



Amarillo Continuum of Care (CoC TX-611)

Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda

Date of Meeting: May 22nd, 2026, at 10:30am

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

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1. Call to Order

2. Non Consent Agenda

- a. Nominating Committee Recommendations, 2026 Board applicants,
 - Review & Consideration of Board applicants

3. Adjournment

Shane Jones

Timestamp: 2026-02-21 21:14:22

Name (First and Last): Shane Jones

Email Address: Jonescustoms1@gmail.com

Phone Number: 214 491 2413

What organization do you represent, if any?: JONES CUSTOMS LLC

CoC Representative Area (Select all that apply): Business Owner/Community

If you answered yes to the previous question, please share your role within the program(s): —

Please describe your current participation in the Amarillo CoC.: I have been to a meeting

Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors. Specifically share any board-related leadership experience.: Na

If you are elected to serve on the board, please describe your commitment, availability, and ability to contribute to the goals of the Amarillo CoC.: Very committed, always available and can contribute alot.

Please share anything else you would like the CoC Board to consider or know about you.: I lead with my heart. I ask for nothing in return. God will put me where i am needed.

Eligibility Attestation

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1. Reside or work within the CoC's geographic service area; and
2. Be a member in good standing of the Amarillo CoC General Membership.

Please indicate your eligibility for Board membership based on the above requirements.:

Yes — I meet the minimum eligibility requirements listed above.

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6. Disclose potential conflicts of interest, sign a Conflict of Interest statement annually, and recuse from discussion and voting on any matter where a conflict exists.

Please indicate your commitment to the Board responsibilities listed above.: Yes — I attest that I understand and will commit to the responsibilities listed above.

Follow Up Questions: Responses in green provided on 5/21

- How many other Boards do you serve on? What time can you dedicate to growing the CoC's capacity (policy and procedure development, subcommittee service, etc.) **Currently 2: VP SW Ambucs; Treasurer BTG; Potentially has time to assist with subcommittees**

He noted the work he is doing with BTG to create resource referral and maintaining records of user access/services provided. His description resembled the function of HMIS/Coordinated Entry:

AI specialists working to create an app/database. Currently building an intake form that each agency would have. They enter all information for a person accessing services; client agrees to allow sharing of information; resource referral follows;

connected to 2-1-1, APD, etc. Every nonprofit will be invited; on the backend- only the Nonprofits can see this information. Each agency would enter notes (described to resemble Case Management notes). Once a client is entered, I will see what information other agencies have entered for the same person. HIPPA will be protected (e.g. for medical services, it will only identify that client has engaged with the medical center)

- Why are you interested in serving on the CoC Board? He mentioned thinks the CoC is at a certain level with the state and gov't, and they need to see a fuller picture. There need to be other avenues and paths looked at; newer facilities for homelessness- we're not solving the problem, but we're only building warehouses for the homeless. "My efforts, what I have in my brain, are a cure to homelessness and I want everyone to see it."

The SO (sex offender) problem is massive; they cannot access resources- I would say 70% are SO and they don't have options. It would help if we had a facility built outside of town so they could work and live. SO problem needs to be addressed. If we had a Transformation Park right outside of town where they can work and have a productive life, it could be a game changer. The money that's used for that could be diverted to help those who need MH and addiction support (unclear what he meant by this last statement).

- Where do you see gaps in our current homeless response system and what are your recommendations to address these gaps? Jobs & businesses and people to work these guys; don't think we need to build more shelters; they should work and get back to living life

Don't like so much free stuff going out- increased entitlement- once we build our comm system, they can access and use it and then help them

- How do you balance compassion and accountability when advocating for improved homeless response services? Communication to share exactly how the system works and eligibility for services; it's about knowledge; it's not returning to the services over and over again; hoarding resources- comes back to point that agencies need to communicate between each other better and know when someone has already received services. We need to hold ourselves accountable for just handing stuff out and not waste resources; "I'm very compassionate, but, I don't want to say no nonsense... have to treat each individual 100% on a case-by-case basis."

Need to do outreach to prevent homelessness and provide a safety net.

If we can follow through with holding folks and resources accountable (e.g. people access a resource and then move forward/ not a revolving door) we should be able to reduce homelessness to MH and addiction-related needs only.

