



Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless  
Quarterly Meeting – September 21, 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
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	No
9	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Housing Finance representative (TDHCA)	Brooke Boston	Yes
10	TDHCA, Community Affairs representative	Naomi Trejo	Yes
11	Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	Anna Sonenthal	No
12	Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Kelly Kravitz	Yes
13	Texas Department of Juvenile Justice (TJJD)	Todd Novak	Yes – by phone
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	Yes
2	Austin Travis County Integral Care	Darilynn Cardona-Beiler	No
3	Community Healthcore	Stanley Williams	No
4	Private Citizen	Dennis M. Scholl	Yes
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	Yes
9	Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC)	David Long	Yes
10	Texas Council on Family Violence	Mona Muro Molly Voyles	Yes Yes
12	HHSC	Sonja Gaines	No

**Other attendees:** Bob Pulster (USICH), Michael Wilt (TSAHC), Sarah Narendorf (University of Houston), Aaliyah Noble (THN), Gail Cote (The Housing Corp. of Greater Houston), Ann Howard (ECHO), Otis Thornton (Tarrant County Homeless Coalition), Cindy Crain (Meto Dallas Homeless Alliance), Tammy Trevino (HUD), Marjorie McCall Petty (USHHS), Marilyn Brown (Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County), Eva Thibaudeau (Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County), and other Continuum of Care representatives and interested attendees from the Conference.

**Administrative support:** Terri Richard (TDHCA), Elizabeth Yevich (TDHCA)

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Doyle called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and welcomed the members, advisory members and guests and confirmed quorum was present.

**II. Remarks from Chair**

Mr. Doyle gave brief opening remarks then introduced Mr. Bob Pulster, the regional coordinator with the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. Mr. Pulster gave some opening remarks and introduced Tammy Trevino with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, Marjorie McCall Petty with U.S. Health and Human Services, and two representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

**III. Approval of minutes from the July 12, 2016 TICH Quarterly Meeting**

Mr. Doyle introduced the draft minutes from the July 12, 2016, Quarterly TICH meeting. Mr. McEntyre moved to approve and Ms. Boston seconded. There were no comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve the minutes.

#### **IV. House Bill 679, Youth Homelessness**

Dr. Sarah Narendorf with the University of Houston gave an update on the Youth Homelessness study.

#### **V. Senate Bill 1580, Veteran Homelessness**

Ms. Trejo facilitated a discussion of employment and health recommendations for the Veteran Homelessness study. Several suggestions were noted for inclusion in the report.

#### **VI. Conversation with Continuum of Care agencies on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development application.**

Continuum of Care agencies representatives provided feedback on the most recent CoC application.

#### **VII. VISTA Volunteer Project on §2306.905(7) – This agenda item was deferred.**

**VIII. Discussion about use of \$10,000 provided by Texas Workforce Commission** - This voting item was deferred, though suggestions were made for the Texas Homeless Network to use the funds to coordinate among CoC lead agencies.

#### **IX. Evaluate TICH Committee Structure** - This agenda item was deferred.

#### **X. Update on State Homelessness Services Programs and Initiatives**

(a) Update on ESG and HHSP award recommendations – Ms. Trejo gave an update on ESG and HHSP award recommendations per the handout, which was sent before the meeting and available during the meeting. TDHCA received 21 applications requesting more than \$7.2 million for approximately \$4.5 million available. CoC lead agencies received 20 applications requesting more than \$5.1 million for approximately \$3.9 million available. Thirty-one ESG awardees will provide services in 2016. The HHSP funds were awarded to the eight largest cities, per statute.

(b) Call for State Agencies and Advisory Members to provide updates on homeless prevention activities at the next meeting. This agenda item was deferred.

#### **XI. Discussion about TICH Membership designation** - This agenda item was deferred.

#### **XII. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **XIII. Closing comment/next meeting**

There were no closing comments and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2016.

#### **XIII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.