

TICH Quarterly Meeting

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Mike Doyle (00:00):

Welcome to the July meeting of the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless. We want to start with welcome and introductions and announce that we do have a quorum present in voting. So I'd like to start with the phone and let me just, for those that are on the phone, we'd like to hear your name, who you're representing, and also anytime if you ask a question, be sure and say your name, so we'll know who's talking. It makes it a lot easier for us to do the minutes afterwards and we'll try to do the same here at the table. So anyway, I'll start in, then we're going to go to the phone. But I'm Mike Doyle with the Cornerstone Assistance Network in Fort Worth, Texas, and I'm representing the governor's office. So phone, who do we have here?

Chelsea Couch (00:44):

Hi, this is Chelsea Couch with Texas Public Human Services, and I'm joining in a place of Claire Irwin.

Mike Doyle (00:52):

Claire Irwin. Okay,

Anja Taylor (00:56):

Hi. Good morning everyone. My name is Anja Taylor and I am with Texas Homeless Network.

Brittany Hinton (01:06):

Brittany Hinton with Texas Health Human Services.

Mike Doyle (01:17):

Anyone else on the phone?

Sean Lonergan (01:18):

Sean Lonergan. TDHCA.

Mike Doyle (01:21):

Hey Sean, this is Sean's last meeting with us, so if you see Sean around or you want to throw him a kiss over the phone, Sean, we've really appreciate the great work that you've done and thank you so much and good luck at law school with the University of Minnesota. Round of applause. Eric's actually dancing.

Eric Samuels (01:49):

He's going to think I'm happy about it. Golden gopher.

Mike Doyle (01:55):

Anybody else on the phone?

Jim Ward (01:58):

Hey, good morning everyone. Jim Ward, Texas Homeless Network.

Mike Doyle (02:02):

Welcome, Jim. Okay, I've introduced myself. Elizabeth, you want to go first?

Elizabeth Yevich (02:16):

Sure. This is Elizabeth Yevich director of the Housing Resource Center here at TDHCA and my team here in HRC always administers TICH meetings. Thank you, Sean and Jeremy and Kevin, who is leading people in.

Desiree Viramontes (02:32):

Desiree Viramontes with Texas Education Agency.

Eric Samuels (02:36):

Eric Samuels with Texas Homeless Network.

Naomi Cantu (02:39):

Naomi Cantu with Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Amber Morson (02:43):

Amber Morson sitting in for Dr. Blake Harris, Texas Veterans Commission.

Rosy Falcon (02:50):

Rosy Falcon. I'm with TDHCA

Blade Berkman (02:54):

My name's Blade Berkman. I'm with the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Jeremy Stremmler (02:59):

Jeremy Stremmler with TDHCA.

Christina McArthur (03:01):

Christina MacArthur with TDHCA.

Mike Doyle (03:04):

Okay. The meeting is officially called to order. And again, I announced that we have a quorum present and voting. I'm sorry.

Carina Garcia (03:12):

It's okay. Carina Garcia sitting in for Sherri Cogbill, Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Elizabeth Yevich (03:16):

Okay, you're welcome to sit at the table room. Yeah. Okay.  
You're here for Sherri and I think somebody else came in on the  
phone. Is there another person on the phone? Yes, yes,

Kelly Davis (03:29):

Yes. Kelly Davis. PWC.

Elizabeth Yevich (03:31):

Kelly.,

Mike Doyle (03:36):

Tell me your name one more time.

Carina Garcia (03:38):

Carina Garcia.

Mike Doyle (03:39):

C-A-R-I-N-A-C-A-R-I-M-A. Okay.

Carina Garcia (03:46):

Garcia.

Mike Doyle (03:47):

Garcia, how you spell that one? Okay. I have no remarks. So I  
wanted to move to the approval of the minutes from May 21st. So

the council members that are present, and I think there's seven or eight, nine of us, I need a motion for one of you and a second to approve the minutes from the May 21st meeting.

Naomi Cantu (04:12):

I so move.

Mike Doyle (04:13):

Naomi. Thank you.

Desiree Viramontes (04:16):

I second it.