- Board service requires regular attendance, preparation, and committee participation. Are you able to commit to those expectations? (Board and General meet 2nd Wednesday of the month) Yes. He asked how many meetings he's required to attend and whether he could send a proxy. I provided him information regarding required Board attendance- 8 meetings a year.

- Board members are expected to represent the interests of the broader CoC, not solely their own agency. What does that responsibility mean to you? Our agency- jobs and out of homelessness and get them back to life as a productive citizen

Exception: Drugs, MH, other aspects go along with homelessness, would have to find people in those service areas and let them guide the way in those areas.

- Share how you would navigate engaging people and groups with differing opinions and priorities concerning homelessness as a Board representative. Everyone sees things differently, find a way to collaborate and find out what path is best; we have to have proof and facts about what's going on, what's working and not working; must work off facts.
- Are there any potential conflicts of interest that the Board should know about when considering your application?

Shanna James still on the Board; Working to find a place for James Bellar to work out of; Originally he didn't see eye-to-eye with Lacee, but they have been able to communicate following initial tensions.

Additional information: Working on a Bill- many homeless are W-2 employees, plan to go with City Council to Texas Workforce Commission, when a guy walks into BTG, they'll be issued an ID, he will have his own classification (the ID) that will pre-empt a W-2 status for a period of 2 years; He intends to approach the IRS with this option; IRS taxes from individual earnings will be immediately routed to the IRS; offering this option will benefit the business owner because there will be a kickback will make businesses want to hire them

Robert Burton

Timestamp: 2026-02-25 10:05:27

Name (First and Last): Robert Burton

Email Address: rburton@faithcity.org

Phone Number: 806-231-1539

What organization do you represent, if any?: Faith city mission

CoC Representative Area (Select all that apply): Homeless Service Provider, Shelter Organization

If you answered yes to the previous question, please share your role within the program(s): —

Please describe your current participation in the Amarillo CoC.: It has been limited but we are reconnecting

Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors. Specifically share any board-related leadership experience.: I have served on three church boards.

If you are elected to serve on the board, please describe your commitment, availability, and ability to contribute to the goals of the Amarillo CoC.: Commitment shouldn't be an issue

Please share anything else you would like the CoC Board to consider or know about you.: I have a desire to unite with those serving the same people we care for at FCM

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Please indicate your eligibility for Board membership based on the above requirements.: Yes — I meet the minimum eligibility requirements listed above.

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Please indicate your commitment to the Board responsibilities listed above.: Yes — I attest that I understand and will commit to the responsibilities listed above.

Follow Up Questions: Responses in green provided on 5/21

- How many other Boards do you serve on? What time can you dedicate to growing the CoC's capacity (policy and procedure development, subcommittee service, etc.) **No other boards but is a pastor at a church. Agrees to commit to anything that helps grow the CoC**
- Why are you interested in serving on the CoC Board? **Wants to be more established and linked to the community. Reconnect with folks like the folks at Faith City**

- Where do you see gaps in our current homeless response system and what are your recommendations to address these gaps? **We have a gap in mental health care. Need to build relationships with providers in and out of the area.**
- How do you balance compassion and accountability when advocating for improved homeless response services? **Accountability without love is not accountability. I must know you love me to be accountable. Have empathy (good) but address bad behavior with compassion. Meet people where they are at.**
- Board service requires regular attendance, preparation, and committee participation. Are you able to commit to those expectations? (Board and General meet 2nd Wednesday of the month) **Only potential conflict is that I pastor at a church Wednesday evenings.**
- Board members are expected to represent the interests of the broader CoC, not solely their own agency. What does that responsibility mean to you? **Being a voice for everyone. Doesn't mean you agree but must be a role in the developmental interest. Must be able to speak on the behalf of the other even if I disagree. Be a voice.**
- Share how you would navigate engaging people and groups with differing opinions and priorities concerning homelessness as a Board representative. **Agree to disagree but find a common area of interest. Meet in the middle just like I do at Faith City.**
- Are there any potential conflicts of interest that the Board should know about when considering your application? **None that I know of.**

Blake Nicklaus

Timestamp: 2026-02-25 15:37:45

Name (First and Last): Blake Nicklaus

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What organization do you represent, if any?: Bridging The Gaps

CoC Representative Area (Select all that apply): Homeless Service Provider, Community Resource Provider, Business Owner/Community

If you answered yes to the previous question, please share your role within the program(s): —

Please describe your current participation in the Amarillo CoC.: I am involved in a nonprofit collaboration between Bridging the Gaps and nonprofits that are directly involved with the coc. So direct connection not yet but I am already involved in nonprofit collaboration.

Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors. Specifically share any board-related leadership experience.: I am currently on the board for Bridging the Gaps. I have helped form bylaws and structure for a new nonprofit. I am also the secretary so I record minutes for the board meetings as well as reporting our documents.

If you are elected to serve on the board, please describe your commitment, availability, and ability to contribute to the goals of the Amarillo CoC.: I am very committed and available. I aim to help bring all of the nonprofits in our area together to share resources.

Please share anything else you would like the CoC Board to consider or know about you.: I am a very driven person and will put everything I can into whatever I do. I am 26 years old and I own a landscaping business as well as being very active in day to day operations of Bridging the Gaps. Thank you for your consideration.

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Follow Up Questions: Called on 5/21, He needed to check on his availability

- How many other Boards do you serve on? What time can you dedicate to growing the CoC's capacity (policy and procedure development, subcommittee service, etc.)

- Why are you interested in serving on the CoC Board?
- Where do you see gaps in our current homeless response system and what are your recommendations to address these gaps?
- How do you balance compassion and accountability when advocating for improved homeless response services?
- Board service requires regular attendance, preparation, and committee participation. Are you able to commit to those expectations? (Board and General meet 2nd Wednesday of the month) Really hesitant that he can commit.
- Board members are expected to represent the interests of the broader CoC, not solely their own agency. What does that responsibility mean to you?
- Share how you would navigate engaging people and groups with differing opinions and priorities concerning homelessness as a Board representative.
- Are there any potential conflicts of interest that the Board should know about when considering your application?

Shane Tyree

Timestamp: 2026-03-17 10:46:10

Name (First and Last): Shane Tyree

Email Address: tyree_shane@yahoo.com

Phone Number: 806-290-3537

What organization do you represent, if any?: Peer support, Lived experience

CoC Representative Area (Select all that apply): CoC Collaborative Applicant

If you answered yes to the previous question, please share your role within the program(s): —

Please describe your current participation in the Amarillo CoC.: I am in the LEAS group

Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors. Specifically share any board-related leadership experience.: Through previous employment with Coca Cola and previous service with The Boy Scouts of America

If you are elected to serve on the board, please describe your commitment, availability, and ability to contribute to the goals of the Amarillo CoC.: To serve the homeless community to find ways to end homelessness

Please share anything else you would like the CoC Board to consider or know about you.: I serve as a volunteer through the HUB and Transformation Park and I serve as a group leader for NAMI Panhandle and at the state level

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Follow Up Questions: Called on 5/21, Responses in green below

- How many other Boards do you serve on? What time can you dedicate to growing the CoC's capacity (policy and procedure development, subcommittee service, etc.) **With the LEAS committee, voting member, but not secretary or leadership; serve with NAMI; Willing to assist as needed**
- Why are you interested in serving on the CoC Board? **I've been homeless and I would love to give back to the community that supported me. Due to unforeseen circumstances, I was removed from my home, and I ended up on the streets for ~3.5 month, was able to connect to resources. Now that I'm not in that situation, I'm**

- Where do you see gaps in our current homeless response system and what are your recommendations to address these gaps? I do see gaps, but on this side, I'm not sure I have an answer to fix a problem. I'm only seeing it from the outside, but maybe from the inside, I'd be more prepared to answer that question. One issue is transportation. Really thought the bus grant was helpful. Volunteer at TP; folks could strap the bikes to the bus and then ride home.
- How do you balance compassion and accountability when advocating for improved homeless response services? I have to follow 'observe not absorb'; lead a horse but cannot make them drink; this rings true with our homeless friends; we can show resources, but they have to be willing to take it. Time with NAMI- what I see is a lot of folks with MH that are self-medicating and not being treated; I'm not going to condemn them.
- Board service requires regular attendance, preparation, and committee participation. Are you able to commit to those expectations? (Board and General meet 2nd Wednesday of the month) Yes.
- Board members are expected to represent the interests of the broader CoC, not solely their own agency. What does that responsibility mean to you? Probably much like it is for my service with NAMI. I don't speak for any Board. I only speak for myself when I'm in the community; I need to be a driving factor in cohesion; Do our diligence; Showing up, being present fully, and being sure what needs to be accomplished gets done.
- Share how you would navigate engaging people and groups with differing opinions and priorities concerning homelessness as a Board representative. We have the resources for many things, and we need to help people access them; work to combat stereotypes; got to get rid of the stigma; bring people back to giving spirit that they wanted to help; Boy Scouts- just had to show people the benefit and people would show up. Lacey and Virginia are already out there doing this stuff. If we had people out there doing this and talking to people, then once people see it, they'll feel better about what they're doing.

