Amarillo CoC (COCTX-611) Board Meeting Minutes
February 12th, 2026
Panhandle Community Services
1309 SW 8th Ave
Amarillo, TX 79101
9:00 AM

The board was called to order by James Bellar at 9:25 am

Board Members Present: James Bellar, Lacey Epperson, Virginia Williams Trice, Rudy Montano, Juan Maldonado, Steve Smart

Board Members Absent: Tex Ellis Jr, Michelle Shields, Audra Rea

Guests Attending: Shaira Joyce – Collaborative Applicant, Stefanie Rodarte-Suto – Collaborative Applicant

Minutes for the following meetings were reviewed:

- January 8th, 2026 General Membership Meeting
- January 8th, 2026 Board Meeting
- January 16th, 2026 Board Meeting

Stefanie made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections made to the spelling of Lacey's name, changing the date of the last Shelter Committee Meeting to September, and correcting the list of attendees of the January 16th, 2026, Board Meeting. Virginia seconded the motion, and the Board voted to approve minutes for all three meetings. The motion passed to approve the minutes with corrections.

Steve made a motion to begin including Board Members Present, Board Members Absent, and Guests Attending in meeting minutes. Virginia seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by the Board.

Routine Agenda Items:
Committee Reports:

Shelter – Virginia advised that they have not met since September and shared their current discussion on how the committee could recenter and establish priorities. The

Board discussed how best to define the purpose of the Shelter Committee and restart the meetings.

Lived Experience Advocacy Subcommittee (LEAS) – Lacey shared the positive experience of the event LEAS hosted at City Hall on January 20th, 2026. She also shared the CoC definition she found and asked for clarification on the purpose of a CoC. The Board clarified the role of the CoC and the CoC Board based on the HUD definition and on the guidance provided in the Amarillo CoC Governance Charter.

Lacey shared the pain points attendees of LEAS meetings had shared with her regarding the closing of the Guyon Saunders Resource Center (GSRC) and the negative impact to those unsheltered. She shared LEAS was now without a meeting spot with the loss of the GSRC.

James shared that the HUB day shelter would be open soon, but that was not yet a confirmed opening day. The Board requested updates on the opening date of the HUB.

Gap Analysis – No update.

Monitoring, Scoring, Ranking – Stefanie shared that the Board needs to evaluate the City as the Collaborative Applicant (CA). She also shared current updates on the technical assistance received from Homebase. Steve asked whether Homebase could assist in developing a monitoring process for the CA.

PIT – There was positive feedback from volunteers regarding the goodie bags and donations received.

New Business:
CoC NOFO: The intent to renew current CoC projects has been emailed to HUD for the 2025 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), and there are currently no updates. The anticipated date for the 2026 NOFO is June. The current expectation is that the 2026 NOFO will be similar to the NOFO released in November 2025.

The board discussed possible dates, times, and locations for upcoming CoC meetings. Stefanie advised that she would email a poll to current Board members to determine the best time for Board Meetings.

Virginia asked about board applications. It was shared that no recent board applications had been received and that a link for the current board application could be shared again. Stefanie shared that the Collaborative Applicant would email current Board vacancies and role descriptions, along with the link to the board application.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.