



Amarillo CoC (COCTX-611) Board Meeting Minutes
January 21st, 2025 “Snow Day”
Zoom hosted by Meg Shier (WTAMU)
10:00 AM

Original meeting was scheduled January 9th, 2025 at 9am at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens. However, the area received a heavy amount of snow unexpectedly which led to the eventual shut down of all but emergency and necessary services in the city. Due to safety concerns, the board meeting and general membership meeting was cancelled for that day. Board members were agreeable to meeting on January 21st via zoom at 10am.

Meeting was brought to order at 10:12 am by Kraig Stockhill. Quorum was established.

Attendees: Virginia Trice, JaNet Trujilo, James Bellar, Stefanie Rodarte-Suto, Heather Neely, Tex Ellis, Meg DeJong-Shier, Jason Riddlespurger, Juan Maldonado, Michelle Shield, Audra Rea, Steve Smart, Kraig Stockhill

Review of Past Minutes will be completed in February. Minutes drafts were prepared and emailed in preparation for January 9th, however meeting was cancelled due to weather. 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

(This meeting minutes) There will be no general membership minutes for January as meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Routine Agenda Items:

Lead agency report – Stephanie Suto-Rodriguez and Jason Riddlespurger

Jason will be stepping down from representing the lead agency and requested that Stephanie Suto-Rodriguez take over as representative from Community Development. Heather Neely made motion to make Stephanie the representative, seconded by JaNet Trujillo. Motion passed.

The Coming home team is now providing transportation to Code Blue when it is extremely cold in addition to handing out supplies. Jason explained that they are collecting data regarding this new engagement to determine this new initiative should continue. Audra asked how to contact to arrange for transportation to Cold Blue and Jason explained that if someone needs transportation to Code Blue, then to contact them directly and they will notify the transportation team.

Committee Reports

Shelter Committee: Michelle Shield

Most recent meeting was at Cenikor. Focus of meeting was to determine if Cold Weather Activation was functioning well and identify areas for improvement. Justin Ward is working on staffing commitments and is reaching out to get more diverse participation. Next meeting will be at Families in Transition.

Kraig discussed the need and importance to rebuild bridges with Faith City Mission and that he is engaging in conversation with Raymond in this matter. Focus is on the future, and encouraging collaboration rather than dwelling on past conflict. To this end Kraig, Michelle, and Tex will work together to discuss the needs of shelter and create invitation only meeting to reconnect shelters to one another.

PIT Committee: Angela Snow

The lead agency is continuing to prepare for the PIT count which is January 31st, 2025. The Civic Center arrangements have been finalized and Leals will be serving lunch. In addition members of City Church will be helping to serve lunch. Resource fair will be held at the same time along with music.

Angela has sent email related to routes and times to all volunteers. There will be a training for volunteers this Friday at 10am.

New Business

With Julie Cleveland leaving TPC, this has created an open position on the CoC board. The question was raised as regards to whether replacement board member needs to be associated with mental health. Kraig informed board that a representation from mental health is a suggestion, not a requirement set by HUD. As JaNet Trujillo has been attending board meetings and had already submitted application for board, Audrea Rea made motion that JaNet take the open position. Juan M. seconded. Motion passed.

Board Members were encouraged to suggest 2 – 3 names for people interested in serving on the board and/or attending future meetings. Reduce gaps in future if/when board member resigns.

Development of Community feedback committee – James to chair this committee. Goal of this committee is to allow community the ability to provide more feedback to the CoC and hopefully

get more engagement from those currently experiencing homelessness. Future discussion to be had regarding structure and guidelines for committee.

Kraig mentioned that there is potential for funding. Recently Bucee made a donation to the city of Amarillo which is to be allocated for community development. Current interest of executive board is to apply (if there is an application process) for funding for November's symposium.

Suggestion was made to move transit visit for the CoC Board from February to April's Board Meeting. This is due to the fact that there will be an all day event for the CoC Board February 19th with Homebase consulting with the goal to develop strategic planning and an action plan for the CoC.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Meg DeJong-Shier, LMSW