



# **Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless (TICH) Meeting Transcript\***

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1     **00:03 Jeremy Stremler**

2     OK hello everybody and just a reminder for everyone when you speak please state your name and who

3     you're with before you speak so we can make an accurate transcript. And please mute yourself if you are

4     on the phone.

5     **00:30 Mike Doyle**

6     So welcome everybody to the June meeting of the interagency council for the homeless.

7     And we want to start with welcome and introductions and I'll start with people around the table and all

8     the chairs on the outside and I'll start my name is Mike Doyle and I Represent the governor's Office,

9     Elizabeth.

10    **00:49 Elizabeth Yevich**

11    Elizabeth I'm director of the Housing Resource Center and as I believe most of you know housing

12    Resource Center HRC serves as administrative support for the TICH.

13    **01:00 Megan Sylvester**

14    Megan Sylvester and I am the federal compliance and deputy general counsel and I had to miss the last

15    few of these.

16    **01:13 Jeremy Stremler**

17    My name is Jeremy Stremler I'm the manager of the Housing Resource Center at TDHCA.

18    **01:18 Rosy Falcon**

19    Good morning I'm Rosy Falcon I'm the Homeless programs manager for TDHCA.

20    **01:23 Matthew Lovitt**

21    Good morning everyone my name is Matthew Lovitt I'm the Senior Legislative affairs advisor here at

22    TDHCA.

23    **01:30 Brooke Boston**

24    Brooke Boston Deputy Executive Director at the TDHCA.

25    **01:37 Ileana Sandoval**

26    Ileana Sandoval I am the Housing Resource Center specialist.

27    **01:41 Kevin Reardon**

28    Kevin Reardon, Planner in the Housing Resource Center.

29    **01:44 Michelle**

30    Michelle I'm working an intern here this summer.

31    **01:47 Eric Samuels**

32 Oh Eric Samuels president and CEO of Texas Homeless Network.

33 **01:53 Bill Cranor**

34 Bill Cranor Director of 811 for TDHCA.

35 **01:56 Diego Garza**

36 And I'm Diego Garza I'm the housing solutions project manager at THN.

37 **02:02 Mike Doyle**

38 Now those are calling in would you identify yourselves and who you're with.

39 **02:12 Peg McCoy**

40 Sure peg McCoy and I'm the program manager for the HOME-ARP program here at TDHCA.

41 **02:23 Mike Doyle**

42 Naomi 's proxy thank you peg.

43 **02:31 Marqus Butler**

44 And this is uh, Marqus Butler with the Texas juvenile Justice Department.

45 **02:34 Mike Doyle**

46 Thank you Marqus.

47 **02:40 Kelly Davis**

48 Workforce Commission, Kelly Davis.

49 **02:47 Shawn Craig**

50 It's a Shawn Craig with the office of aging services filling in for Claire Irwin.

51 **02:51 Mike Doyle**

52 For who.

53 **02:52 Shawn Craig**

54 For Claire Irwin.

55 **03:00 Fedora Galasso**

56 This is Fedora Galasso with the Texas Network of Youth Services.

57 **03:17 Ms. Manners**

58 With close to home the CoC for San Antonio bear county filling in for Katie Wilson.

59 **03:30 Mike Doyle**

60 We just had a young lady join us in person and she is.

61 **03:34 Desiree Viramontes**  
62 Desiree Viramontes with TEA.

63 **03:39 Mike Doyle**  
64 Thank you. Anybody else on the phone.

65 **03:45 Leonardo Colunga**  
66 Can you hear me yes?

67 **03:51 Mike Doyle**  
68 What was your name?

69 **03:54 Leonardo Colunga**  
70 To make sure that this is my 3rd time saying my name I just want to make sure I was here was the Texas  
71 Department of Criminal Justice I'm actually sitting in for Sherry Cogbill. I'm a regional director.

72 **04:02 Mike Doyle**  
73 OK. Thank you.

74 **04:09 Brittany Hinton**  
75 Brittany Hinton with Health and Human services Commission.

76 **04:16 Mike Doyle**  
77 OK. Anything else. We're noting the fact that we have a quorum present we will get started and with  
78 your permission I'm going to save my remarks down in closing comments so we'll move right to a voting  
79 item for members and their proxies only I hope you had a chance to look at the minutes that Elizabeth  
80 sent out to us and if you did I would entertain a motion. To accept them.

81 **04:54 Desiree Viramontes**  
82 Second your motion.

83 **04:56 Mike Doyle**  
84 Can you make a motion?

85 **04:57 Desiree Viramontes**  
86 All right I give you a motion start trying to find parking down here is a little harder I felt like it was 7  
87 years ago.

88 **05:05 Mike Doyle**  
89 Is there a second?

90 **05:09 Brooke Boston**

91 Second.

92 **05:09 Mike Doyle**

93 Thanks Brooke we've been here all day just waiting for. A second. I appreciate that and so all of Those in  
94 favor of approving the minutes as submitted say aye opposed same sign thank you OK those are  
95 approved now then.

96 **05:25 Mike Doyle**

97 Alright we're going to get from Matthew. Matthew, he's going to give us an update on the legislative  
98 issues thanks for joining us.

99 **05:34 Matthew Lovitt**

100 Thank you.

101 **05:34 Matthew Lovitt**

102 Of course, thank you for having me once again my name is Matthew Lovitt, I'm the senior legislative  
103 affairs advisor here at TDHCA standing in for Michael Lytle this morning what I plan to do is just provide  
104 a brief general update on what happened in the legislature as it relates to TDHCA then also talk  
105 specifically about those that relate to homelessness or legislation that relates to homelessness.

106 **05:54 Matthew Lovitt**

107 So generally speaking there are a few significant pieces of legislation that passed during the 89<sup>th</sup> session  
108 that impact TDHCA directly HB 21 by Representative Gates concerning housing finance corporations SB  
109 243 by Senator Flores concerning migrant labor housing and SB 2137 by Senator Menendez. Concerning  
110 low income housing tax credit.

111 **06:18 Matthew Lovitt**

112 I'm happy to give you more information about any of those bills or any of the. Bills that I can think of  
113 maybe after the meeting but just generally speaking the idea being for this legislative session is to really  
114 improve oversight and enforcement of some really critical housing funding the housing mechanisms  
115 here in the state of Texas whether it be HFC's or Migrant labor housing or the low income housing tax  
116 credit program really great stuff really excited to start implementing those things and just to really  
117 improve the housing ecosystem here in the state of Texas.

118 **06:51 Matthew Lovitt**

119 Specifically as it relates to the TICH the primary piece of legislation that passed was not really a piece of  
120 legislation at all but Rider 16 I don't know if you guys had an opportunity to look at the general  
121 appropriations act if not I've brought copies of the rider 16 language for you to review at your leisure  
122 but primarily what this bill. This rider does and actually let me back up it was authored by  
123 Representative Lauren Simmons out of South Houston.

124 **07:18 Matthew Lovitt**

125 She filed a bill similar to rider 16, HB 2142 that bill did not get out of committee so she settled for Rider  
126 16 which is more or less accomplishes the same thing that she was hoping to accomplish with HB 2142  
127 which is a study on homelessness services here in the state of Texas specifically partnerships between  
128 the TDHCA or the state and institutes of higher education local governments and private entities excuse  
129 me to serve people experiencing homelessness, the use of small dwelling units or tiny homes for this  
130 particular product. As well as leveraging the institutes of higher education to provide community  
131 services.

132 **08:03 Matthew Lovitt**

133 Like I said there is a study so there will be a study conducted well TDHCA will be contracting with a 3rd  
134 party to conduct this study there will be a report associated with that that study and it is due December  
135 31st of 2026. I'm sure it will be made publicly available shortly thereafter.

