Amarillo Continuum of Care
(CoC TX-611)
Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda

Date of Meeting: August 12, 2026, at 9:00 am
Location: Hillside Church North Grand Campus, 3508 NE 24th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79107

1. **Call to Order**

   Chair Announcement:

   Before we begin, I'd like to welcome everyone in attendance.

   Board members will conduct the business of today's meeting. Invited guests and support staff may be recognized by the Chair to provide information or participate in discussion as needed. Members of the public and other observers are welcome to attend but are present as observers only and may not participate in discussion or disrupt the proceedings.

   We also ask that everyone in attendance conduct themselves with professionalism, courtesy, and kindness to help maintain a respectful and productive meeting environment. Individuals who disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting will be asked to leave.

   Thank you. We will now move to the next agenda item.

2. **Introductions**

3. **Consent Agenda**
   a. Consider approval of minutes (July 8th Board Meeting; July 8th General Membership)

   b. Written Committee Reports:
      - Shelter Committee- No report submitted
      - Lived Experience Advisory Committee by Lacey Epperson
      - Scoring and Ranking Committee by Janell Evans

   c. Collaborative Applicant Written Report

   Board Chair: Request a motion to approve the consent agenda

4. **Discussion Items**
   a. Shelter Committee Discussion (Executive Committee)

b. CoC NOFO: Local Applications and Collaborative Application Update (Shaira Joyce)

5. **Non Consent Agenda**
   a. CoC proposed statements for Collaborative Application (Shaira Joyce)

      - Safe Consumption Statement

      Board Chair: Request a motion to approve

      - Nondiscrimination Statement

      Board Chair: Request a motion to approve

6. **Adjournment**

Lived Experience Advocacy Subcommittee Report 8/5/26

Report prepared by: Lacey Epperson subcommittee chair

1) **Summary of activities:** We met on July 7th and 21st, and August 4th.
2) **Attendance:** We had representatives from Another Chance House come and present.
3) **Key Updates/Highlights:** We successfully networked and held a community BBQ on July 22nd. Through networking and private donations we rented a space at Thompson Park and held a cookout. We had about 80 people attend. We are continuing to maintain positive relationships with service providers and getting them to come and present at the LEAS meetings.
4) **Board Discussion Items:** Decriminalization of unhoused individuals with class C misdemeanors.
5) **Challenges/Gaps:** Long term medical needs. Bus passes.
6) **Next Steps:** Continue to invite people to the meetings.
7) **Lived Experience Meetings:**
August 18th and September 1st 10:00 AM @ The Hub

Amarillo Continuum of Care

Scoring and Ranking Committee Report

FY2026 Continuum of Care Program Competition

Committee Meeting Information

The Amarillo Continuum of Care Scoring and Ranking Committee convened on Thursday, July 30, 2026, at the Amarillo Community Development Offices to review and evaluate project applications submitted for the FY2026 Continuum of Care Program Competition.

Committee Members Present

- Dianne Ridgway
- Lacey Epperson
- Janell Evans

Collaborative Agency Staff Present (Monitoring)

- Stefanie Rodarte-Suto
- Shaira Joyce

Prior to the review process, all committee members and monitoring staff were provided an opportunity to disclose any actual or perceived conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were identified or recorded by any individual present.

Application Review Process

The committee reviewed all applications received for the FY2026 Continuum of Care Program Competition in accordance with the Amarillo Continuum of Care's adopted scoring and ranking procedures.

A total of five (5) new project applications were received and reviewed, consisting of:

- One (1) application supporting eligibility for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Project funding.
- Four (4) CoC Bonus/Reallocation project applications for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry.

Each committee member independently reviewed the complete application packets prior to the committee's discussion. Application materials included, but were not limited to:

- Financial review documentation;

- HMIS performance and data quality information, as applicable;
- Project narratives;
- Supporting program documentation; and
- Other materials submitted by each applicant in accordance with the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) requirements.

Following the individual review process, the committee convened to discuss each application collectively. Committee members evaluated project performance, application completeness, program quality, and alignment with HUD priorities before reaching consensus on the final project rankings to be recommended for funding.

Committee Actions

Upon completion of the scoring and ranking process, the committee finalized its recommended project priority order for submission through the Amarillo Continuum of Care competition.

