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**Title:** THN VISTA Homeless Programs Associate (Dallas)

**Sponsoring Organization:** Texas Homeless Network

**Project Name:** Texas Homeless Network VISTA Program

**Site Name:** Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance

**Focus Area(s):** Economic Opportunity

**VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities**

**Goal of the Project:** This VISTA project will leverage resources of Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance’s (MDHA) to improve housing program outcomes and align efforts with the standards required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To achieve this goal, the VISTA will assist the MDHA Continuum of Care (CoC) in improving current housing programs and developing new programs with the goal of making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring in the Dallas Area.

**Objective of the Assignment *(Period of Performance:*** *Quarter 1****)***

Evaluate current programs at MDHA and propose solutions for gaps in services.

***Member Activity:***

1. Become familiar with the Continuum of Care organization, its programs and HUD requirements
2. Research solutions and best practices for these processes
3. Develop a framework to improve services

**Objective of the Assignment *(Period of Performance:*** *Quarter 2-3****)***

Implement improvements for housing programs and establish new programs

***Member Activity:***

1. Reallocate permanent supportive housing dollars to rapid re-housing programs
2. Develop a program for residents in Permanent Supportive Housing to stably exit the program
3. Develop assessment tools to determine clients need once housed through a program and determine next steps to reach stability
4. Assist with grant development for specific housing programs
5. Create tools to monitor and evaluate the success of programs and scorecards and reporting for consumption by MDHA leadership and other stakeholders
6. Improve and standardize regular CoC events including the homeless count and Landlord Appreciation Luncheon
7. Develop training for case managers

**Objective of the Assignment *(Period of Performance:*** *Quarter 4****)***

Evaluate success of new processes and programs and create a plan of sustainability

***Member Activity:***

1. Ensure all new programs and processes have been documented
2. Evaluate effectiveness of implemented programs and document recommendations
3. Develop a plan for sustainability

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