Mike Doyle (04:18):

Thank you. Desiree. Any comments or questions?

Elizabeth Yevich (04:25):

I'm going to comment. I also as Elizabeth Yevich, I'm sitting in as a proxy for Brooke Boston, one of the members. So I will be voting.

Mike Doyle (04:32):

Thank you. Thank you. So all in favor of approving the motion by Naomi, say aye.

All Board Members (04:42):

Aye.

Mike Doyle (04:42):

Opposed, Same sign. Pass unanimously. So we'll move into our update for member agencies. Just as another announcement, maybe we'll skip back to remarks from the chair. I'm hoping to get this thing over in an hour, so if you're having lunch plans, you think I can't make it because we're not through until 1230. That's probably not going to be yet. We'll be done in plenty of time. So anyway, member agencies from TDHCA we're going to start off. Looks like with Rosie.

Rosy Falcon (05:14):

Hi, good morning. I have just brief remarks today. No handouts today. We are in the middle of our ESG application cycle, so it is kind of quiet for the homeless programs right now. We've reviewed all the applications already. We've already made contact with applicants. They're our first contact for opportunity for them to fix a few things. It looks like most of the funds are going to be awarded within each of the COCs, with the exception of maybe roughly around 40 to \$50,000 that would go to statewide. So that's great news second year in a row that most of the funds or the majority of the funds stay where they are allocated originally. So that's great news. It is very



preliminary because we do have to wait to review their responses, see scores, change caps with street outreach and emergency shelter. But that's a pretty good estimate.

(06:13):

But that is everything we've got going on for our annual program. With CARES, As you all remember last our last meeting, I had a big update to it. We are wrapping up. Our last quarterly report for SAGE is due soon. And so the next which meeting, I'll have our final numbers once they've all been verified and trend in.

Elizabeth Yevich (06:34):

Can you remind me of what SAGE is describe?

Rosy Falcon (06:36):

Oh, that is our HUD reporting system for performance and with CARES we also do reconciliations every quarter for making sure the funds and the performance is up to date. So we'll have those numbers for everybody. The next TICH meeting, once we've had 'em all submitted. We right now roughly have about a hundred thousand dollars left out of our 1.3 million allocation, but we are still working with our fiscal division and the monitoring division to just make sure all expenses were reported and claimed. So we are very, very close to a hundred percent

expended. Sub-recipient spending has all been submitted. It's all done. We've gotten active contracts and they did spend 99% of their allocated amounts. We did have a little bit left over, but this will probably wrap up our CARES updates.

(07:37):

And then before we move on to our pilot program, any questions for our regular homeless programs?

Mike Doyle (07:46):

This is Mike Doyle, this is just a general question it just popped into my mind, but the housing solutions, which is the housing authority in Fort Worth, said that HUD has not issued any new vouchers in a year or two. Is that right? New housing vouchers?

Rosy Falcon (08:08):

Well, that would probably be under Andre and I don't think he's in the call. I don't have that information.

Mike Doyle (08:15):

Okay.

Rosy Falcon (08:16):

Yeah, I'll check it out. I don't, yeah, I don't have that information on it. Well can you can get you some information on that.

Mike Doyle (08:23):

Thank you.

Rosy Falcon (08:25):

Our veterans transitional housing pilot program, as you all know, it started this April, but it's a new pilot program. So services didn't really begin until late May once we got everything squared away. So far in San Antonio we've spent about \$40,000 helping five veteran households with homeless prevention. So that is getting started and we are looking at a second round of allocations with the next fiscal year coming in. But those funds are already getting out there and helping people.

Mike Doyle (09:05):

Good, great. Will those funds be reallocated next year for the pilot program?

Rosy Falcon (09:13):

It's a pilot program and we received \$400,000 for each year bianium. So for now until the next legislative session we have,

each of our subs will have a hundred thousand dollars to get reallocated to them. But it is after that, we don't know what will happen with funding.

Mike Doyle (09:33):

Okay, thank you Rosie. Questions for Rosie? Okay, Naomi.

