

**Big Bend Continuum of Care
Board of Directors Application**

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Board of Directors for the Big Bend Continuum of Care (CoC).

The CoC Board shall be broadly based, with representation from all sectors of the community, including but not limited to, individuals experiencing homelessness, homeless service providers, business community, funders, and representatives of government. The CoC Board must be representative of the relevant organizations and projects serving homeless subpopulations, and must be representative of the geographic area served by the CoC. The CoC Board is a thirty-eight (38) member body.

Please forward your completed application and resume:

**c/o Sylvia Smith
Big Bend Homeless Coalition
325 John Knox Road, Bldg B.
Tallahassee, Florida 32303**

Or email to: ***ssmith@bigbendhc.org***

A. Name:

B. Address:

C. Phone Number(s):

D. Email:

E. Title and Current Employer, if applicable:

F. Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the Big Bend Continuum of Care?

G. Why do you believe you would be an effective member of the Board of Directors?

H. Have you had experience with homelessness – either professionally or personally?

I. Please list your current and past board service in other organizations, if this is not listed on your resume.

Name of Organization (City, State)	Dates of Service	Officer Positions Held, if any
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J. What Seat Type would you like to fill?

Circle all that apply

CoC Board Elected Members – Nine (9) members, described below, will be elected by the CoC Board:

1. One person who is currently experiencing homelessness or one person who has been homeless
2. One representative of the healthcare industry
3. One representative of local law enforcement
4. One representative of the mental health services field
5. One representative of the substance abuse services field
6. One representative from higher education
7. One Homeless Services Liaison from public school systems
8. One representative of the employment services field
9. One representative of a Veterans Services Organization

CoC Membership Elected Members - Twelve (12) members, described below, will be elected by the CoC Membership:

1. One emergency shelter provider
2. One transitional housing provider
3. One homeless prevention provider (i.e., an organization offering emergency financial services for rent, and/or utilities, and/or mortgage to prevent a household from becoming homeless)
4. One permanent supportive housing provider
5. One representative from the faith community
6. One representative from the private philanthropic sector
7. One representative from the private business sector
8. Two additional persons who are currently experiencing homelessness or have experienced homelessness in the past
9. Three "at-large" representatives selected from the following categories, with no more than one person representing a single category:
 - a) Researcher/data specialist
 - b) HIV/AIDS service organization
 - c) Criminal Justice/Legal Aid services (e.g., Public Defenders Office, Legal Services of North Florida)

- d) Nonprofit housing organization
- e) Children's services provider
- f) Indigent healthcare provider
- g) Federal Emergency Assistance Act (FEMA) Board
- h) An ESG sub recipient agency
- i) A provider of housing and/or services to unaccompanied homeless youth
- j) Policy or planning specialist
- k) Affordable housing provider
- l) Information and referral provider

Participant Commitment:

I understand the requirements outlined in the Big Bend Continuum of Care Governance Charter and agree to abide by them. If I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete orientation and become an active member of the Board of Directors. I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

Applicant Signature

Date