



Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless
Quarterly Meeting – January 30, 2018
Meeting Minutes Summary

A transcript of the verbal recording made by electronic recording may be found here:
<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/tich/meetings.htm>

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)	Veronica Neville	Yes – Joyce Pohlman as alternate
5	HHSC	Jessica Hissam	Yes
6	HHSC	Cody Rothschild	Yes
	HHSC Alternate	Carissa Dougherty	n/a
7	Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)	Sherri Cogbill	Yes – by phone
8	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)	Valinda Bolton	Yes
9	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Housing Finance representative (TDHCA)	Brooke Boston	Yes – Elizabeth Yevich as proxy
10	TDHCA, Community Affairs representative	Naomi Cantu	Yes
11	Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Cal Lopez	Yes
12	Texas Department of Juvenile Justice (TJJD)	Todd Novak	Yes – by phone
13	Texas Veterans Commission (TVC)	Sarah Philips	Yes – by phone
14	Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)	D.J. Bingler	Yes

Advisory Members present:

#	Advisory Member Organization	Representative	Attendance (Yes/No)
1	Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS)	Christine Gendron	Yes
2	Austin Travis County Integral Care	Darilynn Cardona-Beiler	Yes
3	Private Citizen	Dennis M. Scholl	Yes – by phone
4	Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority (MHMRA) of Harris County, Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) Division	Mende Snodgrass	No
5	Texas Homeless Network (THN)	Eric Samuels	Yes
6	Texas Education Homeless Office (THEO)	Jeanne Stamp	Yes
7	Education Service Center Region 10	Jana Burns	Yes
8	Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC)	David Long	Yes
9	Texas Council on Family Violence	Mona Muro	Yes – by phone

Other attendees: Yolanda Moten (TWC); Ken Martin (THEO); Megan Moore (THN); Tom Gouris, Megan Sylvester, and Michael Lyttle (TDHCA); Michael Wilt (TSAHC); Deborah Fowler and Gabriella McDonald (Texas Appleseed); Ann Howard and Niki Paul, by phone (ECHO).

Administrative support: Cate Tracz (TDHCA)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mike Doyle called the meeting to order at 10:07 am and it was confirmed that a quorum was present.

II. Remarks from Chair

Mike Doyle welcomed attendees to the meeting and had no further opening remarks.

III. Membership Updates

Mike Doyle recognized the outgoing TICH members who are no longer service as appointees and thanked them for their time. The outgoing members include Robert Dole and Emily Sasser Bray from HHSC, Francis Gattis from TDCJ, Kelly Kravitz from TEA, and Pam Maercklein from TVC. Mike Doyle then welcomed the new and returning members: Veronica Neville, Jessica Hissam, Cody Rothschild, Joyce Pohlman as an Alternate member, and Carissa Dougherty as an Alternate member, all from HHSC; Sherri Cogbill from TDCJ; Cal Lopez from TEA; and Sarah Philips from TVC.

IV. Approval of draft minutes from the October 4, 2017 TICH Meeting

Mike Doyle introduced the draft minutes from the October 4, 2017, TICH meeting. Naomi Cantu moved to approve and DJ Bingler seconded. There were no comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve the minutes.

V. Report from TDHCA Homelessness Staff

Naomi Cantu provided up update on the upcoming Texas Administrative Code rule rewrites for the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP), which will focus more on the allocation formula, and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program, which will focus more on scoring criteria for competition. Opportunities to provide input on these rule rewrites will be relayed to TICH members throughout the year.

Naomi Cantu then provided an update on the Ending Homelessness Fund and opportunities for public comment, including a roundtable to be held later in the afternoon to discuss possible uses of the funds. A discussion ensued about how donations are made through the Department of Motor Vehicles' annual registration process. Mike Doyle encouraged TICH members to contact TDHCA staff with suggestions for the use of funds generated by the Ending Homelessness Fund.

VI. Update on VISTA Volunteer Project on §2306.905(7)

Megan Moore provided an update on the VISTA volunteer project and spoke about signed MOUs with Austin-Travis County and Tarrant County to host VISTA volunteers who will work to advance relationships with the local workforce development boards, creating improved experiences for people experiencing homelessness looking to develop their careers.

VII. Update on Continuum of Care Awards

Eric Samuels provided an overview of the CoC program for those in attendance who are less familiar with the program. Eric Samuels then provided a more detailed update on the 2017 CoC awards. A discussion ensued about data collection for homelessness activities and point-in-time versus annualized counts of people experiencing homelessness in Texas. The discussion then moved to youth homelessness issues and the importance of having a method to collect annualized and unduplicated data on a statewide level was emphasized by several members.

Ann Howard also informed the group that Austin ECHO has recently released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), which was awarded by HUD to Austin in 2017. A discussion ensued about which cities or CoC's are planning to apply for the next round of YHDP funding.

VIII. Updates from TICH Committees

As proxy for Brooke Boston, Elizabeth Yevich provided an update on the Performance Data Committee. Since the last quarterly TICH meeting, information on performance data has been gathered from TVC staff, with tremendous support from Pam Maercklein. Although the TVC does not have Legislative Budget Board performance measures specific to homelessness, many TVC programs that serve homeless veterans yield data on homeless populations and activities in Texas. Brooke Boston will be handing this

project over to Cate Tracz following this TICH meeting. Requests for performance data will be coming from Cate Tracz, starting with TEA in the coming weeks. Eric Samuels then provided an update of the activities of the Annual Report Committee. A draft has been developed and will undergo editing and administrative review by TDHCA staff.

IX. Updates from Agencies on Disaster Recovery Activities

Disaster recovery updates were provided by representatives from TEA, TWC, TDCJ, TVC, DFPS, TJJD, TDHCA, TCFV, and HHSC.

X. Update from TNOYS Staff on *Young, Alone, and Homeless in the Lonestar State*

Christine Gendron was joined by Gabriella McDonald and Deborah Fowler from Texas Appleseed to provide an update on their report titled *Young, Alone, and Homeless in the Lone Star State*. Christine Gendron started with an overview of TNOYS, Youth Count Texas, and the recent partnership between TNOYS and Texas Appleseed to develop this report. The three presenters walked through the findings of the report, which is available at <http://stories.texasappleseed.org/young-alone-homeless-texas-nov2017> and the full report is available at:

https://www.texasappleseed.org/sites/default/files/YoungAloneHomeless_FullReport_fin.pdf.

XI. Public Comment

Dennis Scholl provided comments requesting appreciation for advisory members who attended more than half of the meetings in 2017, a thank you for the transcription services, and a thank you to Eric Samuels for leading the Annual Report Committee.

Christine Gendron requested that the TICH consider a committee focused on youth. Mike Doyle indicated that this consideration will be added to the April agenda.

Jeanne Stamp provided information on upcoming activities THEO will be hosting and participating in at the South by Southwest Education Conference.

XII. Closing comments

Mike Doyle thanked everyone for attending.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03pm.