136 **08:19 Desiree Viramontes**

137 Does this impact K-12 or McKenney Vento students?

138 **08:23 Matthew Lovitt**

139 I do not know the answer to that I can certainly find out.

140 **08:27 Desiree Viramontes**

141 Because our definition with McKinney Vento includes doubled up in motel/hotels so.

142 **08:32 Eric Samuels**

143 Yeah, I remember talking to them about the bill that that is related to this and I don't think that they  
144 were including that population then but they don't they don't exclude that population so it could  
145 definitely.

146 **08:42 Desiree Viramontes**

147 They don't say they're not I know that's why I'm asking.

148 **08:46 Eric Samuels**

149 It looks like it's almost everything under the sun.

150 **08:47 Desiree Viramontes**

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152 It will come a little bit better if it comes from TDHCA.

153 **08:49 Eric Samuels**

154 Yeah.

155 **08:54 Mike Doyle**

156 Before I ask Matthew my question any other questions on the legislative updates? Can you brief me on  
157 Senate bill 2623.

158 **09:06 Matthew Lovitt**  
159 Oh man not prepared for that question unfortunately I can't.

160 **09:10 Mike Doyle**  
161 Eric can you?

162 **09:13 Eric Samuels**  
163 Well I mean it didn't pass yeah they did not pass because I wrote you about the bill yeah.

164 **09:17 Mike Doyle**  
165 That's all I need to know, that's all I need to know about it but I never heard the

166 **09:26 Eric Samuels**  
167 Oh I'm sorry yes.

168 **09:27 Mike Doyle**  
169 Resolution of it and PNS and union gospel are Ringing my retired phone off the wall.

170 **09:33 Eric Samuels**  
171 Are they still? OK well I can contact them and let Them know.

172 **09:37 Mike Doyle**  
173 No, I'll do it I'm sorry.

174 **09:38 Eric Samuels**  
175 OK yeah no it actually was never it was. It got stuck in Calendars yeah so it didn't make it but then SB  
176 241 came up for a hearing or came up for on the floor.

177 And they there was an attempt to add some of the language from SB 2623 to 241 and.

178 **10:01 Michael Wilt**  
179 Can you provide more context for these bills? Like what they did?

180 **10:06 Eric Samuels**  
181 OK.

182 **10:09 Eric Samuels**  
183 All right so SB 2623 it would be what they call the school safety bill and what it would have required is  
184 that homeless navigation services be X number of feet away from a daycare or school or a park, it even  
185 got to that point it would require that and if a program was operating within that that.

186 **10:27 Desiree Viramontes**  
187 Yeah yeah.



188 **10:42 Eric Samuels**

189 They could be fined and then closed down for a short time I'm really simplifying it but that's yeah that so  
190 that and So what we did is we talked to legislators throughout the throughout the capital that we talked  
191 to them about the fact that there were hundreds programs that would have fallen under this.

192 And programs that had been there for a very long time and programs that worked really closely with  
193 schools that they were close to and so it just became a unpopular bill because of that.

194 **11:07 Desiree Viramontes**

195 Yep.

196 **11:14 Eric Samuels**

197 The agency that it was written for I believe will be moving anyway away from the school that it is close  
198 to it's in South Austin so hopefully that bill won't come up again yeah so yeah that's.

199 **11:24 Desiree Viramontes**

200 Oh.

201 **11:25 Eric Samuels**

202 Yeah.

203 **11:31 Mike Doyle**

204 Star Telegram did a big deal of it that Union Gospel is going to have to close down, Presbyterian night  
205 shelter is going to have to close down 1400 people hit the street out you know. So I was told could you  
206 find out when you're in Austin?

207 And so.

208 **11:47 Eric Samuels**

209 Can't say it won't come back but I don't think it will.

210 **11:50 Mike Doyle**

211 Not for a couple of years.

212 **11:51 Eric Samuels**

213 Not for a couple of years I don't know.

214 **11:53 Mike Doyle**

215 And I'm already gone by then.

216 **11:55 Eric Samuels**

217 And then SP 241 with a strength in the city wide camping ban. And that there was an amendment to add  
218 the school safety zone on top of that and it did not pass it failed.

219 There was a point where your order that came up and the author withdrew it.

220 **12:18 Mike Doyle**

221 Super

222 **12:19 Eric Samuels**

223 yeah.

224 **12:20 Mike Doyle**

225 OK we've got through that I thought that was going to take a while.

226 **12:26 Mike Doyle**

227 Member agency updates TDHCA I guess Rosie your first or is that. Yeah.

228 **12:34 Rosy Falcon**

229 Yes Sir, ok so I have a few updates for you all we are we've received our 2025 funding allocation this  
230 year we got a slight bump in it about \$500,000.00 or so, our allocation for the state was \$10,308,471.

231 **12:54 Rosy Falcon**

232 Our NOFA was already released and the amount for the NOFA was \$9,844,590 844.00 and there is a  
233 table that was out here that yes that one has our breakdown. So those are the final numbers that you're  
234 looking at. So a little bit that I'll talk about here isn't necessarily coinciding with those numbers but I will  
235 get there. So initially for the NOFA for the \$9.8 we withhold 75% as is set aside for continuing awards.

236 **13:26 Rosy Falcon**

237 So that amount is not reflected immediately as available for competition, but it could trickle down to  
238 that second competition which is our regional. This year we had approximately out of the \$7.3 that we  
239 earmarked for the 75% set aside we were able to use \$6.8.

240 **13:48 Rosy Falcon**

241 But and so again roughly about \$500,000 got transferred over to the regional competition that's why the  
242 numbers you're looking at there are slightly different than the percentages I'm kind of sharing right now.

243 **14:00 Rosy Falcon**

244 OK and so again for those that just to reminder are continuing awards we do set aside a hefty amount of  
245 the allocation but that's just to ensure continuity for high performing sub recipients and so this is the  
246 way for the sub recipients that are showing some data-driven results that are producing around the  
247 state throughout the now 12 CoCs.

248 **14:22 Rosy Falcon**

249 To ensure that they can continue business without waiting for the summer to figure out if they're going  
250 to get funded how much they're going to get funded for, so we this year have 35 I believe, yes 35 eligible  
251 subrecipients and we contact them early on so around April is when they know if they're going to be

252 eligible for continuing award unfortunately this year they were taking it on faith that we will let them  
253 immediately because we didn't have an allocation amount and so we talked to them about different  
254 scenarios what would happen.

255 **14:54 Rosy Falcon**

256 All of them agreed to continue on this and continuing award and so that's how we ended up at the \$6.8  
257 million we did have I believe 3 CoCs that did not have any eligible continuing awards and then on your  
258 table that is why the zero is designated on there and that's 624, 625 which is a new CoC and so because  
259 of the rules our main factor that initially determines who's eligible or not is they have to have received  
260 or been awarded and accepted 3 out of the last 4 annual allocations since this since there this is their  
261 first funding year they will be in the regional competition for a bit. Then 701 Bryan/College station  
262 Brazos Valley they also did not have somebody so all of that allocation got moved over to the regional  
263 competition.

264 **15:48 Rosy Falcon**

265 And so the regional competition starts out with 25% of the allocation that's on the NOFA but now it's 3 a  
266 little bit over \$3,000,000 to compete for those that do not have a continuing award and so this section is  
267 reserved so that we could encourage new sub recipients to come and provide services.

268 So still allows for some new agencies that perhaps want to join our allocation of the ESG and so that  
269 closed Monday so we are busy the homeless programs team and some of the HOME personnel helps us  
270 with this so we can get out notices as early as next week they're reviewing them we received 79  
271 individual applications. Since 79 are per component.

