



Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless
Quarterly Meeting – July 11, 2017
Meeting Minutes Summary

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<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/tich/meetings.htm>

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	No
5	Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)	<i>vacant</i>	n/a
6	Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)	<i>vacant</i>	n/a
7	Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)	Frances Gattis	Yes
8	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)	Valinda Bolton	Yes
9	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Housing Finance representative (TDHCA)	Brooke Boston (Cate Tracz as Proxy)	Yes
10	TDHCA, Community Affairs representative	Naomi Cantu (Jennifer Molinari as proxy)	Yes
11	Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	Jessica Hissan	No
12	Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Kelly Kravitz	Yes
13	Texas Department of Juvenile Justice (TJJD)	Todd Novak	Yes
14	Texas Veterans Commission (TVC)	Pam Maercklein	Yes
15	Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)	D.J. Bingler	Yes

Advisory Members present:

#	Advisory Member Organization	Representative	Attendance (Yes/No)
1	Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS)	Christine Gendron	No
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	Yes
8	Education Service Center Region 10	Jana Burns	Yes
9	Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC)	Michael Wilt for David Long	Yes
10	Texas Council on Family Violence	Mona Muro Molly Voyles	Yes Yes – by phone

Other attendees: Ken Martin (THEO), Megan Moore (THN), and TDHCA staff members including Michael Lyttle, Tom Gouris, and Megan Sylvester.

Administrative support: Cate Tracz (TDHCA)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mike Doyle called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and all attendees introduced themselves. It was confirmed that a quorum was present.

II. Remarks from Chair

Mike Doyle reminded everyone that members were asked at the last meeting to provide a legislative update from their agencies at this meeting.

III. Approval of draft minutes from the April 11, 2017 TICH Meeting

Mike Doyle introduced the draft minutes from the January 31, 2017, TICH meeting. Jennifer Molinari, attending at proxy for Naomi Cantu, moved to approve and Pam Maercklein seconded. There were no comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve the minutes.

IV. Appoint Board Chair and Vice-Chair (Voting Item)

Cate Tracz reported that one nomination was received for Mike Doyle to continue as Chair of the TICH. Mike Doyle accepted this nomination. There were no comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve Mike Doyle as the Chair. Mike Doyle indicated that he would be appointing a Vice-Chair later in the year in accordance with TICH bylaws.

V. 85th Session Legislative Updates

Legislative updates were provided from Michael Lyttle of TDHCA, Francis Gattis of TDCJ, Valinda Bolton of DFPS, Kelly Kravitz of TEA, Pam Maercklein of TVC, Todd Novak of TJJ, and DJ Bingler of TWC. In conjunction with the TWC update, Mike Doyle referenced the next agenda item and thanked DJ Bingler and the TWC for the funds provided to the TICH. In the absence of an HHSC representative, Eric Samuels offered updates on HHSC's Health and Community Collaborative.

VI. Use of \$10,000 provided by Texas Workforce Commission for Continuum of Care Coordination by Texas Homeless Network (Voting Item)

Eric Samuels provided an overview of how THN has used FY 2017 TWC provided funds for coordination with local Workforce Development Boards. Building on the success of this coordination, it was discussed and Jennifer Molinari made a motion to use the FY 2018 TWC provided funds to extend these coordination efforts to the Continuum of Care leads. Pam Maercklein seconded. There were no comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Discuss TICH Committees

Eric Samuels provided an update of the activities of the Annual Report Committee and Cate Tracz provided an update of the Performance Data Committee on behalf of Brooke Boston.

VIII. Public Comment

Eric Samuels provided an Infographic handout showing a 31% decline in homelessness among Texans over the past 6 years, based on PIT count data from 2012 through 2017. A discussion ensued about the definition of homelessness and the rate of population growth.

IX. Closing comments

Mike Doyle reminded attendees that the next quarterly TICH meeting will be held on October 4, 2017, in Dallas, in conjunction with the THN Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11am.