



Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless
Quarterly Meeting – February 11, 2026
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 (Outgoing) (TICH Chair)	Mike Doyle	Yes
	Office of the Governor appointee, Cornerstone Network (Incoming)	Scott Charbonneau	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	No
5	HHSC	Robert Hetzel	No
6	HHSC	Claire Irwin	Yes
7	Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)	Sherri Cogbill	No
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	Rosy Falcon	Yes
11	Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Desiree Viramontes	No
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	No
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

#	Advisory Member Organization	Representative	Attendance (Yes/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	Yes
10	Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV)	Lisa Medina	No

TDHCA Staff Presenters: Brooke Boston, Rosy Falcon, Naomi Cantu

Administrative support: Jeremy Stremmer (TDHCA)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mike Doyle opened the meeting, confirmed quorum, and initiated full introductions. He noted this would be his final meeting as the Governor's representative after 28 years of service. Scott Charbonneau introduced himself as the incoming Governor's representative and new leader of Cornerstone Assistance Network.

II. Election of Chair

Chair Doyle postponed the election of a new chair to the next meeting to allow adequate time for members to nominate themselves or others. Jeremy Stremmer will send an email outlining nomination deadlines and voting procedures.

III. Approval of Minutes from the September 17, 2025, TICH Meeting (*Voting Item*)

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes was made by Brooke Boston and seconded by Rosy Falcon. The minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections or questions.

IV. Annual Report Update and Discussion

Jeremy Stremmer reported that work on a statewide 10-year plan did not move forward due to changes in statewide priorities and national direction. As a result, TICH will return to its standard annual reporting process. Jeremy will circulate the draft 2025 Annual Report and collect updates from member agencies and advisory organizations.

Jeremy explained that national homelessness planning has shifted away from long-term fixed plans toward more flexible, local, iterative strategies. Additionally, the Legislature directed TDHCA to conduct a statewide feasibility study, which has replaced the 10-year plan effort.

The Legislature allocated \$200,000 for a statewide feasibility study on homelessness. TDHCA contracted with Dr. Benjamin King at the University of Houston. Data from all participating CoCs for 2022–2025 has been provided to UH, and the team is also coordinating with the Kinder Institute to conduct surveys of people with lived experience. Results must be delivered to the Legislature by December 31, 2026.

Dr. King briefly joined the meeting to emphasize that the study will not point to a single solution but instead identify a mix of localized, evidence-based interventions and replicable models across Texas.

V. Updates from Member Agencies

a) Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)

i. Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP)

Rosy Falcon delivered a detailed update on statewide rulemaking for homeless programs, including Subchapter A (General Policies & Procedures) and Subchapter C (ESG Program Rules), which are open for public comment until March 3. She highlighted the importance of agency and stakeholder feedback, noting that rules undergo revision every four years.

Rosy also presented an update on the Ending Homelessness (EH) Fund, which currently holds approximately \$700,000 from statewide vehicle-registration donations. TDHCA has created its first-ever biennial plan prioritizing support for operations of HOME-ARP–funded shelters. A competitive NOFA is expected in April 2026.

Rosy reported on ESG program timelines, noting that rule adoption and federal allocation schedules will determine final NOFA release dates for 2026 funds, planned for May with a November start date.

ii. HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

Naomi Cantu provided updates on all three HOME-ARP components. Rental development is nearly complete with 331 units across 12 projects, 10 of which are already operational. Naomi described recent NCS awards: The Other Ones Foundation received \$3 million for capacity building and \$48 million for NCS units totaling 325 beds. Denton and San Antonio also received

capacity-building awards with reserved NCS development funding of \$8 million and \$7 million respectively.

These awards represent the final stages of HOME-ARP one-time funding.

VI. Updates from Texas Homeless Network (THN)

Anja Taylor presented updated statewide homelessness statistics from the Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network (THDSN). In 2025, 51,727 individuals (45,092 households) accessed homelessness services across participating CoCs. Of these, 19,283 were first-time homeless, and 10,567 exited to permanent housing. San Antonio CoC has recently joined the data network, bringing coverage to 94% of Texas counties.

Anja detailed a new partnership with United Healthcare to identify Medicaid-eligible homeless individuals through a PointClickCare data match. The corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is also supporting this work. Anja also highlighted growing research collaborations with the University of Houston and University of Texas, along with philanthropic support from TSAHC, Meadows Foundation, and CSH.

Eric Samuels provided additional THN updates, including federal funding protections under FY2026 appropriations, ongoing HUD litigation, and new instructions from Congress requiring automatic renewal of CoC grants depending on litigation timelines. He also reported on THN's Bezos-funded Housing Solutions Project—six Innovation Fund awards and a Family Trust pilot supporting direct cash transfers for 25 families in Laredo.

VII. Public Comment

No public comments were offered during the meeting.

VIII. Closing Comments

Chair Mike Doyle reflected on statewide progress since 1994, noting that homelessness now represents less than 1% of the Texas population. He expressed gratitude to the council and partner agencies and reaffirmed his intention to stay connected through Scott Charbonneau. TDHCA presented him with a Letter of Recognition from the Texas Governor and a flown Texas flag, and THN presented a commemorative paperweight recognizing his 28 years of service.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mike Doyle at 11:33 am.