



Amarillo CoC (COCTX-611) Board Meeting Minutes
October 10th, 2024
Transformation Park Office
500 SW 8th, Amarillo TX
9:00 AM

Meeting was brought to order at 9:04 am by Kraig Stockhill and a quorum was established.

Members in attendance: Shanna James, Heather Neeley, Kraig Stockstill, Tex Ellis, James Bellar, Juan Maldonado, Jason Riddlespurger, Rudy Montano, Steve Smart, Julie Cleveland, Virginia Williams-Trice, and Audra Rea,

Members not in attendance: Meg DeJong-Shier, Michelle Shields,

Also in Attendance: JaNet Trujillo, Seth Trujilo, Brad Sanders, Angela Snow, Shaira Joyce,

Routine Agenda Items:

Lead agency report – Jason Riddlespurger

- HMIS
 - The transition to the new platform for HMIS will start October 11th. It is expected to take 6 months to fully transition all information and data from WellSky to the new platform BitFocus.

Committee Reports

Scoring and Ranking

- Went well and is posted on the website, social media, and sent via email on the United way listserv.
- Kraig, Shanna and James were the committee due to some last-minute changes. Based on the overall rankings the projects were ranked as
 - Tier 1: HMIS first, Coming Home second, Shelter Plus third, and new DV bonus as 4th (since it is a new project)
 - It was stated that the DV bonus comes from a different source of funding federally.
 - Shelter Plus Care- some of these projects are under tier 1 and some is under tier 2.
 - Motion to approve ranking by Juan Maldonado Seconded by Rudy Montano

Shelter Committee (Michelle Shield)

- Last meeting was held at Amarillo Public Health on 10/1
 - GRSC has office space rooms for others to provide case management. Office includes basic furniture as well as computers
 - There was a recent break in. They are still looking to determine all that was taken. Clients' personal checks were stolen.
 - They are putting up a memorial tree mural to honor those who have passed.
- Faith City is closed on Sundays (creates a gap)

PIT Committee

- Working on finalizing agency volunteer sign up through office of engagement and innovation with COA. Plan to have available by end of month
- CD is planning on identifying shelters and setting up training for consistent data.
- Request of how to catch youth that are homeless during the count.
- The Resource fair will be held at the Civic Center in the North Exhibit Hall with lunch provided there, with goal of city transit providing rides between shelters and Civic Center.
- Request for board approval of complete census count for methodology for the PIT
 - o Motion to approve complete census methodology for PIT by Audra Rae Seconded by Juan Maldonado

Education and Training Committee (Shanna James)

- Technical assistance meeting with executive committee held yesterday
 - o Homebase will provide a training for CoC board. (Homebase is a consulting firm that works with CoCs).
 - o Additional clarification between board and lead agency responsibility was provided
 - o Two hours for next board meeting? Approved by board.
- Future plans for trainings, offer training morning and afternoon to encourage all staff to attend.
- Fall 2025 Symposium – November 6th. Drive to educate the community

New Business and Discussion Agenda Items:

- *Update on City Church conversation*
 - o Jason and GSRC board president had a conversation with Donnie from city church with a goal of how to move forward.
 - o City Church stated they did not want to rehash what happened on July 17th. City Church did state that their mission is focused on children and not the homeless community.
 - o The board asked what the next steps should be and agreement was made for Jason to continue to be point of contact and we invite them to the CoC general meeting.
- Cold Weather Concerns
 - o Community members and shelter agencies have been bringing concerns of cold weather with those experiencing homelessness with the enforcement of clearing out encampments.
 - o CoC board agrees that we would be a conduit of correct information to ensure that misinformation is not being spread and how we can work together on the issue.
 - o A shelter and outreach meeting for cold weather will be set up so all agencies can create a one page to share with community
- Encampment Task Force update
 - o Productive meeting with APD, shelters, and CoC executive regarding encampment. APD is going to investigate contacting Coming Home for calls for certain calls. Kraig is also working with TPC Diversion to see if APD that is assigned downtown could utilize the TPC diversion center.
- Veterans Resource Center
 - o RHN is going to be taking over VRC from FSS. All services will continue the same will just transfer over to FSS.
- Transit Tour Discussion
 - o Kraig is going to send a request for availability for board to do a city of Amarillo transit tour. Kraig, Meg, Jason and a few others have done it and found it to be very helpful.

Old Business or Agenda Items Needing Discussion:

- 2025 Conference Planning – November 6th, 2025
 - Shanna will lead

Announcements

TMOM- Free Dental Clinic November 8th and 9th