



Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless
Quarterly Meeting – June 25, 2025
Meeting Minutes

A transcript from the electronic recording of the meeting may be found here:
<https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/texas-interagency-council-homeless-tich>

Members present:

#	Member Agency	Representative	Attendance (Yes/No)
1	Office of the Governor appointee, Cornerstone Network (TICH Chair)	Mike Doyle	Yes
2	Office of the Lt. Governor	<i>vacant</i>	n/a
3	Office of the Speaker of the House	<i>vacant</i>	n/a
4	Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)	Brittany Hinton	Yes
5	HHSC	Robert Hetzel	No
6	HHSC	Claire Irwin	Yes
7	Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)	Sherri Cogbill	Yes
8	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)	Hector Ortiz	Yes
9	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), Housing Finance representative	Brooke Boston	Yes
10	TDHCA, Community Affairs representative	Naomi Cantu	Yes
11	Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Desiree Viramontes	Yes
12	Texas Department of Juvenile Justice (TJJD)	Marqus Butler	Yes
13	Texas Veterans Commission (TVC)	Gary Medina	No
14	Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)	Kelly Davis	Yes
15	Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	Blade Berkman	No

<There are currently 13 filled seats so quorum is 7>

Advisory Members present:

#	Advisory Member Organization	Representative	Attendance (Yes/No)
1	Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS)	Fedora Galasso	Yes
2	TNOYS	Ann-Charlotte Proffitt	No
3	TNOYS	Lauren Rose	No
4	Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute	Darilynn Cardona-Beiler	No
5	Texas Homeless Network (THN)	Eric Samuels	Yes
6	Texas Homeless Network (THN)	Anja Taylor	Yes
7	Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC)	Mike Wilt	Yes
8	Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC)	David Long	No
9	Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV)	Molly Thibodeaux	No
10	Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV)	Lisa Medina	Yes

TDHCA Staff Presenters: Elizabeth Yevich, Jeremy Stremmer, Rosy Falcon, Matthew Lovitt, Brooke Boston, Peg McCoy

Administrative support: Jeremy Stremmer (TDHCA); Elizabeth Yevich (TDHCA)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Mike Doyle called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., and confirmed that a quorum was present. Introductions were made by all attendees, including those joining via phone.

II. Remarks from the Chair

Chair Doyle had no official opening remarks and decided to save his comments for the closing section of the meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes from the February 18, 2025, TICH Meeting (*Voting Item*)

Chair Doyle called for a motion to approve the February 18, 2025, minutes. Desiree Viramontes made a motion to approve the minutes, and Brooke Boston seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. TDHCA Legislative Updates

Matthew Lovitt, Senior Legislative Affairs Advisor with TDHCA provided an update on significant pieces of legislation from the 89th session impacting TDHCA, including:

- **HB 21** by Representative Gates concerning housing finance corporations.
- **SB 243** by Senator Flores concerning migrant labor housing.
- **SB 2137** by Senator Menendez concerning low-income housing tax credits.

Matthew also discussed Rider 16, which mandates a study on homelessness services in Texas, due December 31, 2026. This study will explore partnerships between TDHCA, institutes of higher education,

local governments, and private entities to serve people experiencing homelessness, including the use of small dwelling units or tiny homes.

V. TDHCA Programs Update

Rosy Falcon, Homeless Programs Manager provided updates on several programs:

- **Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG):** The 2025 funding allocation was \$10,308,471, with \$9,844,590 available for competition. The NOFA was released, and 79 applications were received.
- **Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) Program:** A second allocation of \$218,000 was received, with \$209,000 available to sub-recipients.
- **Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP):** The allocation for the first biennium is \$6.499 million, with \$1.5 million set aside for youth and \$4.7 million for general use.

VI. HOME-ARP Update

Peg McCoy, Program Manager for HOME-ARP provided an update on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding:

- **Rental Development:** \$53 million awarded for 12 developments, with four already opened.
- **Non-Congregate Shelter Development:** \$50 million application under review, with \$750,000 available for nonprofit capacity building and operating assistance.

VII. Housing Stability Services Program Update

Brooke Boston, Deputy Executive Director at TDHCA provided an update on the Housing Stability Services (HSS) program:

- \$220 million spent from May 2021 to September 2025, serving 130,000 people.
- Assistance includes housing navigation, eviction prevention, legal services, rent deposits, and more.

VIII. Updates from Member Agencies

No additional updates were provided by member agencies.

IX. Updates from Texas Homeless Network (THN)

Eric Samuels, THN President and CEO provided updates on:

- **CoC Modernization Plan:** Assessing options for dividing the Balance of State (BoS) into two separate CoCs.
- **Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network:** San Antonio joined, covering 98% of the homeless population in Texas.
- **Upcoming Conferences:** THN's annual conference on September 17-19, 2025, and TSAHC's Permanent Supportive Housing Symposium on November 4-5, 2025.

X. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

XI. Closing Comments

Chair Doyle announced his retirement due to health reasons and thanked the council for their support and collaboration over the years. He shared that he will be stepping down to allow new leadership to take over.

XII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.