272 **16:34 Rosy Falcon**

273 So that made-up roughly 56 organizations so we've got 56 new organizations some are continuing that  
274 we fund continually but aren't eligible yet for continuing award and then some are brand new we do  
275 have an applicant for the Lubbock CoC we met with Abigail Versyp and myself met with them.

276 **16:57 Rosy Falcon**

277 Early on and explained to them the whole process and the allocation that's geared for them and they  
278 were very helpful at getting somebody in their COC to apply this year and so we're happy to report that  
279 that amount is going to be earmarked for them if they do end up being successful applicants and then  
280 we did have one CoC that we did not receive any applications for and so that amount will get swept over  
281 and that was the 604 Waco so the \$113,152 is going to get swept to the statewide competition.

282 **17:35 Rosy Falcon**

283 The next thing for this allocation is or the next event is our tiebreaker which is set for July first and then  
284 we can I can share the link with Jeremy and then someone can send it out if you're interested. We it's  
285 short it takes we set it for an hour but it takes about roughly 30 minutes and it's just so the public can  
286 see us and how we determine randomly generated numbers to give each of the applicants and so  
287 everybody gets a tiebreaker number and we do that publicly so that everybody understands the process  
288 the reason for that is we are with tighter money we're getting more competitive and sometimes we do  
289 have applicants that have the same high-ranking score the tiebreaker number would determine who

290 gets that and so it's determined by whoever has the highest tiebreaker score and we have used a couple  
291 of times in the last 2 competitions. Awards have been decided based on that tiebreaker so it's July first  
292 from 1:00 o'clock to 2:00 o'clock and then we'll share that link a listserv has already gone out. But we'll  
293 share a link again to everybody here that gets the distribution e-mail in case you want.

294 **18:40 Rosy Falcon**

295 Sign up we don't we don't add that to our website after but we do add the roster of all the results on the  
296 website so it is there it will have each applicant their self-score and the tiebreaker number and then  
297 finally just briefly covering the statewide competition since we know for sure we're going to have money  
298 allocated for it.

299 **19:02 Rosy Falcon**

300 Technically most of the time we don't know until the very end if we're going to have money and that's  
301 determined based on how many successful applicants are in each CoC so whatever is remaining.

302 Unless the remaining balance is under \$30,000.00 that gets swept over to a statewide competition, it's  
303 not a new time to submit applications what we do is we take fall successful applications that were  
304 unfunded or recommended for funding at the regional level and then we rank them from the highest  
305 score to the lowest and we start.

306 **19:37 Rosy Falcon**

307 We started a funding them or recommending funding from the until we run out of money and this is  
308 regardless of CoC so any high-ranking within the CoC 's that didn't get funded go into this pool and then  
309 we stopped when we run out of money or if the highest ranking is emergency shelter street outreach  
310 and we've reached the statewide 60% cap.

311 **20:00 Mike Doyle**

312 Question about that.

313 **20:01 Rosy Falcon**

314 Mm-hmm.

315 **20:02 Mike Doyle**

316 Assuming that the pool is \$400,000.00 this year a new applicant applies for it and is awarded funding for  
317 it.

318 Is there a possibility that it would go away next year if the pool goes down?

319 **20:21 Rosy Falcon**

320 So, if they're brand new their award technically would go away because it would have to reapply they're  
321 not eligible for continuing award yet until they get funded 2 more times whether it's through the  
322 regional competition or the statewide competition.

323 **20:36 Rosy Falcon**

324 But the pool only comes into play to determine how many unfunded we can fund in that moment in  
325 time it isn't guaranteed from cycle to cycle because it's only the remaining unused funds what our goal is  
326 to disseminate all that money to the CoC's because they're based on demographics and need for each of  
327 those regions. And so we want to keep that money in that region before we move it to that statewide.

328 **21:00 Mike Doyle**

329 OK. Thank you.

330 **21:06 Rosy Falcon**

331 OK and then our next one it's just a brief update on ESG RUSH and that's our rapid unsheltered survivor  
332 housing program that is the new HUD program to its goal is to supplement assistance to those that are  
333 affected by natural disasters and so Texas and were declared there was a declaration back the last time  
334 that we met we covered the first allocation which was roughly around \$1.8 million we did receive a  
335 second allocation.

336 **21:38 Rosy Falcon**

337 The allocation came as a new award to the state and so we are going to provide those to current existing  
338 RUSH sub recipients only the eligible counties did not change and so we're still within the 5 CoC 's and  
339 we only received about \$218,000.

340 **21:58 Rosy Falcon**

341 So we're making \$209,000 of that available to sub recipients. So we're looking at potentially 5 additional  
342 awards for the rush funding.

343 **22:10 Rosy Falcon**

344 And then my last update is for our homeless housing and services program or HHSP I know there was a  
345 lot of potential movement in this last session but we did end up with our program somewhat intact our  
346 allocation for the first biennium is \$6.499 million so a little bit under \$6.5.

347 **22:32 Rosy Falcon**

348 It seemed like an increase but that's because that's where the \$200,000.00 for the feasibility study goes  
349 in so we didn't lose anything out of the HHSP allocation since that for that biennium they increased it by  
350 the \$200,000.

351 **22:46 Rosy Falcon**

352 And the way that's going to breakdown is the youth set aside gets the set \$1.5 million and the general  
353 set aside goes sub slightly from the last biennium to \$4.7 million.

354 **22:58 Rosy Falcon**

355 We remained with the 9 eligible cities we end up with 10 sub recipients because haven for hope  
356 administers directly San Antonio 's general set aside and so that the 9 city which is San Antonio they  
357 break into 2 sub recipient contracts with us.

358 **23:17 Rosy Falcon**

359 And then of course the population stayed the same at 285,500 we've got one city that is teetering on  
360 the lower side there are about 3000, a loss of about 3000 in population will take them out and then of  
361 course we've got 3 of those.

362 **23:36 Michael Wilt**

363 Plano?

364 **23:37 Rosy Falcon**

365 Plano.

366 **23:38 Rosy Falcon**

367 Yeah, and then we've got the 3 cities that are coming near in there which were Lubbock, Irving and  
368 Laredo are the ones that are they're close to the 285,500 but they would have been brought in had it  
369 been lowered to 250,000 but they're still kind of close with the with the requirements we have now.

370 **23:58 Eric Samuels**

371 Which that was one of the bills that did not pass

372 **24:02 Michael Wilt**

373 To increase the population threshold or lower?

374 **24:03 Rosy Falcon**

375 Decrease and that those are my prepared remarks but any questions.

376 **24:11 Mike Doyle**

377 Question for Rosy? Other than me.

378 **24:16 Eric Samuels**

379 I may have a question for you later regarding Lubbock but I'm trying to find out some things.

380 **24:19 Rosy Falcon**

381 Sure.

382 **24:21 Mike Doyle**

383 Was blown off the map? Well the one free actually blew down. So there's no covering.

384 **24:28 Eric Samuels**

385 There's plenty of wind out there.

386 **24:31 Mike Doyle**

387 So my question is have you heard. Because rumors are going around North Texas that there's going to  
388 be. In the future allocations directed at kids aging out of foster care and have you heard anything any  
389 rumors of that because one organization in particular is trying to build a big facility for kids aging out of

390 foster care an apartment complex type of thing and tell him the better wait until you know they're going  
391 to be any vouchers.

392 **25:02 Rosy Falcon**

393 There was something in the session but I don't think it.

394 **25:02 Multiple Speakers**

395 *[Overlapping conversation]*

396 **25:19 Eric Samuels**

397 Yeah Lauren I know was working on. That TNOYS had a bill that would have helped get that we.

398 **25:25 Brooke Boston**

399 I would note that tdhca is going after FYI vouchers which are foster youth we've set up a relationship  
400 with DFPS and they do a referral to us and then. It's not a very efficient program from HUD.