Naomi Cantu (09:42):

Alright, my update be pretty quick. I'm home American Rescue Plan director and we have program for funds into three pots. I don't have any updates for the rental pod. It's the same as last time. I don't have any more updates for the nonprofit capacity building pot. That's the same as last time. For the non congregate shelter pot. We were able to release our invitation to apply. So very pleased about that. So that is an invitation to apply. It's not competitive. It is published in the board book for the invitation and the waivers to the 10 administrative code on how the application is put together. But it's specifically for organizations that receive nonprofit capacity building operating funds and was sent directly to right now that one organization, which is The Other One's foundation here in Austin. There is possibility that we will have another award through nonprofit capacity building operating. We're on hold with that. And the invitation to apply could work for multiple applications. If so, doing so, there's \$56 million in that

invitation to apply. The application period is open right now until December. Excuse me. And so we are seeing what's going to happen with

Mike Doyle (11:11):

That. What's the name of that program?

Naomi Cantu (11:16):

It's NCS or Non Congregate Shelters. So most shelters are congregate shelters, which means everyone is in one big room and non congregate means everyone has their own individual unit with a closing door and sanitary facilities, which we're taking as bathrooms.

Mike Doyle (11:32):

Okay. Does that include efficiencies?

Naomi Cantu (11:37):

It can.

Eric Samuels (11:42):

The invite was sent to The Other One's foundation?

Naomi Cantu (11:44):

Yes, that's correct.

Eric Samuels (11:45):

If you haven't been there, explore the scene for sure. Where is it? Just not too far from here. The Other One's

Mike Doyle (11:54):

Foundation, other ones.

Eric Samuels (11:58):

It's impressive. And I'm sorry, that was Eric Samuel speaking.

Mike Doyle (12:09):

Okay. Naomi, what else?

Naomi Cantu (12:11):

That's it.

Mike Doyle (12:13):

Any questions for Naomi? All right, Councillor Lonergan, it's your turn.

Sean Lonergan (12:26):

Thank you Mike. Can everyone hear me all right?

Mike Doyle (12:28):

Yes.

Sean Lonergan (12:30):

Great. Sean Lonergan, TDHCA. I know everyone's been waiting with bated breath for this update. I have no further updates to provide other than the plan continues to be under internal executive.

Mike Doyle (12:48):

Okay. Any wild guesses on your way out when we might hear something that's not a draft?

Sean Lonergan (13:02):

I feel like any update I can provide is really just confined to that scope, but hoping within the next couple months. But that's again up to the executive team.

Mike Doyle (13:14):

Okay. Okay. Any questions for Sean on that? On that vigorous report? Okay. Thank you Sean. And again, congratulations and thank you for what you've done for the TICH all these years and we're really going to miss you. So thank you and good luck.

Sean Lonergan (13:36):

Thank you Mike. Thank you. Everyone else, all members, vice members that was involved with the TICH for all of your great work. It's been my honor to and best of luck with everybody.

Mike Doyle (13:52):

Thank you. Thank you. Okay. Any other member updates?

Amber Morson (13:59):

Amber Morson, Texas Veterans Commission. I just want to take a moment to introduce our newest homeless veteran program manager. So this is Gary Medina. Do a quick little introduction of yourself.

Gary Medina (14:15):

Yes, I used, I've been with a Texas Veterans Commission for about four years. I served in several roles. My latest role was the government relations officer slash interim director. So did a lot of the policy side for TVC. I've worked with Governor Abbott's office before that and worked 20 years out in California helping the veterans community out there as well in claims healthcare education. Kind of a utility belt in a way if you can call me that. But I'm just really excited to be here, just ready to engage and

Mike Doyle (14:52):



Thank you. Welcome. Thank you. And just as an announcement, this is Mike Doyle. Michael Witt joined us around the table, so if anybody's got any questions for Michael at some point. He's alright. Any other member updates dates?

