

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1 CoC Name and Number: TX-601 - Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County CoC

1A-2 Collaborative Applicant Name: Tarrant County Homeless Coalition

1A-3 CoC Designation: CA

1B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Operations

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1B-1 How often does the CoC conduct meetings of the full CoC membership? Quarterly

1B-2 How often does the CoC invite new members to join the CoC through a publicly available invitation? Annually

1B-3 Does the CoC include membership of a homeless or formerly homeless person? Yes

1B-4 For members who are homeless or formerly homeless, what role do they play in the CoC membership? Outreach, Advisor, Volunteer, Community Advocate
 Select all that apply.

1B-5 Does the CoC’s governance charter incorporate written policies and procedures for each of the following:

1B-5.1 Written agendas of CoC meetings?	Yes
1B-5.2 Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System?	Yes
1B-5.3 Process for Monitoring Outcomes of ESG Recipients?	Yes
1B-5.4 CoC policies and procedures?	Yes
1B-5.5 Written process for board selection?	Yes
1B-5.6 Code of conduct for board members that includes a recusal process?	Yes
1B-5.7 Written standards for administering assistance?	Yes

1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Committees

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1C-1 Provide information for up to five of the most active CoC-wide planning committees, subcommittees, and/or workgroups, including a brief description of the role and the frequency of meetings. Collaborative Applicants should only list committees, subcommittees and/or workgroups that are directly involved in CoC-wide planning, and not the regular delivery of services.

	Name of Group	Role of Group (limit 750 characters)	Meeting Frequency	Names of Individuals and/or Organizations Represented
1C-1.1	CoC Advisory Council	The Advisory Council is charged with providing policy recommendations to the CoC Board including, but not limited to, advisement on discharge planning policy, coordinated assessment, training needs, rapid re-housing, and sub populations of homeless persons such as youth and Veterans. The Council is comprised of program managers and front line staff to ensure sound and practical recommendations to the CoC Board. Committees include hospital discharge, youth, consumer council, and unsheltered outreach. Council members serve and coordinate with other groups that encounter homeless persons including Care Connections for the Homeless, Community Resource Coordination Group, Tarrant Re-entry Initiative and Recovery Orientated System of Care.	Monthly	ACH, Community Enrichment Center, Arlington Life Shelter, PNS, UGM, SafeHaven, MHMR, Recovery Resource, Day Resource, Catholic Charities, Cornerstone Assistance Network, YWCA, Directions Home, FWHA, Tarrant County, Workforce Center, Consumer

<p>1C-1.2</p>	<p>Hospital Discharge Committee</p>	<p>The Hospital Discharge Planning Committee creates strategies and procedures to decrease improper discharge to street or shelter. The committee includes review of any prior, recent discharges that may have been seen as inappropriate referrals to shelter and troubleshoots care for that individual. During these case reviews there is also discussion on proper steps to be taken to ensure similar improper discharges are not repeated in the future. This committee serves as a bridge to coordinate effort between the local hospitals, rehabilitation, assisted care, hospice and area shelters. The committee coordinates cross training for first responders and discharge nursing staff and cross representation on the EMS Community Advisory Board.</p>	<p>Monthly</p>	<p>JPS Emergency Department, JPS Outpatient and homeless clinics, John Peter Smith Inpatient Treatment team, Presbyterian Night Shelter, Day Resource Center, Salvation Army, Union Gospel Mission, MedStar Tarrant County Health Dept, TCHC</p>
<p>1C-1.3</p>	<p>Unsheltered Outreach Committee</p>	<p>The Unsheltered Outreach Committee address barriers of unsheltered. The group reviews and edits the annual homeless count survey. The workgroup addresses impacts on businesses and neighborhoods and seeks solutions outside of arrest. They address safety of vulnerable populations such as women, elderly, and developmentally disabled. They coordinate identification and transport of unsheltered during emergency cold weather nights. The committee works with law enforcement to advocate for compassionate policies of persons that habitually panhandling, loiter, and trespass. Repeat offender clients are reviewed and team staffed to provide alternatives and address underlying addiction or mental health issues that may perpetuate the behavior.</p>	<p>Monthly</p>	<p>Fort Worth Police, Catholic Charities Street Outreach Services, MedStar, Hands of Hope, MHMR PATH Team, Day Resource Center, ACH Child and Family Services, Broadway Baptist Church, First Methodist Mission, MHMR Law Liaison, Tarrant County Jail, TCHC</p>
<p>1C-1.4</p>	<p>HMIS Governance Committee</p>	<p>The HMIS Governance Committee reviews data quality, security, privacy and other HMIS related policies and procedures. They review and make recommendations on reporting functionality, HMIS user fees, and approve the HMIS CoC Project Application, and provide guidance on HMIS training needs. The Committee conducts a biennial review of all HMIS forms, contracts, memorandum of agreements and HMIS user policy and procedures prior to the renewal of HMIS contracts with the Social Solutions vendor and renewal of CHO MOAs. The Committee is overseeing the progress by TCHC on implementation of recommendations by HUD TA The Cloudburst Group Initial Areas of Focus Report done in 2013.</p>	<p>Monthly</p>	<p>Cornerstone Assistance Network, TCHC HMIS, Tarrant County, City of Arlington and Fort Worth, JPS, Catholic Charities, Presbyterian Night Shelter</p>

1C-1.5	CoC Board of Directors	The CoC Board shall serve the geographic area of Tarrant and Parker County to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness, provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers and local governments to re-house homeless persons rapidly while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless persons, and communities as a consequence of homelessness, and promote access to mainstream programs by homeless persons; and optimize self-sufficiency among persons experiencing homelessness. The CoC Board appoints the HMIS administrator, collaborative applicant, Community Project Review Committee, HMIS Governance, and responds to the nature and extent of homelessness through policy and community planning decision making.	Quarterly	Homeless Service Providers, JPS, MHMR, City of Fort Worth, Arlington, Tarrant County, Parker County, North Texas, United Way, Legal Aid, True Worth, St. Stephen Presb, First Presb Church, FWHA, Medstar, Tarrant County Courts, VA, Mayor's Council
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1C-2 Describe how the CoC considers the full range of opinions from individuals or organizations with knowledge of homelessness or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness in the geographic area when establishing the CoC-wide committees, subcommittees, and workgroups. (limit 750 characters)

The CoC covers both rural and urban counties. Three groups that contribute to CoC Board regional input: Arlington CoC Committee, Parker County United Way Human Services Group, and Fort Worth Advisory Commission to End Homelessness. TCHC attends these groups to advise on CoC concerns and to receive input on CoC policy. The three ESG recipients meet quarterly to discuss needs, gaps, and funding priorities to maximize coverage and target the separate TDHCA state ESG funds to provide services in both counties. In 2013 the CoC held public forums on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to preventing and ending homelessness in our geographic area. This analysis is the baseline for the 2014 update of the CoC Strategic Plan CoCSP.