I spent most of my work career in management, and I was able to corral people of all backgrounds; I am a catalyst for getting people together.

- Are there any potential conflicts of interest that the Board should know about when considering your application? No. I really don't.
- Anything else you want to share: Everyone seems like they're committed and I would like to be a part of that. Let's see if we can't reduce homelessness in a really significant way.

Dianne Samaniego (Ridgway)

Timestamp: 2026-03-23 09:54:01

Name (First and Last): Dianne Samaniego (Ridgway)

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What organization do you represent, if any?: Amarillo Children's Home

CoC Representative Area (Select all that apply): Homeless Service Provider, Youth Service Provider, Agencies serving Survivors of Human Trafficking, Faith-Based Organization

If you answered yes to the previous question, please share your role within the program(s): —

Please describe your current participation in the Amarillo CoC.: Attend meetings

Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors. Specifically share any board-related leadership experience.: Co-Chair/Member CRCG

If you are elected to serve on the board, please describe your commitment, availability, and ability to contribute to the goals of the Amarillo CoC.: I will attend and participate.

Please share anything else you would like the CoC Board to consider or know about you.: I have worked with youth in transition, primarily from foster care, for approximately 20 years.

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Follow Up Questions: Called on 5/21, Responses in green below

- How many other Boards do you serve on? What time can you dedicate to growing the CoC's capacity (policy and procedure development, subcommittee service, etc.)
No other boards. Estimates 5 hours per month availability.
- Why are you interested in serving on the CoC Board?
Stefanie asked if she would consider serving as a board member and decided to apply.
- Where do you see gaps in our current homeless response system and what are your recommendations to address these gaps?
A gap exists in assistance for 18-25 year olds. Perhaps either a new shelter for them or existing shelter to make a space for them.

- How do you balance compassion and accountability when advocating for improved homeless response services?

She has learned how to balance compassion and accountability through years of working with Amarillo Children's Home

- Board service requires regular attendance, preparation, and committee participation. Are you able to commit to those expectations? (Board and General meet 2nd Wednesday of the month)

Yes

- Board members are expected to represent the interests of the broader CoC, not solely their own agency. What does that responsibility mean to you?

She understands the broader purpose and is wants to support the broader interests of CoC

- Share how you would navigate engaging people and groups with differing opinions and priorities concerning homelessness as a Board representative.

She serves with curiosity. She seeks to gather information rather than give a lot of information.

- Are there any potential conflicts of interest that the Board should know about when considering your application?

Not aware of any conflicts.

Dianne is very interested in serving the CoC and Amarillo homeless community.

Janell Evans

Timestamp: 2026-03-24 22:46:49

Name (First and Last): Janell Evans

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Phone Number: 806-910-6880

What organization do you represent, if any?: 2-1-1 Texas Panhandle United Way Helpline

CoC Representative Area (Select all that apply): Community Resource Provider

If you answered yes to the previous question, please share your role within the program(s): —

Please describe your current participation in the Amarillo CoC.: I have maintained contact and collaborated with current participants as well as watched the CoC's involvement from afar. I participate as a volunteer at PIT Count each time it is conducted.

Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors. Specifically share any board-related leadership experience.: I currently serve at the Chairperson of the Texas Panhandle VOAD and as the Education and Membership Chair on the Inform USA Board. I am also a member of the State Advisory Committee for Inform USA.

If you are elected to serve on the board, please describe your commitment, availability, and ability to contribute to the goals of the Amarillo CoC.: I am invested in what happens with all members of our community and will make my availability a priority with the CoC.