Fedora Galasso (15:12):

Hi everyone, this is Fedora Galasso. I'm on the phone with the Texas Network of Youth Services. I wanted to give a quick update from the meeting way back in January. We're really excited to announce that TNOYS was awarded the grant for the Youth Assistance Improvement Program, which is comprised of statewide efforts to improve the youth homeless systems response, which includes the work on stakeholder engagement and building partnerships as well as really working to embed and center young people with expertise in our efforts. Statewide, we'll be doing some dedicated work in a few communities across the state with the San Antonio COC, the Waco or McLennan County COC, the Tarrant County, Fort Worth, COC, and as well as the Balance of State in New Braunfels and Tyler. But we will be doing work statewide to really build the capacity of statewide COC to apply for youth homelessness, demonstrate the brand grants along with doing some dedicated work around improving coordinated entry systems to center youth and young adults, as well as improving our data systems so that we're better identifying young people

out there either involved in systems or exiting systems and to understand their homelessness status.

(17:16):

So it's a really big project. We're still working with HUD to finalize, so no clear details on timelines or things like that. So once we have more of that, we'll continue to update the pitch on those efforts and to engage our pitch stakeholders in a lot of those coordinating efforts. We had our in-person statewide collaborative on youth homelessness and many of the TICH members on the call were present there such as TDHCA and DSPS and TJJD, office of the Governor, the Children's Commission, along with other, the Texas Workforce Commission to really work on services and supports for young people to avoid them from either entering into homelessness or to address young people who are actively experiencing homelessness. So grateful for pitch member representation there. And I think that's everything for TNOYS. So I'll pause and if anyone has questions, happy to answer 'em now.

Mike Doyle (18:36):

Okay. Any questions for Fedora? Okay, that's good news for Fedora. Thank you. Congratulations.

Fedora Galasso (18:47):

Thank you. We're excited.

Mike Doyle (18:50):

Any other member agency updates? Okay, Eric from Homeless Network.

Eric Samuels (19:01):

Yeah, I just have a few things. I'll be quick and then hand it off to Anja and Jim following up from Fedora announcement and that's exciting that they received the Youth Homeless Systems Improvement grant. They and coalitions of homeless received the two grants in Texas. So we're very lucky that we're going to be working with TNOYS and Tyler and New Braunfels and then with Coalition for the Homeless in Galveston, which is, there's a big need to be working in Galveston right now, so we're excited about that. I also want to definitely talk to you, Rosy after this because we finally were able to sell the stock that was awarded to us through the Day One Family fund a few years ago, earlier this year. So we're going to start focusing on veteran households and preventing any homelessness for veteran households. So we definitely want to work with you.

(19:53):

And then of course TVC. So love to get together on that and we're in the very early stages of that. So bear with us on that

before I hand it off. Our next pitch meeting is during our conference. It's actually the morning of our conference on September 11th at 10:30. I know that it's, since it's in Houston, you can't all be there in person, but if you can that would be great. The continuum of care leads to come. We're going to have our new region five HUD director Solvent will be there and we may have the CEO of the nationalized in homelessness there. I'm inviting her to come as well. She's speaking at our opening preliminary. So I hope you all can be there if you can. We'll hear you on the phone.

Mike Doyle (20:45):

In which hotel.

Eric Samuels (20:48):

It's at the Omni Galleria, so you can come down and make a vacation of it.

Mike Doyle (20:56):

Houston and September. It wouldn't be humid there.

Eric Samuels (21:00):

There's a lot of good inside locations.

Mike Doyle (21:05):

There's big mall, there is a big mall. Nice museum. Have you ever finished the streets around it though?

Eric Samuels (21:12):

Actually last time I was there it did look a lot better than the last conference we had. Yeah. Yeah, it was really bad. It's much better now.

Mike Doyle (21:22):

Good. I've lived there since I was in school there. There in 1966, so finally finished it 50 years later.

Eric Samuels (21:33):

Yeah, so I'll just hand it off to, I think Anja might be next. Yeah, I'll hand it off to Anja.

Anja Taylor (21:40):

Yeah, thanks so much Eric. And hello everyone. Anja Taylor, Texas Homeless Network. I had a quick few couple of updates for our data sharing network. The first is like normal. We have updated our data dashboard with the most recent data from our COC partners. You can see this data dashboard. It lives live on our CHN webpage. And right now with the quarter one and quarter two data that we have received from our COC partners, we have

been able to identify 28,668 unique individuals experiencing homelessness across taxes.

