

HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes Summary October 13, 2021

On Wednesday, the thirteenth day of October 2021, at 10:00 a.m., the quarterly meeting of the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council (HHSCC) was held via videoconference.

The following members were present:

1. Bobby Wilkinson, Texas Dept of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), Chair
2. Doni Green, Promoting Independence Advisory Committee representative, Vice Chair
3. Diana Delaunay, Financial institutions representative
4. Blake Harris, PhD, Texas Veterans Commission
5. Mike Goodwin, Multifamily housing developer representative
6. Derrick Neal, Health services entities representative
7. Helen Eisert, Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
8. Donna Klaeger, Rural Communities Representative
9. Suzie Brady, Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)

Welcome and Introductions

Bobby Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. After all attendees introduced themselves, it was determined that quorum was present. Jeremy Stremmer, Housing Resource Center (HRC) Administrator at TDHCA, provided an overview of GoToWebinar for webinar attendees.

1. Approval of July 29, 2021 HHSCC Meeting Minutes

Bobby Wilkinson introduced the meeting minute summaries from the July 29, 2021 HHSCC meeting. Mr. Mike Goodwin moved to approve the minutes and Dr. Blake Harris seconded the motion. There were no additional comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve the minutes.

2. Texas Rent Relief, CARES Act, and American Rescue Plan Update

Brooke Boston, Deputy Director of Programs presented an overview of TDHCA activities related to federal funds received in response to the pandemic. Texas Rent Relief Program has paid out the first Billion dollars received and will start on the second Billion and may have the opportunity to received reallocated funds from other states due to our performance. 10% of Emergency Rental Assistance one (ERA 1) funds are able to be used for Housing Stability Services. TDHCA programmed \$71 million for this purpose. \$20 million is going to the Texas Access to Justice Foundation to provide legal services and support eviction diversion activities, and then roughly the other \$51 million is going to 30 different providers across the state. TDHCA will also release a NOFA for \$85 million out of the ERA 2 Stability Services. Brooke also gave a brief update of ongoing CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, CSBG and LIHEAP activities, more detail can be found in the transcript starting on page 10. Department was allocated \$842 million in Homeowner Assistance Funds (HAF), to help homeowners with mortgage payments, Treasury requires that each state have a plan, it was originally due June 30 and was pushed back multiple times. TDHCA submitted our HAF Plan on September 30, while waiting for Treasury's approval we are contracting a vendor while we wait. Guidance

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from HUD on HOME-ARP funds was received, which can be used for typical HOME activities as well as homeless services, non-congregate emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, and operating cost for eligible nonprofits. There will be a series of consultations to get input from stake holders, then a draft plan will be sent to the board and go out for 15 days of public comment.

3. Update on HHSCC Projects

Jeremy Stremmer, TDHCA HRC Administrator, provided an update on HHSCC projects. First, through research more data was located for the service-enriched housing (SEH) database project; noted that next step is to determine if more properties TDHCA funds that are considered SEH should be added to the document and that if so, then determine the best format for the information. Jeremy posed the question to the membership if they knew of another source of data that has other supportive housing developments around the state. Doni Green and Helen Eisert offered suggestions for where to find more properties, CoCs and Aging and Disability Resource Centers.

5. Update on Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program

Spencer Duran, TDHCA Section 811 Program Director, presented an update on the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) program. Provided top line numbers, 450 people currently housed. There are currently 2,100 people on the waiting list, and we have 905 units that are currently under contract with us right now. The big news is that we have received from HUD, confirmation that we can start our third grant (FY 19). FY 19 is \$6.4 million for rental assistance. TDHCA applied for these funds in February of 2020, and just now got a draft of the contract documents. This amount will buy us about 128 additional units. For more detail see transcript starting on page 23.

6. State Director of CDBG Programs at TDA

Suzanne Barnard presented an overview of the State CDBG program that is operated by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). . For more information, please see meeting materials posted on TDHCA HHSCC webpage and the meeting transcript pages 28-40.

7. Public Comment

No Public Comment

8. General Updates/Next Steps/Staff Assignment(s)

ADJOURN

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM. Doni Green motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Goodwin.