The Continuum of Care (CoC) manages the community’s response to the experience and risk of homelessness in Dallas and Collin Counties. The US Department of Housing and Urban Affairs establishes the basic guidelines of this planning process within the Code of Federal Regulations at 24 CFR part 578.1. The CoC’s core duties are to:

- Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States and local governments to re-house homeless individuals and families rapidly while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities as a consequence of homelessness;
- Promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and
- Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

This Continuum of Care Strategic Work Plan is developed to effectively organize and utilize resources in a goal oriented, performance based, action plan that is to be carried out by the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance, advised by the membership and committees of the Continuum of Care Assembly, and lead by the MDHA Board of Directors.

**CoC Work Plan Development Timeline:**

- **April 28, 2015:** MDHA presents first draft of the CoC SWP to the CoC Assembly and opens public comment period through May 26, 2015
- **May 20, 2015:** MDHA presents second draft of the CoC SWP at the State of the Homeless Address
- **May 26, 2015:** CoC Assembly makes final recommendations and endorses the CoC SWP
- **May 28, 2015:** MDHA Board of Directors makes final recommendations and approves the CoC SWP
- **June 1, 2015:** MDHA begins implementation of the CoC SWP and incorporates action items into the CoC Program Grant
- **September 15, 2015:** MDHA produces first CoC SWP Quarterly Performance Report