Following the committee's recommendations, the Collaborative Applicant contacted each participating agency to communicate the committee's preliminary feedback and recommendations. Agencies were provided the opportunity to strengthen their applications by addressing identified areas for clarification or enhancement prior to the submission of the final application package to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Tiered Rankings are attached.

Conclusion

The Scoring and Ranking Committee appreciates the efforts of all participating agencies in preparing and submitting project applications. The committee is confident that the review process was conducted in a fair, objective, and transparent manner consistent with the Amarillo Continuum of Care's established policies and HUD competition requirements.

The committee respectfully submits its recommendations to the Amarillo Continuum of Care Board for inclusion in the FY2026 Continuum of Care Program Competition submission to HUD.

2026 COC PROJECT PRIORITY LISTING

RANKING	TIER	PROJECT NAME & TYPE	APPLICANT NAME	BUDGET
1	TIER 1	FY2026 HMIS	CITY OF AMARILLO (HMIS LEAD)	$183,408
2	TIER 1	FY2026 HMIS EXPANSION	CITY OF AMARILLO (HMIS LEAD)	$88,989
3	TIER 2	TRANSITIONAL HOUSING 2026	ANOTHER CHANCE HOUSE	$200,000
4	TIER 2	SAFE STEPS: TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (DV BONUS)	FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES & CITY OF AMARILLO	$137,280
5	TIER 2	COMING HOME: GATEWAY (SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY-COORDINATED ENTRY, SSO-CE)	CITY OF AMARILLO	$330,273
6	TIER 2	MARTHA'S HOME TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	MARTHA'S HOME	$93,000

CoC Collaborative Applicant Report

Report Prepared By: Stefanie Rodarte-Suto & Shaira Joyce, Collaborative Applicant Representatives

Meeting Date: August 12, 2026

1. **Summary of Activities**

   Provide a brief overview of major activities, meetings, submissions, monitoring activities, technical assistance, or coordination efforts completed since the last report.

   Homebase TA, CoC Application: We continue to meet with Homebase to craft an application for the FY 2026 CoC NOFO released by HUD on June 1.

   CoC NOFO: In accordance with the approved competition timeline, local competition concluded on July 27th. Scoring and Ranking concluded project evaluations on July 30th. We appreciate the time and effort Lacey Epperson, Janell Evans, and Dianne Ridgway committed to complete the scoring and ranking for our CoC projects. Project applicants were notified of the committee's rankings on July 30th and the initial Tiered and Ranked list was posted on the CoC webpage on July 30th: https://www.amarillo.gov/community-development/continuum-of-care/

   No appeals were received by the August 5th deadline. The tiered and ranked list was approved by EC member, Audra Rea, on August 6th.

   Per NOFO requirement, a list of all projects received, ranked, and scored were submitted to HUD on Tuesday, August 11th.

   The final approved list of ranked projects is attached.

   HUD- Collaborative Application points: HUD has identified over 100 points (of 200) that CoC's can receive through partnerships with key agencies. We have identified

these partnerships as essential to improving our score to increase the competitiveness of our final application. Scoring guidelines can be found on pg. 70 of the NOFO: https://files.simpler.grants.gov/opportunities/18c6dc79-e5dd-42e9-aca5-b35c5d26eded/attachments/0ead4b33-e9a1-4934-92b3-65ed41847905/Foa_Content_of_CPD-2600-DC-0025.pdf
The higher our community scores, the better our chances to receive Tier 2 funding (potential funding could add $800,000 to our community efforts to alleviate homelessness). The CA will work with the EC to execute MOUs with these agencies in the coming weeks.

2. **Key Updates**
HUD/NOFO guidance, PIT/HIC activities, HMIS, Technical assistance, Monitoring or compliance, Funding opportunities, System coordination activities

HMIS: We continue to work with Clarity to outline support and customization needs. This process is ongoing, as we are working closely with the company to sufficiently prepare agencies for platform updates that will take effect this fall. We are also preparing HMIS policy updates to present to the Board for review in the coming months.

3. Board Discussion Items
Topics the CA is submitting for Board input or discussion.

Collaborative application: CoC Statements
We have drafted nondiscrimination and safe consumption statements to reflect HUD's priorities for the CoC NOFO. We request Board review and action during the August 12, 2026, meeting.

4. **Challenges or System Needs**
Identify barriers, gaps, risks, or capacity concerns impacting CoC operations or system performance.

