

Texas Homeless Network

Balance of State Continuum of Care Project





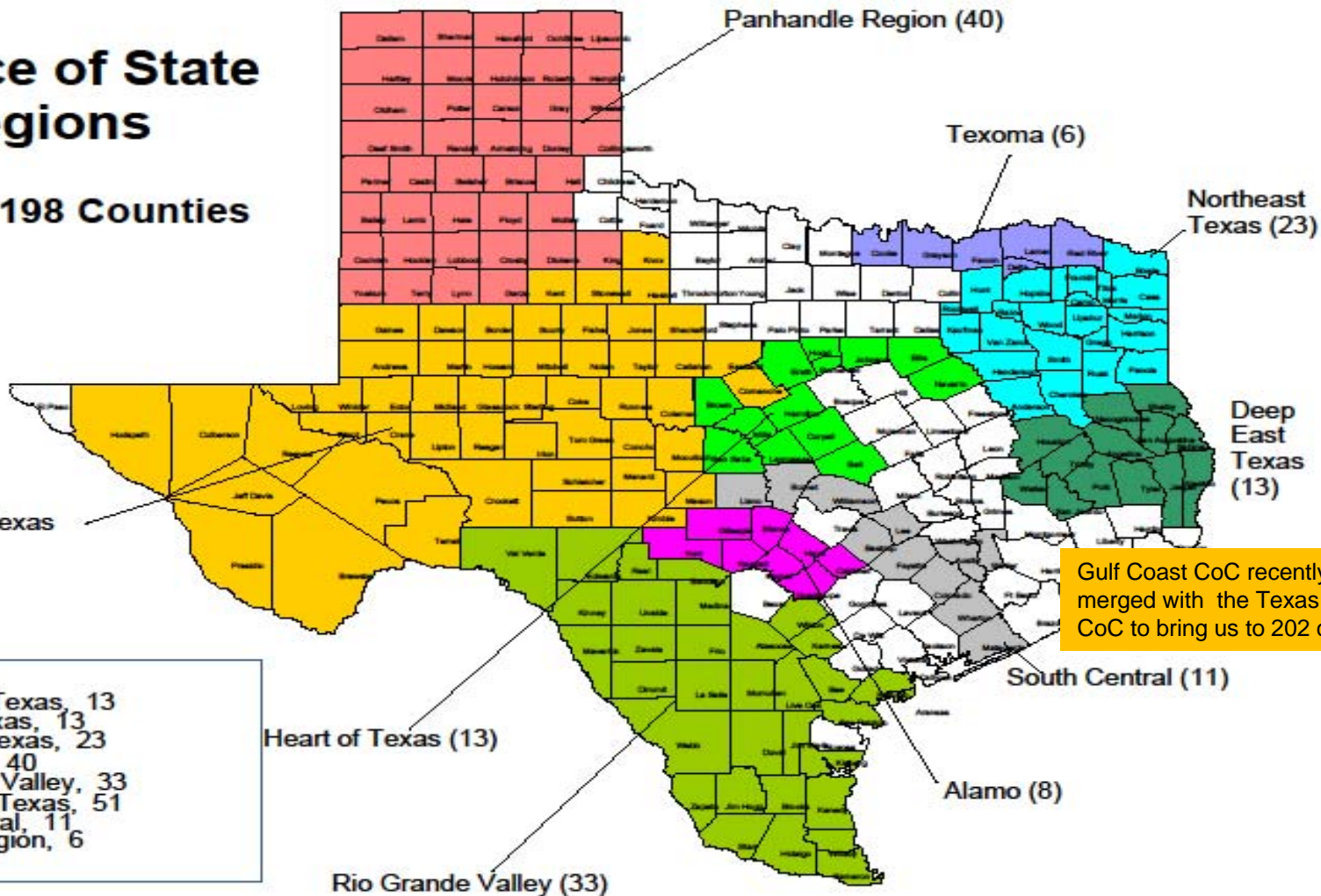
What is the Balance of State Continuum of Care?



What is the *Balance of State*?

Balance of State Regions

Total of 198 Counties



Gulf Coast CoC recently merged with the Texas BoS CoC to bring us to 202 counties

As of April 19, 2010



Why Develop a Balance of State Continuum of Care?



- HUD determines an amount of funding to meet homeless needs for every county and certain cities.
- This is called the Pro-Rata Need.
- If not applied for, the Pro-Rata Need is distributed to other areas and does not necessarily stay in Texas.
- In the 2010 funding cycle \$8.1 million was applied for by agencies in communities in the TX Balance of State region, before 2006 this funding was not requested.



Balance of State Project Advantages

- More funding is available
- The planning process is guided by THN
- THN writes the Exhibit I portion of the grant
- Communities are responsible for the Exhibit II project proposals for HUD's Continuum of Care Grant, THN also provides assistance with proposals



Example of BoS CoC

Funding available under Balance of State structure

- 17 mil is available because the pro-rata share for all 198 counties are combined; this amount will increase with Gulf Coast CoC
- Therefore agencies can apply for the funds they need, for example:
 - South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Laredo) applied for \$1.4mil to build Permanent Supportive Housing (Webb Co. Pro Rata share = 1.3mil)
 - Mission Granbury (Hood Co.) applied for \$407,818 to provide Transitional Housing (Hood Co. Pro rata share = \$51,000)

