

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

January 28, 2025, 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 9:03 am by Ikenna Mogbo (Chief Housing Officer, Metrocare Services).

Approval of December 2024 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rick Grady and seconded by Verna Jones, no nays were recorded.

Housing Forward Update

Rae Clay (Chief Program Officer, Housing Forward) discussed the memo that was sent out regarding the halt on federal funds for certain organizations and how that will affect us.

Rae shared with us system performance for Q3 2024 (1,430 Housing Placements); Year-over-Year comparison (5,344 Housing Placements) a 6% increase. Rae shared highlights from 2024, several increases across the board. The Point in time count trend- Dallas County had the largest reduction amongst major city COCs. Rae explained the new Bill.com system that Housing Forward will be implementing for Flex Fund payments. Housing Forward is currently performing an in-depth racial equity analysis.

Ikenna Mogbo: addressed the group on concerns about racial equity and federal funds being impacted by the government and opened the floor to the group to voice their concerns or fears.

FY 2025-26 ESG

Wanda Moreland (Assistant Director, City of Dallas OHS). Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is part of the City of Dallas consolidated plan which includes four grants (CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA). Wanda shared several slides on the background, Eligible activities & clients, the budget and funding opportunities. You can connect with them on social media @CityOfDallas or @dallascommdev or Contact: wanda.moreland@dallas.gov

Inclement Weather Shelters

Dustin Perkins (Senior Director of Client Solutions & Strategy, Austin Street Center). IWS had 2 activations serving over 3,084 clients with 15,308 bed nights. Meals, emergency clothing, showers at

different locations, food and other services were provided for the clients. It was a successful activation with many service providers serving at the 3 different locations. "Our Calling" provided placement services at these events. Dustin shared an experience with "Dennis" who was able to receive valuable services.

Point-in-Time Count

Debbie Mahase (Senior Director of Development, Housing Forward). PIT count is scheduled for Thursday (January 30th). Debbie shared a QR code for people volunteering to register.

All Neighbors Coalition Membership

Debbie Mahase (Senior Director of Development, Housing Forward). Debbie shared the benefits of being a member, network of 140+, participate in meetings and vote on decisions, participate in workgroups, free access to HMIS, free access to Housing Forward training and access to funding opportunities. A slide was presented with membership dues.

Training Dates and Events

Megan Starnes (Training Manager, Housing Forward).

- **2024 HMIS Annual Training – deadline extended to Friday, January 31, 2025**
- **CAS Workflow – TBA - training & rollout postponed due to IWS response**
- **Safe Zone 101: Gender & Sexuality Awareness – Online pre-work required for registration**
 - **Tuesday, February 25 @ 9am-11:30am**
 - **Tuesday, April 29 @ 9am-11:30am**
- **Harm Reduction for Housing Providers in partnership with Texas Harm Reduction Alliance**
 - **Wednesday, March 19 @ 10am-12pm**
- **Housing Problem Solving: 2-day Workshop – dates TBA during CAS Workflow training**

YHDP TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- **Virtual Youth Services Training provided by Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc.**
- **Recordings Available on LEARNS beginning in February**
- **Topics include:**

- **Positive Youth Development (January 8 & 21)**
- **Trauma Informed Care in Youth Programs (February 5)**
- **Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth in YHDP Projects (February 19)**
- **Success Planning for Youth (March 5 & 19)**

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

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

Announcements & Upcoming Trainings

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

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.

Point-in-Time count is scheduled for January 30, 2025

- **Volunteer Registration is Closing Today!**

All training opportunities and community events are listed on the Housing Forward website at www.housingforwardntx.org.

[Networking opportunity:](#)

[What's one thing you're looking forward to or hoping to do differently in your work this year?](#)

For comments or questions regarding All Neighbors Coalition General Assembly business, please contact Chair Brenda Snitzer at BrendaS@thestewpot.org

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 am