401 **25:43 Mike Doyle**

402 Is there one? An efficient program with HUD?

403 **25:49 Desiree Viramontes**

404 That's been in place for a long time though right?

405 **25:52 Brooke Boston**

406 Yes but that Texas hasn't necessarily been.

407 **25:54 Desiree Viramontes**

408 As great about it OK.

409 **25:56 Brooke Boston**

410 Yeah, we hadn't like TDHCA as a PHA had not been pursuing it. And so we now as a PHA are doing that  
411 and then DFPS refers us to you know.

412 **26:04 Desiree Viramontes**

413 Nice. How many vouchers is that Going to be?

414 **26:10 Brooke Boston**

415 It's not a number of vouchers so that's the quirky thing about FYI there was a competitive pool and we  
416 did not do that one because we didn't want to get told let's say we had 20 vouchers and then we  
417 couldn't fill them in it look like more satisfying it we alternative method was that you could just turn in  
418 your voucher request every time you have a candidate.

419 **26:30 Desiree Viramontes**

420 Oh

421 **26:31 Brooke Boston**

422 Oh and then when you got that youth is in a voucher and their house when it recycles we don't have to  
423 keep going back to HUD to ask for it so it's kind of like as you ramp up.

424 **26:41 Desiree Viramontes**

425 It's going to be really helpful for foster care students to go to college with their free tuition yeah if it's if  
426 it's tapped into

427 **26:44 Brooke Boston**

428 Yeah, so Abby is overseeing that and Andre is a Section 8 manager it's under him and I know they've  
429 been pretty excited about it so we're starting to I think we've done our first referral.

430 **27:00 Desiree Viramontes**

431 I would love it to be able to connect with schools that also know of a lot of foster care kids and they may  
432 not necessarily.

433 Get all the information that they need because that is one of the leading indicators in the homelessness  
434 is the foster care population especially in Texas. So yeah I would love to connect with them and see like  
435 what we can do on the school end with school personnel to help connect to those vouchers yeah would  
436 be awesome.

437 **27:25 Mike Doyle**

438 What was the ISD I mean Fort Worth Police Department has contracted the local agencies starting to  
439 engaging kids in foster care at age 15 so that when the age out they know exactly how to go get a  
440 driver's license or how to do these kind of things because the follow up the day after there's 17/364  
441 birthday when they're gone they don't know what to do and they come to organizations all over what  
442 do I do and the Police Department determined that that's the fastest growing criminal population in the  
443 city is foster kids aging out of foster care and one of the reasons they've identified as access to  
444 resources.

445 **28:03 Mike Doyle**

446 So.

447 **28:04 Desiree Viramontes**

448 So imagine if like in the school system they get into an AP class so that activates and it's up till 25 now  
449 that they can take college classes with the housing voucher then you have a much better route into a  
450 different pathway.

451 **28:18 Mike Doyle**

452 Right exactly, exactly.

453 **28:20 Rosy Falcon**



454 We are at a smaller scale we attended the TNOYS conference. Earlier this June and so we we're focusing  
455 that initiative a little bit at Fort Bend County we were able to meet with various, even 2 representatives  
456 school district representatives current providers to try to see how our 3 sub recipients that we have  
457 there and this is through the one time allocation for the Fort Bend Youth Grant for \$1,000,000.00 to try  
458 to get the school districts that are there to identify yes we need to yeah.

459 **28:53 Desiree Viramontes**

460 E-mail me Rosie.

461 **28:57 Rosy Falcon**

462 To identify individuals or any that would qualify for that use money and they're working right now with  
463 crossroads but we're going to bring in rich and building up the community which are also providing  
464 services over there since they are 3 agencies are not located in Fort Bend they are outside of their  
465 service area coming in to provide services there. We figured the TNOYS conference was a great  
466 conference to bring everybody together, and be able to say hey you are already providing services for  
467 this demographic that qualifies let's try to figure out a way so that we could start preparing the eligible  
468 participants connecting them with the services they provide and then as the state where we facilitate  
469 just to ensure that regulations that are required from our half you know are covered and them kind of  
470 this out-of-the-box thinking.

471 **29:47 Rosy Falcon**

472 And then with HHSP youth funds we are beginning talks with the city of San Antonio since they have  
473 several colleges there that their on campus housing could potentially be individually leased and so you  
474 could provide potentially rental assistance for that kind of fort bend with a foster youth. With the  
475 voucher that they have on there there's also some potential that we could earmark there but HHSP  
476 dollars don't expand that way.

477 **30:16 Rosy Falcon**

478 And so we were at the preliminary talks went to the close to home CoC meeting last earlier also this  
479 month and so we're starting talks about how feasible would it be to begin something like that and what  
480 the needs would be.

481 **30:31 Mike Doyle**

482 Well with. Our current first lady interested in that issue. Just was curious. If there weren't any rumblings  
483 about head saying we're issuing a big RFP for Foster kids who are aging out but if it's not anything major  
484 stand like you're already working on Something Brooke OK.

485 **30:51 Brooke Boston**

486 Yes, and I would note the thing I want to Clarify is we're not the only recipient of FYI. Some of the PHA 's  
487 across the State have been Successful at it.

488 **31:00 Mike Doyle**

489 OK so local PHAs can apply too?

490 **31:02 Brooke Boston**

491 Uh-huh yeah just any local housing authority yeah.

492 **31:05 Mike Doyle**

493 OK. Thank you Rosie very very informative.

494 **31:11 Fedora Galasso**

495 Hey everyone, there is a good question for me this is Fedora and then I can chime in on Rosy's accolades  
496 at conference what was the specific question is.

497 **31:23 Eric Samuels**

498 Uh they were asking about the bill that you all had worked on that would have increased funding for  
499 people aging out of foster care.

500 **31:32 Fedora Galasso**

501 Yes, so there and I can give an update later and we there there's some things that were able to pass in  
502 the budget so there the power funding is increased and not allows the department to draw down more  
503 funding through... [*Illegible*] ...and other things like that and then there's some new programming  
504 around development of a mentorship program for young people aging out of foster care and to have a  
505 mentor with lived experience to support them in knowing about the supports that are available to them  
506 and then specifically around FYI and yeah we're grateful to see the interest in in that.

507 **32:20 Fedora Galasso**

508 Right now that we have the HUD grant for statewide across Texas that is the youth homeless systems  
509 improvement grant which part of that is creating those collaborations with you know justice and foster  
510 care as well as housing we have several big projects that that the TICH supported us on so that was  
511 awarded this last year we're grateful to know that we still have that full funding for the rest of the grant  
512 term but statewide tiers will be doing regional capacity building meetings specifically around, they are  
513 very specific areas specific around these intersections that were all speaking around yeah higher  
514 education K through 12 juvenile justice DFPS child welfare housing and we actually have one coming up  
515 in the Fort Worth area in August, and then also they explain is going to be in San Antonio and we'll be  
516 doing them statewide like Tyler and Amarillo other places like that so I can send that information out  
517 that that is around creating a more coordinated approach to use because as we've all talked about many  
518 young people don't know the services that are available to them and.

519 **33:46 Fedora Galasso**

520 One day use their ETV they don't have housing they often kind of get confused about that and then  
521 we're also working on a statewide project around working with the department around FYI vouchers  
522 and trying to get more local communities to know about that we're really happy to hear about that  
523 partnership with TDHCA and the department because most of the funding that has been drawn down  
524 has been through the local housing authorities second to be good nothing about that but I just wanted  
525 to chime in and also.