Please share anything else you would like the CoC Board to consider or know about you.: —

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Follow Up Questions: Called on 5/21, Responses in green below

- How many other Boards do you serve on? What time can you dedicate to growing the CoC's capacity (policy and procedure development, subcommittee service, etc.)
2 other boards. Minimum 3-5 hours per week
- Why are you interested in serving on the CoC Board?
Works for 211 and receives calls from people needing assistance and wants to be able to help more

- Where do you see gaps in our current homeless response system and what are your recommendations to address these gaps?

Addiction and little transitional resources. Also educating the community about the need.

- How do you balance compassion and accountability when advocating for improved homeless response services?

Understands the importance of maintaining boundaries but with compassion.

- Board service requires regular attendance, preparation, and committee participation. Are you able to commit to those expectations? (Board and General meet 2nd Wednesday of the month)

Yes

- Board members are expected to represent the interests of the broader CoC, not solely their own agency. What does that responsibility mean to you?

Everyone needs to work together. Collaboration is the key to reaching broader goals

- Share how you would navigate engaging people and groups with differing opinions and priorities concerning homelessness as a Board representative.

She does it every day. Being respectful of others regardless of their opinion is important

- Are there any potential conflicts of interest that the Board should know about when considering your application?

No

Very engaged and seems to be eager to serve and help the homeless in Amarillo.

Anna Maria Barraza

Timestamp: 2026-03-27 10:09:03

Name (First and Last): Anna Maria Barraza

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Phone Number: 806-290-4328

What organization do you represent, if any?: —

CoC Representative Area (Select all that apply): Business Owner/Community, Community Experienced Homeless/Mental Illness

If you answered yes to the previous question, please share your role within the program(s): Observer of COC

Please describe your current participation in the Amarillo CoC.: Occasional Attendee

Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors. Specifically share any board-related leadership experience.: Special Olympics BOD in Nueces County, Promotions Assistant 1988-90; El Campito BOD, South Bend, IN - Parent Representative

If you are elected to serve on the board, please describe your commitment, availability, and ability to contribute to the goals of the Amarillo CoC.: I early retired in efforts to travel/community services as I am generally of good health. I am contractually self-employed as a professional, earned a MS in Communication Disorders as a Speech/Language Pathologist. I have years and years of experience servicing individuals with communication disorders as well as providing exceptional customer service to a diverse of demographics including but not limited to socio-economic status, race, age etc. I've self learned the art of communicating intentionally/effectively/efficiently with numerous communication styles. I have effective communication abilities to move forward with my values/goals in advocating for the mentally ill/homeless community because I believe ALL individuals need love, empathy and understanding to promote quality of life. With my experience in meeting my life goals and to help others in professional/personal areas in life, my effective communication skills promote completion of goals therefore evidencing success with vision(s) of a better world for others. With the sole support of My Almighty Father. I survived several intense Dark Night's of the Soul. Commitment, driven with practicing Teamwork, Collaboration, Networking, and Effective Communication Skills are keys REQUIRED to accomplish an intentional vision of providing the less fortunate an opportunity to say "Yes" in attempts to improve their quality of life.....)

Please share anything else you would like the CoC Board to consider or know about you.: Something about me I wish to share is as follows: If someone says, "black", I say "white." If someone stays "In the box," I say, "Let's trouble shoot "Out of the box!!" If I have a vision that will increase the quality of life for the less fortunate in our world, I believe with the same goals (Vision) and objectives (baby steps) in the same team and everyone commits to their responsibilities, we as a Super Power Team can do..."ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS?" In return, I give him ALL Honor, Glory & Praise!!! Muchas gracias amigos!!

ADDENDUM: I'm in process of writing a book, possible turns out to be a novel. What will be will be!! It represents a picture of my journey with mental illness/homelessness here in Amarillo.

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Please indicate your eligibility for Board membership based on the above requirements.: Yes — I meet the minimum eligibility requirements listed above.

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the CoC.

6. Disclose potential conflicts of interest, sign a Conflict of Interest statement annually, and recuse from discussion and voting on any matter where a conflict exists.

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Follow Up Questions: Called 5/21, left message requesting a return call

- How many other Boards do you serve on? What time can you dedicate to growing the CoC's capacity (policy and procedure development, subcommittee service, etc.) Currently only with Agape Board; they helped me when I was in a bad place. I'm retired and my time is flexible.
- Why are you interested in serving on the CoC Board? I've walked the walk and navigated as a homeless person for 3 months. I'm passionate about advocating for least of these and an advocate for people with disabilities.
- Where do you see gaps in our current homeless response system and what are your recommendations to address these gaps? We need to have a team who are experienced in organizing a system to understand where the services are and how to access services. We need a center that people can go to so the needs of the individuals can be documented and those at the center would know where to send those seeking services.