Coordinated Entry is still missing in our community. We submitted an SSO-CE project that ranked 5th and is included in Tier 2 funding requests for our CoC. Should this project not receive funding, we submitted an HMIS expansion project to fund adding the CE component to our HMIS system. This will not enable fullcapacity use of CE, but this will enable the system to operate optimally for our CoC and allow a soft launch of CE.

5. **Upcoming Dates/Events**
   List important meetings, HUD deadlines, trainings, competitions, or community events.

   August 14: Deadline for all project applications to submit all required attachments and changes to project narratives in esnaps

   August 24: CoC Consolidated Application, including all project applications, attachments and final Priority Listing, posted to the CoC page; Submission of CoC Consolidated Application in esnaps

   August 26: Deadline to submit completed application for CoC

Amarillo CoC (COCTX-611) Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2026
Hillside Christian Church – North Campus
3508 NE 24th Ave
Amarillo, TX 79107
8:30 AM

- **Board Members Present**
  - James Bellar, Lacey Korn, Virginia Williams Trice, Rudy Montano, Steve Smart, Audra Rea, Janelle Evans, Dianne Ridgway, Stefanie Rodarte-Suto
- **Board Members Absent**
  - Juan Maldonado, Michelle Shields
- **Observers in Attendance**
  - Shaira Joyce (CA), Jackie Simmons (CA), Aubrey Scarth (Lived Experience), Thomas Higgins (APD), David Borron (APD), Kathy Olson (Four Winds), Rusty Donelson, Nick Mitchell (Homebase)

1. **Call to Order**
   a. The meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM by James Bellar without quorum.
2. **Homebase Presentation**
   a. Nick Mitchell presented a CoC board capacity training focused on strengthening the board's structure, governance, and overall effectiveness. The presentation covered HUD's vision for CoCs, the board's core responsibilities, best practices, and how those principles are applied within the Amarillo CoC.
   b. During the question-and-answer session, board members discussed the 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), current board processes, and the need for action guides to support the board's day-to-day operations.
   c. *Audra Rea entered the meeting at approximately 9am, and a quorum was reached.*
3. **Consent Agenda**
   a. Consider Approval of Minutes
      i. The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 10 and June 26 Board meetings, along with the Consent Agenda.

ii. Rudy Montano made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and the Consent Agenda. Audra Rea seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion carried.

4. **Discussion Items**
   a. *Scoring and Ranking Committee Appointments*
      i. Stefanie Rodarte-Suto informed the Board that four to five non-conflicted members are needed to serve on the Scoring and Ranking Committee. She noted that a vote was not required. The committee will meet on **July 30** to score and rank all project applications and will also meet beforehand to review the scoring and ranking tool and process.
      ii. **Lacey Korn, Virginia Williams-Trice, Dianne Ridgway, and Janelle Evans** volunteered to serve on the committee.
      iii. Stefanie added that committee members are not required to be local and encouraged seeking qualified non-conflicted members from other communities if needed.
   b. *Appeals Committee Appointments*
      i. The Board discussed the Appeals Committee, which will meet on **August 6** only if appeals are received. **Audra Rea** volunteered to serve on the committee.
   c. *Collaborative Applicant Scoring Priorities*
      i. Shaira Joyce presented the Collaborative Applicant scoring priorities for the FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). She reviewed the strategy for maximizing available points by prioritizing achievable scoring categories, identifying points already secured, and recognizing areas where the Amarillo CoC is unlikely to receive points.
      ii. She also explained that the current NOFO places significant emphasis on coordination among CoC partners. The Collaborative Applicant plans to highlight both existing and planned coordinated activities, as these account for more than half of the available scoring points.
   d. *September Agency Spotlight Recommendations*
      i. James Bellar requested recommendations for the September Agency Spotlight. Lacey Korn recommended **No Boundaries.**
      ii. Audra Rea shared that she and Janelle Evans are developing a new program and expressed interest in presenting it at a future Agency Spotlight once it is fully established.
      iii. Lacey Korn also invited agencies to present at the Lived Experience Committee meetings, held every other Tuesday.

5. **Non-Consent Agenda Items**
   a. *Audra Rea announced the Road to 2027 Tour Advocacy Roundtable Discussion and stated that she would distribute the event flyer to the Board.*

6. Adjournment

a. *James Bellar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Audra Rea seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at* ***9:47 a.m.***

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.**