526 **34:21 Fedora Galasso**

527 Shout out to Rosy, gave a great presentation in our statewide collaborative I'm youth homelessness  
528 meeting and to really inform Youth Services providers across the state about these efforts.

529 **34:34 Mike Doyle**

530 OK thanks Fedora OK at least we get behind we're going to move ahead to Peg McCoy is going to give us  
531 a HOME-ARP update.

532 **34:45 Peg McCoy**

533 So yeah hi good morning and mine shouldn't take too long I'm Peg McCoy and I'm filling in for my boss  
534 Naomi Cantu.

535 **34:53 Peg McCoy**

536 I'm going to be talking about the American rescue plan just as a quick recap HOME instead of we have  
537 lots of acronyms too but HOME-ARP program the majority of our one-time funding into rental  
538 development and in the non-congregate shelter funding we were allocated about \$130,000,000.

539 **35:13 Peg McCoy**

540 And about half of that went into rental and happened in non-congregate shelter development and  
541 another \$4,000,000 into nonprofit capacity building and operating assistance.

542 **35:25 Peg McCoy**

543 For the rental development side we've awarded all of the \$53,000,000 in funding per units and 12  
544 different developments and 4 of which have actually opened up and have opened and 3 of those are in  
545 Austin and one is in Dallas. Our non-congregate Shelter funding is paired with our nonprofit capacity  
546 building and operating assistance funding.

547 **35:51 Peg McCoy**

548 So organizations must first be awarded nonprofit capacity building and operating assistance before they  
549 can apply and receive a non-congregate shelter award you can find the application log on that handout  
550 you can see that we've awarded.

551 **36:12 Peg McCoy**

552 The other ones foundation in Austin, nonprofit capacity building and operating assistance through an  
553 invitation to apply back in 2023.

554 **36:23 Peg McCoy**

555 We're a little over \$3,000,000.00 and currently we're in the process of reviewing their non-congregate  
556 application for \$50,000,000.00.

557 **36:34 Peg McCoy**

558 Was submitted back in December of 2024 at the last meeting Naomi spoke about an open competition  
559 NOFA an open NOFA that's competitive I should say we had for the nonprofit capacity building and  
560 operating assistance?

561 **36:52 Peg McCoy**

562 And the application acceptance period for this NOFA just closed earlier this month on June 7.

563 **36:58 Peg McCoy**

564 And we've received 8 applications and are working through their scoring of evaluations in this one  
565 there's a total of \$750,000 in nonprofit capacity building and operating assistance available and for  
566 about in about \$14,000,000.00 for the award year were used to apply for non-congregate shelter  
567 funding so it's again it's kind of they have to get the capacity building and then you're able to apply for  
568 the non-congregate shelter the funding available for non-congregate shelter may increase depending on  
569 the current 2 NCS application review and we plan to award the NCO which is nonprofit capacity building  
570 and operating assistance in the fall of this year.

571 **37:56 Peg McCoy**

572 And that's pretty much my update anybody has any questions about it or wants me to go slower  
573 through something sure.

574 **38:02 Mike Doyle**

575 Any questions?

576 **38:06 Mike Doyle**

577 Question guys ladies OK thanks very much OK.

578 **38:12 Michael Wilt**

579 I have a question Mike, Michael with TSAHC is there a date that all these HOME-ARP funds have to be  
580 committed by?

581 **38:24 Peg McCoy**

582 There is a date that they have to be spent by 2030 but I am not sure if there's a committed date I can  
583 look that up or find out later.

584 **38:30 Desiree Viramontes**

585 Oh that's generous.

586 **38:33 Michael Wilt**

587 OK so vastly different than cares act funding?

588 **38:36 Eric Samuels**

589 Oh very different.

590 **38:37 Megan Sylvester**

591 There's no there's no. Typically we have like a 2-year commitment.

592 **38:41 Michael Wilt**

593 Yeah.

594 **38:41 Megan Sylvester**

595 And they didn't have that with the HOME-ARP.

596 **38:43 Michael Wilt**

597 OK

598 **38:46 Megan Sylvester**

599 Yeah, they just have the expenditure.

600 **38:49 Peg McCoy**

601 Yeah, we just have to have it expended by 2030.

602 **38:52 Desiree Viramontes**

603 That would have been nice in every other program.

604 **38:54 Eric Samuels**

605 Eric Samuels Texas Homeless Network. The non-congregate shelter that other the other ones  
606 foundation that \$50,000,000. That is to build several more units correct?

607 **39:09 Peg McCoy**

608 There should be a total of 325 units 225 which would be additional tiny homes it's a 7 acre development  
609 and then there's a 4 story building with another 100 like a headquarters building that will have kind of a  
610 Community Center on the bottom and units on the top office space.

611 **39:35 Eric Samuels**

612 Which is good because I don't know if you've been out there but they've been in a trailer so yeah.

613 **39:43 Michael Wilt**

614 They need some heat abatement measures to.

615 **39:50 Peg McCoy**

616 I'm sorry was that a question for me?

617 **39:52 Michael Wilt**

618 No can we help them out with all that concrete I mean in in the summer it's just unbearable for those  
619 residents.

620 **40:03 Mike Doyle**

621 Yeah, so just generally would a, what am I trying to say?

622 **40:13 Mike Doyle**

623 Efficiency apartment unit where they're all self-contained be a non-congregate shelter.

624 **40:21 Peg McCoy**

625 It would the definition the interesting definition about these units is that they have to have a bathroom  
626 in them so it's a room with a bathroom they don't have to have a kitchenette but they need to have a  
627 shower and a toilet so like for example on this Sam ministries application there they're going to do  
628 would like to do a hotel conversion and so that's considered non-congregate shelter the other half of  
629 the unit set filled with the with the county on the other side of the 200 units they have on the on the  
630 ground there wouldn't actually, be eligible for this funding because they don't have or something similar  
631 that wouldn't because they don't have a separate bathroom so yeah kind of.

632 **41:08 Peg McCoy**

633 So yeah just basically they have to it's a room with a Bathroom.

634 **41:12 Megan Sylvester**

635 But it but it is eligible if they do have the kitchen too it's not like you can't have a kitchen.

636 **41:16 Peg McCoy**

637 Oh yeah most definitely that's just the minimum requirement. So yeah they could have a small kitchen  
638 they could have a kitchenette or what have you.

639 **41:26 Eric Samuels**

640 These are almost or what she describes almost like SRO's that we used to have.

641 **41:30 Mike Doyle**

642 I've still got one.

643 **41:33 Eric Samuels**

644 yeah well wait one point got rid of all that.

645 **41:34 Mike Doyle**

646 But 3 of us in the United states HUD told us last month.

647 **41:37 Eric Samuels**

648 Oh really.

649 **41:38 Mike Doyle**

650 And all of a sudden they've been trying for years to get us to go to housing and they've just please go  
651 please go please go. So this year we said oK we'll go and they said no we don't want you to now we can't  
652 do that and so I thought well wow that's crazy so we do have an SRO 18 units yeah.

653 **42:00 Mike Doyle**

654 We've got 21 units of efficiency housing too that have kitchens, bathrooms all so they're all in one  
655 building but they're all have their own rooms.

656 **42:13 Peg McCoy**

657 I think the one thing if I may add that there can't be a lease agreement with a non-congregate shelter so  
658 it's either that the biggest those are 2 distinctions you can't have a lease and so they're not tenants and  
659 you can't and it needs to have a bathroom.

