

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

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

Location : Virtual

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98004827156?pwd=SG13NFVqMFpBMWJjTjRkVGV1WQkYrZz09>

## **MINUTES**

### **Welcome/Mission Moment**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Brenda Snitzer, Chair of the General Assembly. Moment: Nicole Binkley (Chief Executive Officer, TRAC). Nicole talked about the Mission, History and various services provided by their organization (Crisis Intervention, Transition Case Management, Workforce Services), and much more. They have Drop-In Centers located in Fort Worth, 4532 Altamesa Blvd. and Dallas Office, 3108 Live Oak St. Contact information: (Traconline.org or nbinkley@traconline.org).

### **Approval of February 2025 Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lisa Marshall and seconded by Stacie Morris, no nays were recorded.

### **Housing Forward Update**

Sarah Kahn (President and CEO, Housing Forward) shared with us Federal Funding Updates (Resolution of Immediate Threats). There are hopeful signs that we will continue to receive funding for COC. Sarah discussed the DODGE process, and we will continue to monitor the situation. Sarah discussed the next steps, Federal Updates with COC Program CEO's, Advocacy Strategy, Talking points and meetings with members of congress and other elected officials. The floor was opened to address questions/concerns.

Rae Clay (Chief Program Officer, Housing Forward) discussed our Annual priority setting, Performance results (more housing placement in 2024 than 2023 and explained the reason for the change), System capacity gaps (2025- rehousing needs), Street to home initiative (it will take \$30 million to achieve 50% reduction). They are currently voting on the priorities, and she will keep us updated. The floor was open for questions. Rae ended discussing the centralized, streamlined payment systems.

### **Shelter for Pregnant Women**

Heather Potts (Executive Director, Bella House). Bella House is also known as "The Gabriel House", they currently have two houses, Plano and Dallas. The capacity is for 11 Mom's and 11 babies. They are working on (NextSteps Extension Program)- Apartment living for program graduates for a second year. Heather shared goals for the mom while at the house to help them when they leave. Heather explained what the Residential Program and Outreach Program (started in December 2021) entails. Heather also shared beautiful pictures of successful moms and babies who have come through their program. Qualification for the program (Mom's 18,

homeless and pregnant). Contact information: [heather.potts@bellahouse.org](mailto:heather.potts@bellahouse.org) or [www.bellahouse.org](http://www.bellahouse.org)

## Training Announcements

Megan Starnes (Training Manager, Housing Forward).

**PSH Case Management Series** – Any PSH Provider can request an invite from [megan.starnes@housingforwardntx.org](mailto:megan.starnes@housingforwardntx.org)

- Friday, March 28 @9am-12pm via Zoom – Behavioral Health Connections
- Friday, April 11 @ 9am-12pm via Zoom – Issues in the First Year
- Tuesday, May 13 @ 9am-11am via Zoom – Crisis & Conflict

**Housing Problem Solving Skills: 2-day Workshop** - [Register today!](#)

- Tuesday, April 8 – Wednesday April 9 @ 9am-4pm both days
- Full attendance and participation required for certificate

**Equal Access 101** – Online pre-work required for registration. Request enrollment from [training@housingforwardntx.org](mailto:training@housingforwardntx.org)

- Tuesday, April 29 @ 9am-11:30am

Tuesday, June 24 @9am-11:30am

## CAS TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

CAS Workflow Updates are coming! Diversion will soon be a standard part of our Coordinated Access System.

Training invites to specific users to follow via email this week. Online training courses to follow May 1.

**All CAS Users in HMIS who enroll neighbors into CAS must attend one (1) of the three scheduled sessions:**

- **CAS Workflow Updates: Super User Training**
  - Tuesday, April 15 @ 9am - 12pm in Dallas
- **CAS Workflow Updates End User Training**
  - Wednesday, April 16 @ 9am - 11:30am in Plano
  - Tuesday, April 22 @ 1pm - 3pm in Northwest Dallas (TBD)

## TRAINING EVENT UPDATES

**Housing Forward hosted 30 successful training events in Q1 2025!**

**Please use the designated RSVP forms to register to attend training events.**

It allows the training team to properly plan and prepare for the number of registrants and to ensure that we are respectful guests in the spaces they book for training events.

If an event is full, they will manage a first-come, first-served waitlist when possible.

### **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 April 3rd, at 9am, at St. Mark's Catholic Church (1201 Alma Dr., Plano, TX 75075). [Learn more here.](#)**
- **State of Homelessness Address will take place in May 2025.**
- **[Submit a story!](#) Housing Forward wants to highlight the impact of our collective work, increase the coalition's visibility, and secure additional funding to advance our shared mission.**

All training opportunities and community events are listed on the Housing Forward website at [www.housingforwardntx.org](http://www.housingforwardntx.org).

**[Networking opportunity: Assigned to groups for further discussion](#)**

***For comments or questions regarding All Neighbors Coalition General Assembly business, please contact Chair Brenda Snitzer at [BrendaS@thestewpot.org](mailto:BrendaS@thestewpot.org)***

**Meeting adjourned at 10:18 am**