



Amarillo CoC (COCTX-611) Board Meeting Minutes
February 3rd, 2025
Zoom hosted by Meg Shier (WTAMU)
9:00 AM

Location: The meeting was held virtually due to weather and to increase accessibility for several board members who were ill.

Attendees: Rudy Montano, Meg DeJong-Shier, Shanna James, Steve Smart, James Bellar, Stefanie Rodarte-Suto, Beth Glasscok, JaNet Trujillo, Jason Riddlespurger, Michelle Shield, Juan Maldonado, Tex Ellis, Harrison LaHale, Heather Neely, Angela Snow, Omer Sarig, Virginia Trice, Kriag Stockhill, Audra Rea

Shanna called meeting to order 9:03am

Review of Past Minutes will be completed in March due to Secretary being ill and not sending out minutes to board members in advance. 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
December Board Meeting
January Board Meeting
(This Meeting)

Tecovas Terrance Presentation

- Presenters: Omer Sarig and Harrison LaHale.
- Wood Cooper Companies founded in 1990. Committed to Long-Term Ownership. Employee owned company. Currently manages over 400 companies.
- Potential Amarillo Project location 1601 SE 28th Ave Amarillo 79103.

- 80 units. 8 units at 30% AMI, 16 @50% AMI, 56 units at 60% AMI. 4 will ADA compliant
- Several Public Amenities, Pool, dog park, laundry room. Lifestyle Services, on-site coordination office for service providers.
- Hope to start 1 quarter 2026, finish 2027

Lead agency report – Stephanie Suto-Rodriguez

- The program is currently in the process of debriefing from PIT count
 - Unsure if numbers will be available for March's meeting but estimates is between 500 – 600 counted
- HMIS- We have a go live date which is March 7th
- Shelter Committee Report
 - Past Friday met at Region 16. Chris Niews did presentation on region 16 and current efforts.
 - No policy updates from shelter. Still building relationship with Faith City Mission. Kraig did have meeting with Raymond, wants to have a soft meeting with shelter committee with Virginia and Michelle. APS came to the shelter meeting, so that is a new connection.
 - There was a death in the homeless community. About 2 weeks ago. Because tent was on private property the tent was cleared out and that group lost a lot of possession. They are doing counseling at GRSC.
 - Continue to work with GRSC to eliminate gaps of access to warm place on cold days.

New Business and Discussion Agenda Items:

- After PIT update is completed should we as a CoC complete a final after action review? – Kraig
- City Church/PIT count fallout – Kraig
 - As the PIT count and resource fair was a public event, the belief is that the CoC did not have the right/privilege to deny access to City Church access to event
 - Argument also made that City Church initiated in good faith, attempted to show through action rather than words.
 - However, several people were upset at the presence of City Church
 - Need to continue to push forward and provide one another good support. Shanna, Kraig, and Jason in particular are frequently targeted with criticism and negativity in regards to City Church's presence. Need to be mindful of the supporting one another.
 - Shanna informed the board that there was several community members who intended to come to meeting this morning to create ruckus. Members of the community are asking why CoC board meetings are not open the public and requesting access.

- We're not required to under Texas Freedom of Open Meetings.
- Steve – continue to have a spokesperson – clear messages which are not emotional.
- Michelle – propose a grievance process, a process for people who feel like they are not being heard. Steve- don't create a policy that will not be followed or maintained.
- We have had invited many of the people to have a one-one conversation with homebase, neutral party to allow voices to be heard.
- Action Plan Workshop – Kraig
 - February 19th Downtown library. 9 – 4

Announcements

Veteran Resource center is having its soft launch. Will be in the main building of FSS.

Salvation army – new overnight monitor

Meeting was adjourned 10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg DeJong, DSW, LMSW