660 **42:35 Mike Doyle**

661 OK any other questions good information thank you.

662 **42:38 Peg McCoy**

663 You're welcome.

664 **42:40 Mike Doyle**

665 Brooke?

666 **42:43 Brooke Boston**

667 I just wanted to give you guys 2 updates one is on the housing stability services programs and I think you  
668 guys recall we had programmed the chunk of our ERA money. Which had both primarily funded the  
669 Texas rent relief program and then a small portion was set aside why say small is actually big but of  
670 course soon of the funds were put towards housing stability services which is targeted almost  
671 predominantly towards homeless or at risk of homeless.

672 **43:12 Brooke Boston**

673 So just wanted to kind of give an update we have spent \$220,000,000 in that program from May of 2021  
674 to September 2025. It has gone to 59 subrecipients across the state and they've served 130,000 people  
675 already.

676 **43:31 Brooke Boston**

677 Assistance can be for anything from housing navigation, addiction prevention, legal services, rent  
678 deposits, pet deposits, utility deposits, landlord incentive, so that program will continue through  
679 December and that's when the ERA funds expire.

680 **43:54 Brooke Boston**

681 We are it's very fine-tuned very finely managed to by Cate Tracz and she anytime she thinks one sub  
682 recipient isn't going to hit it, like she watches their expenditures every month now and if it looks like  
683 someone 's not going to meet it she de-obligates from that one and pushes it somewhere else so I think  
684 we're going to have spent down almost to the penny.

685 **44:17 Mike Doyle**

686 Which is great.

687 **44:18 Brooke Boston**

688 Yeah so, we're not going to see virtually any fall through the cracks any questions about that.

689 **44:26 Speaker 4**

690 Cate's doing ok?

691 **44:27 Brooke Boston**

692 She's doing awesome great yeah just doing a great job and she has a good team.

693 **44:36 Brooke Boston**

694 Other update I wanted to mention is as you guys recall for the homeless camping rule that has actually  
695 you know after the statute changed we put a rule into effect as we.

696 **44:52 Unidentified speaker**

697 *[Unintelligible chatter from phone]*

698 **44:57 Brooke Boston**

699 So we had codified the program requirements for the plans interval and amazingly that rule's already  
700 been around for 4 years and state agencies are required every 4 years to revisit their rules and so that's  
701 going to go before our board at this next July meeting and our changes are very minimal like we're  
702 changing an e-mail address I think we're changing and there are 2 other little words.

703 **45:27 Brooke Boston**

704 I just want to let you know in case you see or hear about it you don't think oh no something's being big  
705 is changing in the housing camping role it's not so but we're just going through the process that's what  
706 requires to.

707 **45:37 Mike Doyle**

708 Sounds like an attorney 's been looking at.

709 **45:42 Mike Doyle**

710 One little rule one little thing and a new e-mail address.

711 **45:47 Mike Doyle**

712 That's \$100,000. Just kidding.

713 **45:55 Eric Samuels**

714 And Eric Samuels THN we haven't still haven't had anybody apply to do that.

715 **46:01 Brooke Boston**

716 They have not had a single submission.

717 **46:04 Desiree Viramontes**

718 Wow.



719 **46:06 Elizabeth Yevich**

720 Yeah, I would say about twice this is Elizabeth Yevich. I would say maybe twice 2 or 3 times a year

721 somebody asked that question that's about the only communication we have had about the homeless

722 individual Camping in the last 4 years.

723 **46:20 Jeremy Stremmler**

724 And it's. There's a page on our website dedicated to homeless individual camping and so if one ever

725 does get submitted it will be posted there because they do have to become Public once they are

726 approved.

727 **46:31 Elizabeth Yevich**

728 So we keep it up to date but it just doesn't look like anything has happened because nobody's applied.

729 **46:35 Eric Samuels**

730 I've sent it to a lot of different communities asking about it. They didn't realize you had all the rules up

731 on your website yeah Houston came close from what I understand but nothing happened so.

732 **46:50 Jeremy Stremmler**

733 Never sent anything to us.

734 **46:53 Mike Doyle**

735 Conversation at the bar.

736 **46:55 Eric Samuels**

737 Uh yeah. Well I think the mayor just might say something he shouldn't have said you know.

738 **47:00 Elizabeth Yevich**

739 And broke you said that's going to the July meeting not September is it is it going to July OK.

740 **47:03 Brooke Boston**

741 July yeah I got it pretty quick.

742 **47:08 Mike Doyle**

743 Thank you Brooke any other members have any updates.

744 **47:14 Michael Wilt**

745 Michael Wilt Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation just wanted to give a PSA that we are hosting

746 our second permanent supportive housing symposium. November 4th and 5th at the Renaissance up in

747 northwest Austin.

748 **47:31 Michael Wilt**

749 It's very valuable conference, mini conference whatever for PSH developers service providers property  
750 managers and those new to PSH because we have on November 3rd the PSH Academy that's conducted  
751 by the corporation for supportive housing that's for people new to this space.

752 **47:51 Michael Wilt**

753 So, our registration is going to open July 9th we have very competitive rates I think they start at like  
754 \$200 for registration maybe \$250 so it's pretty cheap conference to attend very valuable and also attend  
755 THN's conference as well September 17 through 19.

756 **48:09 Michael Wilt**

757 Want to make sure that like ours does not really complete our content is specifically for PSH so you can  
758 attend both conferences and you'll learn a ton.

759 **48:21 Mike Doyle**

760 It's good segue right into Eric would you talk about the conference first.

761 **48:23 Eric Samuels**

762 Hello yeah don't compare the prices. Kind of undercut us there yeah well if we're getting enough  
763 anymore they won by about 4 times.

764 **48:38 Eric Samuels**

765 Yeah, no like Michael said the Texas annual conference on ending homelessness is September 17th to  
766 the 19th it is in Austin we are not down South of the, well what used to be the Omni we are up at the  
767 DoubleTree near pappadeaux yeah so you can walk across the parking lot.

768 And getting pappadeaux and a lot of other restaurants we hope to have hope to host the interagency  
769 council meeting again.

770 **49:05 Eric Samuels**

771 We have everything ready to do that. yeah, we have the registration open as of yesterday and so there  
772 were handouts for everybody.

773 **49:17 Eric Samuels**

774 Can't click on the paper but if you go to our website you'll find it we also have all of our well nearly all of  
775 our workshops filled in and the agenda should be available on line soon we're still working with HUD to  
776 see if they will be able to attend again this year. You know there are things that are up in the air with  
777 them so we still don't know if they'll be there but we hope they can attend.

778 **49:44 Mike Doyle**

779 Any preliminary report of when the CoC in this in the TICH meeting might be and what day and time?

780 **49:50 Eric Samuels**

781 Well anyway it would be the morning of the 17th 10:00 AM unless.

782 **49:53 Elizabeth Yevich**  
783 17:th at 10 o'clock.  
784 **49:56 Eric Samuels**  
785 Unless you want to do it earlier.  
786 **49:57 Elizabeth Yevich**  
787 I wrote a note down call Eric to see if it's 10:00 o'clock on the 17th OK great.  
788 **50:00 Eric Samuel**  
789 That that's what we have on.  
790 **50:01 Elizabeth Yevich**  
791 Great that will save me an e-mail.  
792 **50:02 Eric Samuels**  
793 And the hotel well matter of fact I'll send you an e-mail we had that room dedicated to that from 8 to  
794 noon yeah just so we can get There early and yeah.  
795 **50:10 Elizabeth Yevich**  
796 Wonderful sounds perfect that's perfect.  
797 **50:15 Mike Doyle**  
798 Yeah, last year that showed us we better have room for more chairs.  
799 **50:20 Eric Samuels**  
800 Yeah, you know oh God I did, that was personally blamed for that.  
801 **50:29 Eric Samuels**  
802 I invited every continuum of care and then I asked them to invite all our city Government folks and  
803 they'll probably want to come again so we did get a bigger room for that so we should be good it'll be  
804 fun and we don't have a keynote speaker yet so if you know someone famous that wants to talk about  
805 homelessness. Let us know.  
806 **50:52 Desiree Viramontes**  
807 Rex Ogle is he doesn't live in Texas anymore but he was here when he was experiencing all different  
808 kinds of homelessness and writes it Rex Ogle you have to write.  
809 **51:02 Eric Samuels**  
810 I'll write it down if you want to get me In touch with the person  
811 **51:03 Desiree Viramontes**

812 Yeah, he's awesome.

813 **51:07 Eric Samuels**

814 All right I'll look in.

815 **51:08 Michael Wilt**

816 We do have a plenary he's a he's an author Jeff Hobbs he just wrote a book seeking shelter and he also  
817 had a movie or a book that was converted to a movie last year's short life of rob peace.