Mike Doyle (22:25):

How many was that Anja?

Anja Taylor (22:26):

And that consists of about 24,700 unique homeless households. 24. One of the things that I want to point out with the data that you'll see on our data dashboard is that it is not inclusive of the Austin Travis County COC. If you recall, this was a part of my update when we last met, but Austin, Travis County is having some reporting issues with their HMIS vendor and we have been unable to capture their data sets. However, the data that is presented on the data dashboard is inclusive of the other participating COCs. And just for reference, this number, the 20,668 individuals is about where we were as a state or across the state this time last year. I also wanted to take this opportunity to just plug some of the efforts that we have taken on now that we have access to this data. And that is really kind of doing more of a deep dive and exploring the data that we are receiving from our continuum of care partners.

(23:42):

So I think the last time we met, I mentioned that we had published a blog posts or a report on the state of homelessness in Texas. And I'm excited to announce that we've actually released another report. You can access this on THN social media accounts and also on our website under where our blog posts live under the resources page. This post in particular or report is about veteran homelessness. And so if you're interested in reading more about that, you are welcome to access that post and let me know if you have any questions. Just for reference, some of the highlights in 2023, there was 4,103 veterans that were identified across the state and this included a 3.7% increase from the data that we received the prior year. It was a minimal increase, but it was consistent with nationwide data trends on veterans households.

(24:54):

So anyway, there's some other demographic statistics that you're able to access there and like Eric said, THN is going to be doing some work targeting this specific subpopulation. And so we wanted to highlight this in the work that we're doing with our data analysis. And then finally, we are still ongoing in our efforts with our partners at Superior Health Plan and with the Texas Health Services Authority and C3 HIE. If you remember, we have a partnership in place with Superior Health Plan to share data and do some matches on clients who are not only

experiencing homelessness but also have healthcare coverage through superior health. And so we recently shared another client panel to get some updated matches and are also doing some work with HHSC. There's a new house Bill, 1575 mandates where pregnant members being served need to be screened to identify potential housing needs. And so we are trying to do some collaboration with the Superior Health plan and use our data sharing network to make certain matches and help with that referral process. That was a lot of information, but I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Mike Doyle (26:23):

Anja, this is Mike Doyle again, I just want to clarify, you said there were 24,000 roughly 700 homeless households by our last data. It doesn't include Austin, but does it include San Antonio and Wichita Falls. It does. So that is a complete other than Austin?

Eric Samuels (26:43):

It does not include San Antonio or Wichita Falls.

Mike Doyle (26:46):

Okay. So it doesn't include San Antonio. Wichita Falls or Austin.



Eric Samuels (26:51):

We're hoping to change that. I'm meeting with San Antonio tomorrow about this.

Mike Doyle (26:56):

Good.

Eric Samuels (26:56):

So I wish me luck.

Mike Doyle (26:58):

Good luck. You are wish. All right, Jim.

Jim Ward (27:09):

Good morning everyone. Jim Ward, director of planning, Texas Homeless Network. I just wanted to provide an update to the council on the status of modernization. We talked about this briefly in the last pitch meeting. Essentially, detective balance estate, as I'm sure you are all aware, covers a wide geography. Approximately 84% of the state's land mass fall into the Texas Balance Estate continuum of care. That's managed essentially by Texas Homeless Network as the collaborative applicant for that continuum, of course meaning heavily on work done by providers around the state. One of the calls that we've heard several times over the last few years is for more

sophistication for the balance of state, homelessness continues to grow and evolve in our community. And the structure of the continuum is basically stuck in time. We have reached the capacity or the extent of HUDs planning allocation for a continuum of care of any size.

(28:19):

And so we are endeavoring in this process to what we're calling modernize the structures of the balance of state continuum of care, which may ultimately end a split of the balance estate into two or more distinct COCs that would allow for more intentional, localized or regional planning efforts. So the handout that I provided to the TICH today is a one pager on the concept we have since the last time we met with a number of what HUD calls entitlement jurisdictions. These are communities where they receive formula or block grants from HUD. Places like Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Macallan.