No reason for us to have anyone homeless. CoC is the key to solving that. Resolving homelessness will build a stronger community and we'll be a model for other cities.

- How do you balance compassion and accountability when advocating for improved homeless response services? If we have a structured system that all the resource networks together is part of that accountability. I was born with compassion.
- Board service requires regular attendance, preparation, and committee participation. Are you able to commit to those expectations? (Board and General meet 2nd Wednesday of the month) Yes.
- Board members are expected to represent the interests of the broader CoC, not solely their own agency. What does that responsibility mean to you? Crucial. That's why we need a center and all resources abide by that center's law. CoC gets together with Transformation Park and come up with a plan. If you provide services, you have to be part of the Center, part of Transformation Park, and part of the CoC. You have to know what your peers are doing and we need to know what you're doing.
- Share how you would navigate engaging people and groups with differing opinions and priorities concerning homelessness as a Board representative. I appreciate that people can think for themselves. We're a melting pot of brains and thinkers. I consider myself a communication expert. I know how to talk to difficult people. They often get the message and we develop a connection. I am always learning from other people.
- Are there any potential conflicts of interest that the Board should know about when considering your application? No.

Kathy Olson

Timestamp: 5/7/2026 11:21:01

Name (First and Last): Kathy Olson

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What organization do you represent, if any?: Four Winds Empowerment Inc.

CoC Representative Area (Select all that apply): Homeless Service Provider, Street Outreach, Community Resource Provider

Please describe your current participation in the Amarillo CoC.: Member (registered 5/7/26)

Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors. Specifically share any board-related leadership experience.: I am Board President for Four Winds Empowerment, Inc. and educating our Board how to be members.

If you are elected to serve on the board, please describe your commitment, availability, and ability to contribute to the goals of the Amarillo CoC.: I am fully committed to Amarillo CoC mission and goals. My availability to attend meetings should not be a problem.

Please share anything else you would like the CoC Board to consider or know about you.: None

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Follow Up Questions: Called on 5/21, Responses in green below

- How many other Boards do you serve on? What time can you dedicate to growing the CoC's capacity (policy and procedure development, subcommittee service, etc.) **Four Winds Empowerment; Yes- would be very dedicated to that.**
- Why are you interested in serving on the CoC Board? **I've had experience before. Not on the board but being a member; I see a lot of things the CoC board could be evolving to, collaborations with other nonprofits; being more in-tune with those struggling with homeless; also homeless prevention is important.**

- Where do you see gaps in our current homeless response system and what are your recommendations to address these gaps? Before Street Center opens, there is a hygiene dessert right now; my NP centers on employment and work skills and job readiness; lack of showers and clothing and laundry services for job readiness is a real gap right now, and my organization is focused on this gap.
- How do you balance compassion and accountability when advocating for improved homeless response services? Seeking to understand and listen- this is what Four Winds is all about- listening with intention; others need to do this too, with compassion, that when you are with folks, you create a safe space.
- Board service requires regular attendance, preparation, and committee participation. Are you able to commit to those expectations? (Board and General meet 2nd Wednesday of the month) Yes. I would make time and do it.
- Board members are expected to represent the interests of the broader CoC, not solely their own agency. What does that responsibility mean to you? Larger scale, that's awesome- HUD mandates are expected to support the overall CoC not just the interests of your own agency/area.
- Share how you would navigate engaging people and groups with differing opinions and priorities concerning homelessness as a Board representative. Agree to disagree and hear each other out- hear from everyone- come to a solution- Big Picture- community and community within the community (those experiencing homelessness- **and compromise to advance a solution.**
- Are there any potential conflicts of interest that the Board should know about when considering your application? No.
- ` Anything else you'd like to share: I think it's an exciting opportunity.

