



Amarillo CoC (COCTX-611) Board Meeting Minutes
January 16th, 2026
Via Microsoft Teams hosted by Stefanie Rodarte-Suto
Meeting ID: 241 706 741 587 28
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10:30 AM

The board was called to order by Stefanie Rodarte-Suto at 10:31 am

Attendees: Stefanie Rodarte-Suto, James Bellar, Lacey Epperson, Audra Rea, Michelle Shields, Steve Smart, Virginia Williams Trice, Tex Ellis Jr, Rudy Montano

Also attending: Shaira Joyce – Lead Agency

2025 NOFO Discussion:

Stefanie provided an overview of the 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) timeline to review recent legal challenges affecting funding allocations and highlighted key considerations for the upcoming funding cycle.

NOFO Framework Updates: Stefanie reviewed the current 2025 NOFO framework after legal challenges resolved some funding allocation issues.

Project Renewal Eligibility: All three current projects, HMIS, Coming Home, and Shelter Plus Care, are eligible for renewal based on strong performance metrics, despite Shelter Plus Care underperforming in the past year.

Expenditure Performance: HMIS and Coming Home exceeded expenditure benchmarks, while Shelter Plus Care showed a temporary drop due to referral shortages. The Board discussed the issues experienced by Texas Panhandle Centers (TPC) over the last year in making referrals, such as the lack of available housing for their clients.

Future Preparation: The Community Development Department, as the Collaborative Applicant, will work with local competition applicants to align new projects with HUD's priorities.

Audra made the motion to renew current projects without a local competition, and Michelle seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted in favor and passed the motion in order to reduce risks linked to funding uncertainty for the upcoming 2026 CoC NOFO.

Meeting adjourned 10:54 am.