



Amarillo CoC (COCTX-611) General Membership Meeting

July 8, 2026

10:00 AM

Hillside Christian Church – North Campus
3508 NE 24th Ave
Amarillo, TX 79107

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by James Bellar at approximately **10:10am**.

Welcome and Introductions:

- Attendees were welcomed and introductions were made around the room.

Routine Agenda Items:

- *Committee Reports*
 - Shelter Report:
 - No shelter committee meeting to report.
 - Lived Experience Advocacy Subcommittee (LEAS) Report:
 - Lacey Korn reported that the recent event honoring individuals who had passed away was well attended, with approximately 100 people in attendance.
 - She also announced that the next LEAS meeting is scheduled for **July 21, 2026**.
 - 2026 Annual Membership Renewal QR Code:
 - James Bellar encouraged members to complete their 2026 membership renewals and reminded attendees that a QR code was available to facilitate the renewal process.
 - Agency Spotlight: Coming Home
 - Justin Ward presented an overview of Coming Home, describing it as the City's primary homeless response program. He discussed the program's relationship-based engagement model, the populations it serves, the PREP system, and the partnerships that support its work.
 - Following the presentation, members discussed challenges related to marketing the program effectively to community organizations and to

individuals experiencing homelessness who may benefit from its services.

New Business and Discussion Agenda Items

- Ballots were distributed to eligible General Membership voting members for the election of Board member nominees, Dianne Ridgeway of Amarillo Children's Home, and Janell Evans of 2-1-1. Each candidate received the required simple majority of votes cast for appointment to the CoC Board. Their appointments are confirmed.
- *Collaborative Applicant Update: 2026 CoC Competition Update*
 - Shaira Joyce provided an update on the 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). She reviewed key details of the competition and noted that this year's funding priorities place a particular emphasis on Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects.

Old Business or Agenda Items Needing Discussion:

- *Announcements:*
 - The next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 9th**, at **10:00 AM** at North Grand Hillside Church.
 - Lunch will be served following the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by James Bellar at **10:50 AM**.