(29:12):

There are eight entitlement communities that receive ESG in the balance of state. So we're working with those groups. One-on-one actually a meeting with Corpus a little bit later today to talk about this concept. And then later this month we will convene on any community that wants to talk more about the concept on July 25th to introduce the concept of modernization, try to find out

more about what the needs are that are going unmet in different communities around the balance of state, and then try to fit that with our strategy moving forward. So the one pager there is you can share that with anyone who might be interested. My email at the bottom of that document has is my colleague Mary Stockey. But yeah, I just wanted to provide that update. I'm not sure if there are any questions or if it may be too early. We do anticipate this to be potentially a multi-year process. The earliest that a split of amount of state would be recognized by audit would be 2026. And we'll need just about every bit of that time to prepare.

Mike Doyle (30:27):

Hey Jim?

Jim Ward (30:31):

Yes sir.

Mike Doyle (30:32):

This is Mike Doyle again. But you just said the breakup of the balance of state. That's the first I've heard that.

Jim Ward (30:42):

Yeah. So one result of this effort to better meet the needs of communities may be a split of the balance of state into two or

more distinct continuums. The benefit there would be that, as I previously mentioned, we're capped out in the planning dollars that will award a single continuum. But if those same counties were in separate continuums, that would unlock significant more planning dollars for that same geography. So the idea being if we can find a division of the balance of state that kind of fits with local needs, cultural affinity, geography, we might be able to unlock additional dollars for those counties in balance state. I'm not sure if that helps.

Mike Doyle (31:38):

Well yeah. So to quote Steve Martin, it's a profit deal

Jim Ward (31:46):

To some extent. Yeah, I think the reality,

Mike Doyle (31:49):

No, I think it's great.

Jim Ward (31:50):

Yeah, it is about the money.

Eric Samuels (31:56):

Yeah, that's a big part. Eric Samuels THN, it is about money but also oxygen's, right? We could have folks that are more regionally based.

Mike Doyle (32:04):

Who would administer it.

Eric Samuels (32:07):

Well, we would still be,

Mike Doyle (32:09):

Be in charge of It, but you just break it up.

Eric Samuels (32:11):

But the way they arrange everything, we are not sure yet exactly how it work. That's Jim and Mary's working out with the team and most importantly the continuum of care board. And if all of you wonder why we report on the balance of state so much, if you haven't been here for years and years, you may not know. But this integrations of council started the Texas Balance of state continuum of care. So that is why we feel compelled to report out.

Mike Doyle (32:37):

And for those that don't know, tell 'em how counties are in the balance of state

Eric Samuels (32:41):

215 counties.

Mike Doyle (32:43):

That's a huge undertaking.

Michael Wilt (32:46):

Hey Jim, Michael Wilt, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. Is it as simple as just bisecting the state with I 35 and everything to the west and everything to the east? I know it would still be, there'd be more counties to the west probably, but less population.

Jim Ward (33:03):

Yeah, I think the dissecting would probably be north to south, but essentially, yeah, there would be a line more or less drawn across the state from just above Beaumont going across temple and then kind of up to the crook of the Panhandle lane and West Texas over there. And all likelihood, and I guess I shouldn't say the panhandle, more like South Plains where around Lovington County. But yeah, that is in its simplest form. But there HUD, before they will approve any such split or merge, they want to

see that there's been some due diligence to think through all of the possibilities and variables associated with it. But more or less, yeah,

Michael Wilt (33:48):

I don't know if this is the right opportunity to ask this, but along the lines of the panhandle, what's going on with the Amarillo COC, especially in light of somebody mishandling very egregiously federal dollars. And I assume that that COC may be under scrutiny.

Eric Samuels (34:09):

I don't know. Jim wasn't trying to answer. I will say that Eric Samuels THN, yes, an employee of the city of Amarillo did Ms. Samuel well basically embezzled funding from HUD that they were supposed to be managing at the city behalf of that continuum of care. Well, I assume she's awaiting trial and we'll see what happens.

