

Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless

QUARTERLY MEETING

NOTES

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
May 1, 2012

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation
Conference Room
2200 East MLK Jr. Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78702

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mike Doyle, presiding officer of TICH, started the meeting at 10:00 am.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Remarks from Chair

Mike Doyle introduced Colin McGrath and asked him to provide an update to the council and discuss the status of the plan.

IV. Update from Council Staff

Colin explained that he was expanding a few sections of the plan, especially those discussing Texas's recent history of homeless services, and adding a matrix that outlines services administered by state agencies.

Colin discussed TICH's legislation to explain how the plan adheres to the statute and to highlight areas of the statute the council could consider acting on. He encouraged the council to focus on reviewing state level policies that impact the availability of services to persons experiencing and at risk of homelessness, provide policy recommendations to appropriate entities, increase coordination with 2-1-1 Texas to act on the statute's charge to create a "central resource and information center", and expand dialogue on policies relating to workforce development and other supportive service areas.

The statute requires TICH to ensure some entity carries out duties that the council does not perform. Ken Martin pointed out that Texas Homeless Network (THN) has acted on these duties.

V. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve of New Advisory Members

Colin discussed the possibility of having TICH vote to select new advisory members. Dianna Lewis Grey, with the Corporation for Supportive Housing, and David Long, with the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation, have both been active with the council, though not serving as advisory members. Colin recommended voting to select Dianna and David to serve as advisory members to recognize their efforts.

VI. Update on Data Warehouse

Colin reported on recent progress with the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Warehouse. TDHCA has facilitated the development of a Governing Body comprised of representatives of each participating Continuum of Care (CoC). The Governing Body will oversee progress of the project and make decisions relating to system design and policies relating to data sharing. The Governing Body voted to adopt an operating agreement, which established an executive committee and an advisory committee (called the product committee) to assist with decisions or document development of a technical nature. Colin also noted that HUD officially awarded a Technical Assistance engagement to assist with the project.

VII. Selection and Approval of TICH Representative to Data Warehouse Governing Body

Colin explained that the data warehouse Governing Body decided to include a representative of TICH as a voting member of the Governing Body. Therefore, it was up to TICH to vote to select a representative to sit on the data warehouse Governing Body. Mike Doyle requested that TICH hold a vote at the next quarterly meeting so that the council could indicate nominees in the agenda. Colin noted that the data warehouse Governing Body had upcoming meetings that would require a TICH representative present. He advised having the chair appoint an interim representative. Mike Doyle decided to ask Mary Dodson to serve as TICH's representative until the next quarterly meeting. He asked council members to submit nominations for the permanent position that the council would vote on at the next quarterly meeting.

VIII. Discussion on TICH Framework and Report

Colin initiated discussion about the annual report that §2306.908 of the statute requires TICH to produce. Ken Martin suggested listing TICH's responsibilities and explaining what the council has done to act on the responsibilities. He also recommended including discussion about the state plan and suggested that the release of the Framework would be a good time to release the annual report. Mike Doyle asked about how the plan would be approved and asked if each agency voting member would need to approve the plan. He suggested finishing the process by June 27. Chan McDermott indicated that HHSC would need three weeks for the approval process.

IX. Closing Comments

X. TICH members decided to hold the next meeting on June 25th.

XI. Adjourn