Amarillo Continuum of Care (CoC TX-611)

Board of Directors' Special Meeting Agenda

Date of Meeting: March 27th, 2026, at 10:00am
Location: Teams Meeting:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25721939860918?p=KeENNYXn5ht9aOwuM8

Meeting ID: 257 219 398 609 18

Passcode: KG2Va6Ds

Discussion & Non Consent Agenda Items:

- Review CoC Governance changes approved by Board on December 11, 2025
- Discuss any changes to present and vote on during April's CoC Board Meeting

Adjourn

COC GOVERNANCE CHANGES

GOVERNANCE CHANGE APPROVAL

Governance edits were reviewed and approved during the December 11, 2025 Board meeting.

December 11, 2025, meeting attendees:

1. James Bellar
2. Meg DeJong-Shier
3. Lacey Epperson
4. Juan Maldonado
5. Audra Rea
6. Jason Riddlespurger
7. Michelle Shields
8. Steve Smart
9. Virginia Williams Trice

From the Minutes:

- "The board spent time reviewing the proposed revision of the CoCTX 611 policy and procedures. Meg displayed the charter for the board to review and systematically the board went through the document and discussed items proposed for change line by line. Homebase contributed clarification upon request from the board. Upon completion of the review, Steve motioned to accept the policy and procedures as modified which Virgina seconded. Motion passed.

GOVERNANCE: COC GOALS STATEMENT

Goals Added (p. 5)

- Prioritizing treatment and recovery by supporting projects that offer behavioral health care, comprehensive supportive services, and connections to mainstream resources needed for long-term stability.
- Advancing public safety through collaboration with law enforcement and first responders to reduce unsafe encampments and public drug use, connect individuals to services, and protect vulnerable populations.
- Promoting self-sufficiency by partnering with workforce, childcare, and supportive service providers to increase employment, income, and long-term economic independence for those exiting homelessness.
- Promoting, when possible, up to 40 hours of person-centered, customized services delivered on site or in the home, consistent with 24 CFR 578.5.

OTHER GOVERNANCE CHANGES

PREVIOUS VERSION	UPDATE
At least two membership meetings hosted annually.	Added: with the goal of hosting six meetings a year. (pg. 5)
CoC Planning: PIT hosted at least biennially	PIT hosted annually (p. 6)
Lead Agency (City of Amarillo)	Collaborative Applicant (throughout)

GOVERNANCE CHANGES: BOARD

PREVIOUS VERSION

7-15 members

Required Composition:

- At least one person with lived experience of homelessness
- A representative from the CoC Lead Agency
- At least a majority (half plus one) of members are nonconflicted (do not receive CoC or ESG funding)

UPDATE

9-17 members

Required Composition (added):

- At least three elected public officials
- At least one representative of of the business community
- At least two representatives of the law enforcement community.

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COC BOARD COMPOSITION

Governance, pp. 9-10

- The CoC Board will consist of an uneven number of voting members, with a minimum of nine (9) members and a maximum of seventeen (17) members. The CoC will strive to ensure that membership comprises an appropriate array of committed private, public, and nonprofit sector community leaders who reflect the diversity of people experiencing homelessness in Amarillo. Individual Board members may represent multiple sectors or subpopulations.
- In addition, CoC Board composition must include:
  1. At least one person with prior experience of homelessness
  2. A representative from the CoC Collaborative Applicant
  3. At least a majority (half plus one) of members are nonconflicted (do not receive CoC or ESG funding)
- Further, the CoC will endeavor to include the following within the Board membership:
  1. Up to three elected public officials
  2. One representative of of the business community
  3. Up to two representatives of the law enforcement community.

GOVERNANCE CHANGES: BOARD

The Use of Proxies (pg. 10)

- Leadership Board members may appoint one alternate who is able to vote by proxy and must submit a designation form identifying the individual and agreement in advance of any proxy vote. The designation form must be presented to the executive committee either in advance of a scheduled board meeting or at the scheduled board meeting.

Board Voting (pg. 12)

- When a vote on issues is necessary outside of scheduled meetings, the secretary will convey via email the substance of the item requiring a vote to the board. This will be followed up with a phone call along with a text message to each board member to encourage participation in the remote vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of all Board members shall decide any issues brought before the Board via email.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Committee Added (pg. 14)

Lived Experience Advisory Committee: Otherwise known as the LEAS committee, this committee is responsible for ensuring that there is continuous communication between the CoC Board and those currently experiencing homelessness in Amarillo or those with lived experience.