Abby Reed

Timestamp: 5/14/2026 19:15:08

Name (First and Last): Abby Reed

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Phone Number: 405-306-4160

What organization do you represent, if any?: No specific organization

CoC Representative Area (Select all that apply): Street Outreach, Community Resource Provider, Healthcare Provider

Please describe your current participation in the Amarillo CoC.: Have held membership over a couple of years and attended several meetings (*general membership app completed 5/14/26*)

Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors. Specifically share any board-related leadership experience.: Board member Homeless Heroes

If you are elected to serve on the board, please describe your commitment, availability, and ability to contribute to the goals of the Amarillo CoC.: I have served the homeless for over 23 years, in Oklahoma and Texas, and am deeply committed to this population. I am committed to finding improved access to appropriate services. I will arrange my calendar to be available for CoC meetings.

Please share anything else you would like the CoC Board to consider or know about you.: As stated above, I have served the homeless for over 23 years. In OKC I was the RN Clinic Manager at City Rescue Mission. As a nurse, I serve in street outreach to those with outstanding medical needs and connect them to appropriate services. I am committed to serving the homeless and underserved people in our community.

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Follow Up Questions: Called 5/21, responses are below in Green

- How many other Boards do you serve on? What time can you dedicate to growing the CoC's capacity (policy and procedure development, subcommittee service, etc.) **Recently stepped down; 2 years with Homeless Heroes; Subcommittee- yes; feel like I have a great amount of experience working with the homelessness; inner workings of the CoC, rules and regulations, there will be a learning curve.**

- Why are you interested in serving on the CoC Board? Committed to the problems of the homeless in our community and ready to train to be part of the solution. Have worked with the homeless for about 23 years. Originally from Ama and been back for 15 years. Experience in OKC and learned a lot there. I feel like I definitely have seen where and how good the homeless service coordination because of the Homeless Alliance there, and that exposure has given her a dream of what can happen when we all work together. I feel like it's been the past 3 years- with Covid- lots of services had to pull back- and that's when I became more boots on ground. As my confidence level has grown, but I feel I'm much more acclimated and want to see everyone come together and do better to serve.
- Where do you see gaps in our current homeless response system and what are your recommendations to address these gaps? One gap- there is a lack of understanding by the rest of the community of the homeless. The community as large and our gov't officials there is a lack of understanding of what leads to homelessness and keeps people homeless. Education is important to help groups/the community/officials understand. Result: have people at hospitals who will now call her to assist with discharging clients in a better way. Case Managers in the hospital don't understand.

Also help community and individuals understand what resources are out there.

- How do you balance compassion and accountability when advocating for improved homeless response services? Compassion fatigue; some I've worked with who may be also struggling with addictions, I'm struggling with these individuals who have needs but they aren't being proactive- am I helping or am I enabling?

Sometimes I need to collaborate with others to discuss some of those she is struggling to assist- enabling or helping? Not everyone I serve has the same goals as I do for them.

I recognize that I focus more on physical needs, but there are so many components to homeless services- not just doing individual outreaches, but wants to contribute more as a team member. Healthcare is a piece but not the total picture. Lacey Epperson is my partner in crime.

Engaged Robert Burton at Faith City to connect and understand what they do and let FC know what she does so she can offer services to help other agencies.

Currently, agencies work together poorly. Disservice to both our clients and ourselves.

- Board service requires regular attendance, preparation, and committee participation. Are you able to commit to those expectations? (Board and General meet 2nd Wednesday of the month) Not a problem. Didn't realize the regular meetings had changed, so we need to do a better job of advertising. I can request my schedule, so I'll make that a routine time on the schedule.

- Board members are expected to represent the interests of the broader CoC, not solely their own agency. What does that responsibility mean to you? *It's not my own platform anymore. As a Board member, I'm seen as representing that agency/Board, so I would have to be a little more careful about what I choose to say. Avoid political statement. Be more respectful of the organization's expectations. It's an extra responsibility, and I'm a little more cautious. I feel responsibility to be honest, have integrity, and discuss professionally within the meetings, discussed internally.*
- Share how you would navigate engaging people and groups with differing opinions and priorities concerning homelessness as a Board representative. *Education is key. Responsibility- as my experience has grown, I need to help bring others that information and understanding.*

Listening first, communicating next. Bring data to back up to the community to see what the potential impact could be.

Must always compromise

- Are there any potential conflicts of interest that the Board should know about when considering your application? *No.*

Other things? Healthcare is still missing a subset of the population. Missing advocate to help them access and engage services. This is part of my service and carries over into my interest in being involved in the CoC.