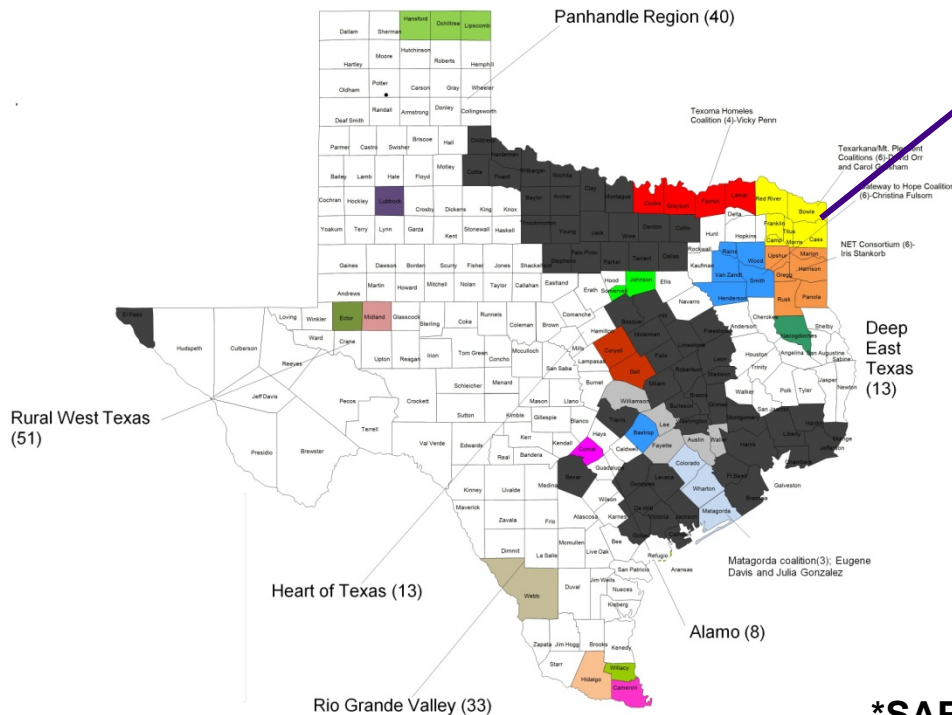


Example of county CoC plan

Example of Funding available under individual CoC structure

Texas Stateline CoC (Bowie, Cass, Camp, Morris, Red River and Titus)

Pro-rata share amounts



Texarkana	
Bowie Co.	\$56,189
Camp Co	\$19,641
Cass Co.	\$44,096
Morris Co.	\$17,271
Red River Co.	\$25,371
Titus Co.	\$48,857
Total	\$269,763

*SAFE-T has renewal grant for \$ \$779,226

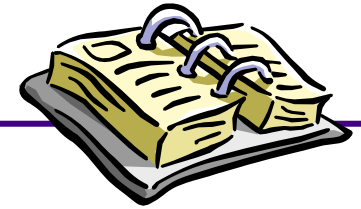


Goal of Balance of State (BoS)

- To encourage planning and make funding available to areas not covered by other Continuums of Care.
- Offer support to communities in the development of comprehensive and long-term solutions to addressing homelessness.
- Increase competitiveness for McKinney-Vento funds.



BoS Project Timeline



- The Balance of State CoC planning process begins late summer/early fall
- Several Benchmarks must be met before HUD application can be submitted:
 - CoC assessments
 - Housing Needs Assessment & Point-in-time pop. Survey
 - Project Development and Proposals
- Project applications written in Summer
- Grant awards announced in December
- Implement program – Spring/Summer



Regional Responsibilities

- Identify representatives for participation in CoC (service providers, government officials, homeless or formerly homeless person, etc)
- Identify 1 – 2 BoS Representatives
- Conduct monthly coalition/planning meetings.
- Establish the committees necessary to conduct CoC planning.
- Keep minutes and attendance records for all coalition and committee meetings.



Regional Responsibilities

- Conduct a CoC inventory for the region (*emphasis on Housing Inventory*)
- Conduct Homeless needs Assessment
- Conduct a homeless count in the region during last week in January.
- Review inventory/assessment/survey results to assist with determining local priorities and goals.
- Use information from CoC planning process to guide the development of project proposals.



THN's Role

- Organize and provide on-site technical assistance to regional planning groups and homeless coalitions.
- Assist in organizing and conducting homeless counts and housing inventories.
- Develop statewide gaps analysis.
- Determine statewide priorities and goals based on regional needs.
- Develop a project application and ranking process.
- Write Exhibit One of the Continuum of Care grant.



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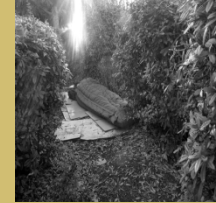
Balance of State HMIS Implementation





HMIS and the Balance of State Project

- HMIS is designed to streamline service delivery within CoCs and produce progress reports
- THN uses Data System International's "Client Track"
- **THN** received a HUD SHP grant to begin HMIS implementation in communities within the Texas BoS. (over 40 agencies are now using HMIS)
- Agencies are expected to pay a portion of the user license fees annually (\$600/yr for three licensed users and \$150 for each additional user)



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Balance of State Project Achievements





TX BoS CoC Achievements

Because of TX BoS CoC project:

- Twelve homeless coalitions have been started and another 18 given technical assistance to improve regional coordination of homeless services (over 30 communities have met for CoC planning).
- Participation in CoC planning activities such as the Point-in-Time count has increased each year. Below are PIT surveys collected since 2007 (2009 PIT did not occur):

Year of PIT Count	Surveys Collected
2007	715
2008	936
2010	2730
2011	2701 (awaiting surveys from three more communities)



TX BoS CoC Achievements

Because of TX BoS CoC project:

- 64 applications have been submitted to HUD for a total of \$43,955,486 in new and renewal funding (the majority of these applications would not have been submitted without this project).
- Of the submitted applications a total of \$5,730,356 has been awarded to nine agencies.
- Last month HUD notified us that all four of our new projects for Transitional Housing were funded to bring our total funding between renewal and new grants to **\$3.5 million!** (new projects totaled 2.8 mil)