818 **51:20 Desiree Viramontes**

819 Nice.

820 **51:23 Mike Doyle**

821 Cool. Thanks that would be fun so just keep going Eric unless you are going to turn it over.

822 **51:30 Eric Samuels**

823 Well, no so I will say one more thing Speaking of movies we look like we may be going to the Alamo  
824 draft house to a film or premiere a movie that Austin 's done on homelessness so. There you go back at  
825 you.

826 **51:46 Eric Samuels**

827 No that's all I have for the conference we.

828 **51:53 Eric Samuels**

829 Well Anya is actually with the Texas almost data sharing network board right now they are they're  
830 having our monthly board meeting and in fact they're voting on whether or not to approve a partnership  
831 with UT on a data sharing agreement project that I think they'll do that.

832 **52:13 Eric Samuels**

833 But so she did send me some I don't know where I put It yeah this is kind of a little update for the data  
834 sharing network, the big news with the that we have is that San Antonio is now on board finally yeah so  
835 we have 10 of the 12 CoCs now and can't say 10 out of 11 because Lubbock is their own CC now but  
836 basically I would say 98% of the homeless population will be covered geographically at least and we  
837 have been approved for a grant with Episcopal Health Foundation they are funding a consultant to look  
838 at how we can use data from the data warehouse and share it with managed care organizations to  
839 better serve people who are homeless. So we're looking for consultants to do that right now all that  
840 money goes to consultants I wish it went to us but it doesn't goes to consultants. Then we've made it to  
841 the next round of the meadows foundation grant competition they've asked us for our logo and stuff  
842 like that so we're hopeful.

843 **53:23 Eric Samuels**

844 That's kind of what that that we'll get that funding but yeah other than that we're just keep trucking  
845 along with it.

846 **53:32 Michael Wilt**  
847 How much is the meadows request?  
848 **53:34 Eric Samuels**  
849 \$75,000.  
850 **53:34 Mike Doyle**  
851 Good luck with that hope you get it but you better be ready to dot every I and cross every T.  
852 **53:40 Eric Samuels**  
853 We're ready we're ready.  
854 **53:41 Mike Doyle**  
855 I just put I refuse to take money from them anymore only because we're small enough to I don't  
856 remember all that Mess and so.  
857 **53:50 Eric Samuels**  
858 Well we'll put up with the mess to get the money for now at least yeah.  
859 **53:54 Mike Doyle**  
860 OK right now I don't blame you.  
861 **54:01 Eric Samuels**  
862 Yeah, no that's it we're hoping to expand and start providing some statewide reporting capabilities for  
863 agencies like TDHCA you know and other folks but yeah I think that's all I have the I'm here for the  
864 balance of state too.  
865 **54:20 Eric Samuels**  
866 So then I'll hand it over to Diego the balance of state they're working on the NOFO right now that's the  
867 I'm sorry I had notice of funding. Generally that's out right now well that will be out soon officially and  
868 it's been announced so the staff are busy with that and hopefully we will be expanding the you know the  
869 dollars that go to our communities yeah and I will say Lubbock did.  
870 **54:45 Mike Doyle**  
871 Cool.  
872 **54:49 Eric Samuels**  
873 They did move out of the balance of state to become their own coc we're still working with them so  
874 working with the agency.  
875 **54:55 Eric Samuels**  
876 We want them to succeed of course and echo West Texas is their continuum of care to lead agency so  
877 they're like us but for Lubbock.

878 **55:04 Eric Samuels**

879 OK so yeah.

880 **55:06 Eric Samuels**

881 But yeah so I don't know how many of you knew this but a few years ago we were awarded  
882 \$2,000,000.00 in stock a stock donation from the Bezos family fund day one program it's a mouthful.

883 **55:22 Eric Samuels**

884 As soon as we were awarded that stock Amazon stock just plummeted so we couldn't sell the stock until  
885 earlier this year no earlier last year and so with that money we were able to hire Diego and to begin the  
886 work on a project that would focus on preventing any homelessness for families throughout the balance  
887 of state region so I'll let Diego go into the explanation.

888 **55:47 Diego Garza**

889 Yeah nice to meet everybody.

890 **55:51 Michael Wilt**

891 Eric I've got a data question should I wait Michael with TSAHC.

892 **55:52 Eric Samuels**

893 OK go ahead.

894 **55:57 Michael Wilt**

895 Are you finding that the data that's submitted to the dashboard from each of the COC 's largely reflects  
896 their Point in time count data?

897 **56:06 Eric Samuels**

898 Data well it's annual so over the course so it'll be more than the point in time count if we just took a  
899 point in time picture. With that data it wouldn't because it doesn't include victims of domestic violence  
900 this is just data out of HMIS yeah and it doesn't include some youth as well.

901 **56:24 Michael Wilt**

902 OK I'm just. Well Yep I'm wondering if there's sort of like a big delta between the point in time count  
903 date data and this more accurate data. If you're going to have to kind of explain things people are saying  
904 well why is there such a huge uptick in homelessness and you know with this dashboard versus what  
905 we're seeing in Point in time count?

906 **56:39 Eric Samuels**

907 Yeah, well yeah how we explain that as it's a cumulative count you know people fall in and out of  
908 homelessness So what I would rather look at is the numbers of people that have fallen into  
909 homelessness for the first time and compare that year to year.

910 **57:00 Eric Samuels**

911 I think that's a good indication.

912 **57:02 Michael Wilt**

913 Yeah. I was just concerned if you were going to have run into problems like communicating this if people  
914 because we've been all kind of used to well this is the annual point in time data this is kind of what we  
915 wrapped around our heads is the number of people experiencing homelessness and then all of a sudden  
916 if we have a dashboard that's showing way more people.

917 **57:18 Eric Samuels**

918 Yeah, yeah I we try to explain that on the only took the last 2 slides of that slide deck in the earlier slides  
919 that we do talk about that. Yeah we just try to point out that these are two different things the point in  
920 time counts that one time sentences this is a you know a long term cumulative count and picture of  
921 homelessness.

922 **57:39 Desiree Viramontes**

923 Desiree with TEA that annual is how we do it so we do like our own kind of point in time count with  
924 October snapshot for the numbers and then we also gather that data for the entire year and report that  
925 to the Department of Education so when I look at that I'm like yes that makes total sense but having  
926 both views for both worlds that look at it might be A really good thing.

927 **58:00 Desiree Viramontes**

928 For the unaccompanied youth let me know how we can help.

929 **58:04 Eric Samuels**

930 We have that data if they're in shelters you know.

931 **58:07 Desiree Viramontes**

932 Yeah, but you don't have like the larger because 80% of our numbers are doubled up in.

933 **58:11 Eric Samuels**

934 The yeah we can't we don't count those doubled up but we do I would love to find an easier way to  
935 combine the pit with that we can do it annually but you know it's hard to do it on a on a day by day basis  
936 so. I Probably didn't answer your question by but hopefully somewhat yeah OK good yeah.

