



Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless
Quarterly Meeting – July 12, 2016
Meeting Minutes Summary

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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)	Emily Sasser-Bray Amy Felker	No Yes – by phone
5	Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)	<i>vacant</i>	n/a
6	Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)	Jonas Schwartz	No
7	Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)	Frances Gattis	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)	Michael DeYoung for Brooke Boston	Yes
10	TDHCA, Community Affairs representative	Naomi Trejo	Yes
11	Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	Anna Sonenthal	Yes
12	Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Kelly Kravitz	Yes
13	Texas Department of Juvenile Justice (TJJD)	Karen Lashbrook	Yes
14	Texas Veterans Commission (TVC)	Pam Maercklein	Yes
15	Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)	George McEntyre	Yes

Advisory Members present:

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

Other attendees: Mona Muro (TCFV), Michael Wilt (TSAHC), Anna Baker (TVC), Aaliyah Noble (THN)

Administrative support: Cate Tracz (TDHCA), Elizabeth Yevich (TDHCA)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mike Doyle called the meeting to order at 10:13 am and welcomed the members, advisory members and guests and confirmed quorum was present.

II. Remarks from Chair – moved to later on the agenda

III. Approval of minutes from the April 26, 2016 TICH Quarterly Meeting

Mike Doyle introduced the draft minutes from the April 26, 2016, Quarterly TICH meeting. Naomi Trejo moved to approve and Pam Maercklein seconded. There were no comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve the minutes.

IV. House Bill 679, Youth Homelessness – moved to later on the agenda

V. Senate Bill 1580, Veteran Homelessness – moved to later on the agenda

VI. VISTA Volunteer Project on §2306.905(7)

Aaliyah Noble provided an update on the progress of the Employment Navigation Internship Pilot.

VII. Update on 2015 Continuum of Care Awards

Eric Samuels provided an update on the Continuum of Care Awards for 2015.

VIII. TICH Committees

Mr. Wilt gave an update on the Housing and Supportive Services Committee. Mr. Samuels gave an update on the Data Research Committee.

IX. Evaluate TICH Committee Structure

Mike Doyle led a discussion about the structure of TICH Committees. Members were asked to submit comments and suggestions to Mr. Doyle or Ms. Tracz prior to the next meeting.

X. Update on State Homelessness Services Programs and Initiatives

(a) Fair Housing

Suzanne Hemphill gave an update on TDHCA Fair Housing activities.

(b) Mr. Doyle asked that any state agencies who would like to provide updates on homelessness prevention activities please let he or Ms. Tracz know so they can be added to the next meeting agenda.

IV. House Bill 679, Youth Homelessness

Ms. Trejo gave an update on the Youth Homelessness project.

V. Senate Bill 1580, Veteran Homelessness

Ms. Trejo gave an update on the Veteran Homelessness project.

XI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

XII. Next meeting

The next quarterly TICH meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016. There will be an additional meeting on November 17, 2016, in Austin, expressly to discuss the final reports for both the Youth and Veteran homeless studies due to the Texas Legislative not later than December 1, 2016).

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.