The Way Home is the collective effort to prevent and end homelessness in the cities of Houston, Pasadena, Conroe, and throughout Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery counties, Texas. The Way Home is made up of more than 130 partners from all areas of the community, including homeless service agencies, local governments, public housing authorities, the local Veterans Affairs office, and other nonprofits and community stakeholders. The partners of The Way Home work to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in our region.

The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, a 501c3, is the lead agency to The Way Home.

General Information
CoC meetings and training opportunities are only intended for official partners of The Way Home and their staff, they are not intended for public members of the community.

Please note the information provided in this document is subject to change. More information about CoC meetings and training opportunities can be found on The Way Home Partner Portal.
The Way Home Steering Committee

About
The Steering Committee is the leadership body (similar to a board of directors) of The Way Home. It has authority over the planning and deployment of federal government funds to address homelessness in our community.

Agencies who receive (or are interested in applying for) HUD CoC funding will need to have one representative, either direct staff or leadership, attend at least 75% of these monthly meetings. Please ensure that upon registration for the Steering Committee meeting, the person(s) register with your full agency name to receive credit on attendance. View the memo sent out to partners for more information.

Meeting Schedule
The Way Home Steering Committee Meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Thursday of each month (unless noted otherwise on The Way Home Portal), starting at either 1 or 3 PM.

Visit The Way Home Partner Portal for a detailed list of the calendar.
The Way Home Provider Input Forum

About

The Way Home Provider Input Forum (PIF) is a quarterly meeting in which provider agencies of The Way Home come together to address and discuss what's happening in the CoC provider community. Members of the PIF include all homeless service provider agencies (official partners), and meetings are led by the Lead Agency and Steering Committee Provider Representatives.

Please note that participation in the PIF is no longer being scored in the Continuum of Care collaborative application (or NOFO) and will not earn you points towards your organization's application. We do encourage all provider agencies to continue participation in this forum as it provides a great networking opportunity for those within the provider community.

Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, from 9 - 10:30 AM
Wednesday, February 15, 2023, from 9 - 10:30 AM
Wednesday, May 17, 2023, from 9 - 10:30 AM
Wednesday, August 16, 2023, from 9 - 10:30 AM
The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a computerized data collection tool specifically designed to capture client-level, system-wide information over time on the characteristics and services needs of people experiencing homelessness.

The purpose of the HMIS forum is to inform the HMIS community about recent data trends, ongoing system-wide activities, and important developments regarding HMIS and our software ClientTrack.

HMIS trainings/forums are available only for HMIS participating agencies. If your agency is not currently participating in HMIS, and you would like to learn more please send an inquiry to Kelita Beechum at kbeechum@homelesshouston.org.

Meeting Schedule

Thursday, December 15, 2022, from 2 - 4 PM
Thursday, March 23, 2023, from 2 - 4 PM
Thursday, June 15, 2023, from 2 - 4 PM
Thursday, September 21, 2023, from 2 - 4 PM
The Way Home Income Initiatives training provides partner agencies of The Way Home and their staff an opportunity to learn about referrals that connect people experiencing homelessness to income.

Helping people experiencing homelessness increase and stabilize their income is a primary goal of the homeless response system.

For more information or questions about this training, contact the Coalition’s Income team at cfthincome@homelesshouston.org.

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, from 2 - 3:30 PM
Tuesday, April 18, 2023, from 2 - 3:30 PM
Tuesday, October 17, 2023, from 2 - 3:30 PM
The Way Home Onboarding

About
The Coalition is excited to announce and provide a new training opportunity for all staff of the CoC; The Way Home Onboarding!

This onboarding is designed to help staff of The Way Home partner agencies (new and experienced) develop an understanding of our homeless response system on a macro level. This includes but is not limited to the CoC program, HUD program guidelines and requirements, and learn about our CoC’s current initiatives to end and prevent homelessness throughout our region.

This training is only intended for staff of the CoC, it is not intended for members of the general public.

Meeting Schedule
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 2PM
Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 2PM
Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 2PM
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 2PM

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