937 **58:32 Michael Wilt**

938 Mine oh? No you did.

939 **58:34 Brooke Boston**

940 Eric, I had a question for you too the agreement that you are looking at doing with UT what are they  
941 going to be doing for that?

942 **58:41 Eric Samuels**

943 Right So what they will be doing is working with connexus which is the managed care organization that  
944 covers Austin Travis County and us so it'll be a one way to data sharing so we have data that we're able  
945 to share because it has no protected health information.

946 They look at that data and they say all these are well 1.2 million you know files we have 50,000 you  
947 know matches and then they just take that 50,000 and then they come back to us where so we can be  
948 connected to the healthcare case managers.

949 **59:19 Eric Samuels**

950 And so we connect them to the you know homeless response system case managers so they can work  
951 together it's just more efficient yeah because sometimes they don't even know that they're still on the  
952 rolls the person experiencing homelessness they don't know if they have the healthcare and they're not  
953 taking advantage of it yeah.

954 **59:37 Eric Samuels**

955 So yeah because I go to emergency rooms and it cost. They get their treatment but it costs the  
956 community a lot of money when.

957 **59:43 Mike Doyle**

958 \$3000.00 every come to the doors open is what JPS tells us.

959 **59:46 Eric Samuels**

960 Right and they could be going to their primary care.

961 **59:51 Brooke Boston**

962 Yep cool.

963 **59:53 Mike Doyle**

964 Diego thanks for being here.

965 **59:55 Diego Garza**

966 Of course, yeah thanks for having me so Diego Garza with Texas homeless network.

967 **01:01 Diego Garza**

968 Want to give you a brief overview of what I've been doing. I started at THN last November and since  
969 then I've been learning all that is happening the homeless response system what is working for families  
970 what is not.

971 **01:16 Diego Garza**

972 Statewide and within the balance of state and specifically in certain regions so I've been drilling down  
973 into HMIS data but also talking to communities about what are families experiencing what are the  
974 obstacles that are keeping them from exiting homelessness and I've developed a few different  
975 intervention possibilities that we're still in the process of determining which is going to be the best for  
976 specific families in our Regions.



977 **01:41 Diego Garza**

978 But one thing I'm super excited to share is that we've identified a priority population which is families  
979 with children that are between zero and 5 so they're in this critical development range a lot of studies  
980 show that children in that range when they're experiencing homelessness have physiological or mental  
981 health issues.

982 **01:01:02 Diego Garza**

983 Throughout the rest of their lifetime but if you can intervene at that moment you can quell or even  
984 reverse or stop those effects and from the onset of the project trying to decide what the intervention  
985 was we wanted to make lasting effects for families so that is our priority population that we've  
986 identified.

987 **01:01:21 Diego Garza**

988 And we have a few different interventions that we're honing in on hopefully we will have an  
989 announcement on what those will be in the coming weeks but yeah as I said we're still determining  
990 which one is going to work for those specific regions that we're looking into.

991 **01:01:37 Eric Samuels**

992 Cool do you feel like you can say which regions right now. Or is it.

993 **01:01:40 Diego Garza**

994 Yeah I can say so we've been the way that I kind of decided or how we looked at different regions was  
995 finding where clusters of large families were and then figuring out the funding allocation that maybe  
996 they haven't had comparatively.

997 **01:01:56 Diego Garza**

998 And we've that's lead us to Sherman, Texarkana, Laredo, McAllen, Hidalgo, and Victoria which is a little  
999 bit of an outlier in terms of funding but they are in what we've seen in the data they have the highest  
1000 like their number one in family homelessness across age breakdowns and also just in general  
1001 population.

1002 **01:02:20 Elizabeth Yevich**

1003 In Victoria?

1004 **01:02:20 Eric Samuels**

1005 We're surprised yeah.

1006 **01:02:23 Mike Doyle**

1007 I was not surprised by the Valley but I was surprised by Sherman yeah.

1008 **01:02:29 Diego Garza**

1009 Yes, Sherman and Texarkana up in North Texas are seeing a lot of housing prices are just going way up  
1010 with tech industries moving in there so we're like Texas Instruments just opened and so there's a lot of

1011 really expensive homes opening but not a lot of affordable housing for families so they're just falling into  
1012 homelessness.

1013 **01:02:47 Mike Doyle**

1014 Interesting, interesting I'd like to hear more about that yeah.

1015 **01:02:51 Desiree Viramontes**

1016 I have a question yeah Diego with oh this is Desiree with TEA is there any impacts that you're going to  
1017 see with that target population from head start and the dismantling of funding.

1018 **01:03:05 Diego Garza**

1019 That is a great question yeah I'll definitely.

1020 **01:03:06 Desiree Viramontes**

1021 I'm just saying something to look at because those families are going to be deeply impacted by that.

1022 **01:03:12 Eric Samuels**

1023 Likely would do is grow those numbers then we would have to even a higher population to work with  
1024 well.

1025 **01:03:19 Mike Doyle**

1026 If head start has the funds to help people.

1027 **01:03:22 Desiree Viramontes**

1028 They're not going to they're not there's a lot of problems in head start when I've been meeting with  
1029 head start so they haven't been able to access even paying people who work at head start yeah so that's  
1030 why I said it, it looks like the dismantling.

1031 **01:03:36 Diego Garza**

1032 Thanks for that question so I don't have an answer but I'll definitely look into it.

1033 **01:03:40 Desiree Viramontes**

1034 Good luck.

1035 **01:03:41 Diego Garza**

1036 Thank you.

1037 **01:03:43 Mike Doyle**

1038 OK is there any comments from the public non board members, council members I should say.

1039 **01:03:52 Mike Doyle**

1040 OK then we'll move the closing comments thank you for letting me put that down at the end.

1041 **01:04:00 Mike Doyle**

1042 I've been on this council I was first appointed by Governor Bush then I serve governor Perry and now I'm  
1043 serving governor Abbott and now I'm old and sick and so I just for the people that I see in Austin I may  
1044 not see you again I will be at the conference and we're working with the governor's office to announce  
1045 who might take the governor's appointees my place there at the Conference but I just want to say I  
1046 appreciate all the great work here doing you have been world of knowledge for me to be able to travel  
1047 around to be able to share and so I just wanted to thank you all for what you do and for some of you to  
1048 say see you down the road somewhere probably but I will be at the conference.

1049 **01:04:52 Mike Doyle**

1050 They found stage 4 cancer in me and they're working on treatments but you never know how that goes  
1051 you know I mean between plans right now but I just think it's time to step aside to let some of the young  
1052 guys or girls take over so I just want to say thank you for what you do.

1053 **01:05:12 Mike Doyle**

1054 Keep it up I'll be keeping up with you as we go but it's been an honor to serve with you all on this  
1055 council. And if they don't find anybody I'll see you in January but I'm pushing real hard because I retired  
1056 in March anyway so yeah well I'm I went from CEO to CEO emeritus for 18 months to make sure he  
1057 didn't screw anything up.

1058 **01:05:37 Elizabeth Yevich**

1059 There you go.

1060 **01:05:45 Eric Samuels**

1061 Did they have the retirement party for you the fall before? So these things you know carry out a little bit  
1062 longer than what you're planning but.

1063 **01:05:49 Mike Doyle**

1064 Yeah, I thought when I first started I was checking though I made sure I paid the unemployment  
1065 insurance first so that in case I got there was no money coming in just to leave you at unemployment so.

1066 **01:05:59 Eric Samuels**

1067 Well Mike thank you very much.

1068 **01:06:00 Mike Doyle**

1069 Well thank you all.

1070 **01:06:02 Mike Doyle**

1071 And if there's nothing else we are adjourned.

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