



Amarillo CoC (COCTX-611) Board Meeting Minutes

November 14th, 2024

Hospitality Room, Civic Center, Amarillo

9:00 AM

(Emergency Relocation: Simms Building 808 S. Buchanan room 275)

We had to relocate as of 8:35am due to Rodeo and original room being double booked. Email sent to general membership by 8:55am regarding new location for general membership meeting at 10am.

Meeting was brought to order at 9:04 am by Kraig Stockhill. Quorum was established.

Introductions were made as there were some new faces. Kraig reminded all attendees that while this is not a closed meeting, there is only one voting member for each agency.

Review of Past Minutes will be completed in December. Minutes that will need to be approved:

August Board Meeting

September Board Meeting

September General Meeting

October Board Meeting

November Board Meeting

November General Meeting

Routine Agenda Items:

Lead agency report – Brad Sanders

Provided QR codes for agencies to sign up for the PIT count which will be made available for the general membership meeting. Goal is to match community volunteers with experienced volunteers. Multiple trainings will be held. Everyone who participating in the PIT count will be required to attend a training.

Lead agency is starting the Longitudinal system analysis. They are also continuing to work to get HMIS via the new vendor up and running. Configuration should be done by the 13th of December. Lead agency have submitted the collaborative application for funding. Information available on the website.

Committee Reports

Shelter Committee: (Michelle Shield - out)

Most recent meeting was at Amarillo Housing First. 16 people attended (including AISD). Confirmed at Salvation Army that their max is 150. There are reports of lack of tents, thus more people are exposed to the weather. Cold Blue hasn't open yet. Next meeting will be at Cenikor. Continue to coordinate with one another.

PIT Committee: Angela Snow

Will have another meeting in the next few weeks. Brad and Stephanie have become more involved with PIT count. (Specifically Admin tasks). Lead agency is currently working on renewing contract with counting us app.

Seth asked about counting at hospital. However those in hospital and jails wouldn't definitive count as homeless for PIT count, but still good information for us to know. Meg will reach out to head case managers at BSA and TXNW.

Gap Analysis: Kraig Stockhill

Evaluation and Training: Shanna James:

Shelters will be presenting on Cold Weather policies at today's general membership meeting.

Goal is to have presentation on collaboration application. Also have a separate meeting for the board to go through in depth. Plan to have additional trainings during the course of 2025. (To help answer of the whys of what we do and ask for).

New Business

Update on City Church – Jason – Jason was contacted by the ministry. They are no longer going to call the police regarding camping on the sidewalk.

Charges were filed against the person who sprayed the mace and that is now in the hands of the court (DA's office).

Issue is that if police cannot locate the victim or the victim is unwilling to testify, then the DA cannot move forward.

Local laws cannot override the state law against camping.

Discussed need to get one of those currently homeless to be able to sit on the council. Discussed having a designated member, or perhaps on a rotating basis so that more voices are heard.

CoC Response to community events – Kraig

Role clarification of the CoC was made. The CoC is chiefly responsible for collaboration, pointing people into the right direction. Kraig asked the board members that when acting within a CoC capacity that the message is consistent: collaboration and communication. That means that not all requests to the board will be handled in a manner that will please the general

membership. Board Members were asked If not comfortable with a particular question or request, to please refer to Shanna and Kraig.

Veteran Resources Center – RHN will be taking over. The location will change. Awaiting final board votes with RHN. December 1st will be the beginning of the new contract.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Meg DeJong-Shier, LMSW