be done.

Talking Points

Rachel Wilson (Senior Policy Transformation Analyst, Housing Forward). Provided key points/insight from what Congress is needing to hear about our program. Rachel explained what would happen if we didn't receive funding from HUD, the trickle effect of homelessness increasing in many aspects. Rachel shared a slide show to point out the talking points with guidance on how to personalize your organization with the data. Rachel then opened the floor for other organizations to give their input on what is needed for the Key Talking Point bullets.

Street to Home Update

Rae Clay (Chief Program Officer, Housing Forward). Rae shared what Street to Home means and who it affects. It was announced April 2024 (30 million goal) Rae explained the breakdown of

the funds. Rae shared what is being done to get the funds we need. The floor was opened up to discussion.

Vendor Payment Changes

Rae Clay (Chief Program Officer, Housing Forward). Vendor payments will be made through Bill.com. **Starting March 1, 2025:**

- All payments from the Flex Fund and for subrecipients will be made through Bill.com
- Payments will be made via ACH or MAILED to address on the W9
- Pick-Up will no longer be an option on the Flex Fund form starting March 1.
- Last Day for Check Pick Up at Housing Forward will be March 6th.

Announcements & Upcoming Trainings

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

- **Safe Zone 101: Gender & Sexuality Awareness – Online pre-work required for registration. Tuesday, April 29 @ 9am-11:30am and Tuesday, June 24 @9am-11:30am**
- **Harm Reduction for Housing Providers in partnership with Texas Harm Reduction Alliance – [Register today!](#) Wednesday, March 19 @ 10am-12pm**
- **Housing Problem Solving Skills: 2-day Workshop - [Register today!](#) Wednesday, March 5 – Thursday, March 6 (9am-3:30pm both days)**
- **Collin County Homeless Coalition on February 6th, at 9am, at St. Mark's Catholic Church (1201 Alma Dr., Plano, TX 75075). [Learn more here.](#)**
- **Don't forget to renew your ANC membership! Everyone needs to renew it in January 2025.**
- **State of Homelessness Address will take place late Spring 2025.**

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 10:34 am