Jim Ward (34:35):

She pled guilty.

Eric Samuels (34:37):

No, she pled guilty. So she is going.

Jim Ward (34:40):

Yes sir.

Eric Samuels (34:40):

So I mean it was a pretty cut and dry case. It was still shocking and horrible. Of course, we don't know how that's impacting the continuum of care right now.

Mike Doyle (34:52):

How much money was involved?

Eric Samuels (34:54):

I don't remember how much money was involved. Did you read that?

Elizabeth Yevich (34:58):

It was about 400, 465,000. That's what, about 500,000?

Eric Samuels (35:04):

Yeah, it was awful. It was awful. By an individual who worked at the city. There are other things that probably should have happened that did not happen, that allowed it. I don't know that I can speak to, I mean heard from the COC. I don't know exactly what they're doing, what their next moves are.

Michael Wilt (35:32):



Have there been previous discussions about them no longer being their own COC

Eric Samuels (35:38):

Years ago. There was, there's not been any talk recently with me about that. Jim may have more information than I'm not aware of.

Jim Ward (35:48):

No, I don't actually. Not specific to Amarillo, but that is part of the analysis here is kind of thinking and looking into the future, what growth and change might happen with local continuums of care. For example, Austin, and I'm not speaking for Austin, I don't have any evidence to support this, but Austin May at some point decide that it makes sense to incorporate Haing Williamson County into the Austin Continuum Care. And so the idea is we want to set something up for the balance to state those 215 counties that is viable in the long term. But we are doing some data analysis around patterns of travel between continuums and will be part of the overall analysis and recommendations.

Eric Samuels (36:36):

For those that don't know Amarillo, their continuum of care is just the city. The balances of state surrounds that continuum of

care and the counties that well outside of the city of Amarillo where Amarillo resides or is, located.

Mike Doyle (36:53):

It's a shame. Any other questions for Eric or Anja or Jim? Okay. Is there any public comment? Anybody sign up for a public comment that you know about?

Elizabeth Yevich (37:07):

Not that I'm aware of. There could be somebody on the phone. I don't know

Mike Doyle (37:11):

Anybody on the phone that's not a member have a public comment. Okay. I have no really closing comments other than Kay and I driving up here this morning from Fort Worth heard that Austin is the new home of SpaceX

Michael Wilt (37:27):

And X

Mike Doyle (37:29):

Twitter and Twitter. Congratulations. You're growing more. So I don't know what that's going to do to the entire thing, but that sounds like something impressive. The Tesla also doesn't like to

grow. So you know, you know what I heard from one of my golfing friends who really is not right many times, but he said that Austin built the freeway system in an effort to keep people from coming in that it's just so crowded they don't want to be here. But I don't know if that's true or not, but interesting they would a lot of things.

Eric Samuels (38:09):

Explain a lot of things.

Mike Doyle (38:11):

Michael.

Michael Wilt (38:12):

Yeah, I should have mentioned this earlier in the updates, but we are doing our next Texas Supportive Housing Institute this fall and our application just opened up last week and we're doing an instructional webinar on it on Tuesday at noon. We partner with the Corporation for Supportive Housing to do our institute. This is the fourth year we've done it. We're now doing it every other year, but this year it is offered statewide, which is the first time we've offered it statewide since 2021. So it's free for development teams. It's primarily intended for nonprofits that are looking to pivot to real estate development, specifically supportive housing. And it's a pretty

intense training. It's 14 sessions over four months from October to January. And then there's final presentations are in February. It comes with technical assistance provided by Corporation for Supportive Housing and also a follow on grant upon completion of the institute. And then also there is a certification process that CSH offers that is basically a quality endorsement of your supportive housing development. So there's a lot offered to the development teams and it's free and again, offered statewide and happy to answer any questions that people have.

Mike Doyle (39:44):

That's great. And their housing is an issue in every single solitary sector that we're involved in. Is housing always issue? Be it TDCJ, be it homeless, be it elder care, whatever it is, housing is critical piece. Okay. Any other comments? Unless y'all wanted to stick around and talk. This meeting's officially adjourn 11:11.