

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

December 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

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

# **MINUTES**

# **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 am by Brenda Snitzer (Executive Director, The Stewpot).

#### MISSION MOMENT

Valerie – director of housing Austin Street – came as a case manager and first social worker. Lived experience intervention

John Hill – ask how we can help with any holiday specific volunteering for other organizations, Toy Drive Ellen Magnis – 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. sign up sheet can be sent out (Family Gateway) 16<sup>th</sup> annual distribution – Travis – Fundraising gift cards and need volunteers for gift wrapping and gift card distro – Can do early sign up for 2026. Brenda – stewpot says abundance of coats – Volunteers might be needed for a Christmas card, coco and apple cider

# **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2025 MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Valerie Palmer and seconded by Traswell Livingston, no nays were recorded.

#### **HOUSING FORWARD UPDATES**

Sarah Kahn (President & CEO) provided overview of Current landscape. Recap of leadership system workshop, 3 key points were highlighted on how to get organized at the local level.

- 1. Commitment to eliminating street homelessness
- 2. Federal, state and local shelter creation priorities
- 3. Federal shift away from permanent housing (30% cap on PH Project in FY 2025 CoC portfolio)

System vision for eliminating street sleeping. A diversion/triage - 3 main components, centralized shelter bed management, 2<sup>nd</sup> component short term stay and then an exit pathway to maintain housing

## **FY2025 CoC Funding Priorities – Guiding Principles**

- 1. Target resources effectively to fill gaps and achieve system vision (Families and singles)
- 2. Promote high performance, while protecting tenants, exit pathways, and agencies
- 3. Remain competitive, leverage local strategies

HUD'S FY2025 CoC Funding availability – 30% cap on permanent Housing Projects

- Tier 1 \$11,384,378
  - 30 % of Annual Renewal Demand
  - Traditionally protected from funding cuts.

# **System Planning and CoC Board Strategy**

- 30 % cap: PSH (only sustainable source)
- Use TH strategically to fill gaps, competitive consolidated application(s) that allow for consolidating service partnerships
- Consider family needs to ensure sustainable funding in federal and local applications.

#### Tier 1: Strategy

- Only source of sustainable PSH funding
- Avoid displacement of current clients where possible.
- Evaluate all projects to create prioritization for neighbors within PSH.

# Tier 2: Strategy

CoC Lead Agency will apply for Centralized Transitional Housing project(s) through reallocated RRH and PSH project funds, to consolidate service partnerships in alignment with HUD and communitywide priorities to prevent street sleeping, and promote treatment, service participation, and self-sufficiency:

- Alignment to System Vision to Eliminate Street Sleeping
- Promote High Performance and Competitiveness
- Select Subrecipients for Each Project; Apply during Fy 2025 Competition

## **FY2025 CoC NOFO Next Steps**

- 1. All Current FY2024 Grantees w/ Project End Dates in 2026
  - a. Office Hours Today at 1:00 PM
- 2. All Subrecipient RFQ, New Project, and Renewal Project Applications
  - a. Due Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

# Planning and action

- Dec-Jan: Determine if FY 2025 NOFO is impacted by pending lawsuit
- Nov-Dec: CoC Annual Competition to Target Resources to System Vision
- Nov-Feb: Co-design system refinements to test / prep for new CoC structure
- Feb Mar: Prepare for lapse in anticipate FY 25 renewal funding
- May: CoC Awards Announced, Determine contracted staff and transition plan
- March Oct: Transition planning for tenants not in 30 % cap
- Ongoing: Secure/align dedicated revenue to fill gaps and scale new system design to eliminate and prevent street sleeping

## **FEDERAL UPDATES**

# NOFO UPDATE – Q&A

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Stewpot updates
- PIT Volunteering opportunities contact Freda Nelms
- Inclement Weather Shelter (Dallas & Irving)
  - o Collin County inclement weather

All training opportunities and community events are listed on the Housing Forward website at <a href="https://www.housingforwardntx.org">www.housingforwardntx.org</a>.

## **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY**

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

# **CLOSING**

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM to network among colleagues.