

Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team
Thursday, September 8, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Appointees Present: Alice Mankoff, Barton Duffy, Chasz Parker, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Councilman TJ Gilmore, Councilwoman Keely Briggs, Herman Oosterwijk, Jessica DeRoche, Kathy Srokosz, Roy Metzler, Sandra Robinson, Stephen Coffey, Terry Widmer, Mayor Thomas Muir, Valerie Foster

Ex Officios Present: Gary Henderson, Courtney Cross, Dani Shaw

Guests Present: Eileen Hall (for Cynthia Harris of Giving Hope, Inc.), Angelica del Rosal (for Monica Glenn of the Denton Chamber of Commerce), Katherine Gonzales, Barbara Ross, Roxanne Del Rio, John Cabrales

Appointees Absent: Chief Lee Howell, Cynthia Harris, Isabel Rodriguez, Mayor Chris Watts, Monica Glenn, Sherri McDade

Welcome & Consideration of August Minutes

Chasz Parker welcomed appointees and guests to the meeting at 8:03 a.m.

Chasz Parker requested a motion to accept the August meeting minutes.

Motion: Terry Widmer

2nd: Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell

Motion Approved

DCHLT Homelessness Summit

Courtney informed appointees that the Denton City Council has requested that Denton hold a Homeless Summit, and has asked the DHCLT to host. The agenda for the day would focus on the current need for affordable housing which has been amplified by the loss of ESG, and include breakout sessions focused on wraparound service areas such as transportation, workforce development, education, etc. The summit is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 12th in Denton.

A major goal of the summit will be to open up the conversation on a regional level and invite those not normally at the table for these issues.

Chasz asked appointees to volunteer to participate in an ad hoc planning committee for the summit. The following appointees will serve on the committee: Alice Mankoff, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell and Jessica DeRoche. Ex-officio appointee Dani Shaw will also serve on the committee. Courtney will reach out to coordinate a meeting.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Update

Dani Shaw and Courtney Cross provided a brief update on ESG stopgap funding from the City of Denton, City of Lewisville and Denton County. Dani reviewed possible distribution percentages and discussed the Denton and Lewisville's efforts to collaborate in order to disburse funds in a way that would set the community up to receive ESG funds in the next grant year.

Denton County Homeless Coalition

Roxanne Del Rio, member of the Denton County Homeless Coalition Steering Committee, gave a presentation of the history, structure and future of the coalition. She highlighted the ways in which the Coalition's direct service, on-the-ground approach does and will continue to complement the DCHLT's strategic, policy-making approach to ending homelessness.

Roxanne outlined the purpose of the coalition to serve as a catalyst for developing and providing needed services to homeless individuals and families and those who are at risk of homelessness in Denton County. She outlined the main objectives of the coalition which include the Point in Time (PIT) Count and Coordinated Entry. Mayor Thomas Muir and Valerie Foster inquired into the details of the PIT Count and how it is conducted. Roxanne outlined efforts to plan and coordinated volunteers months in advance in order to capture accurate numbers of those experiencing homelessness throughout the county. Gary Henderson inquired into current efforts surrounding Coordinated Entry and Dani Shaw explained the benefits of community-wide centralized intake processes.

Roxanne requested that the DHCLT appoint a seat on the team for a member of the Coalition's Steering Committee. Chasz Parker invited discussion around the proposed ask. Councilman TJ Gilmore suggested that they make an ex-officio seat for the coalition in order to keep from amending the bylaws and from making too many official appointed seats on the leadership team. The group agreed that the ex-officio representative should come from the coalition steering committee.

Chasz requested a motion to appoint an ex-officio seat for the Denton County Homeless Coalition on the DCHLT.

Motion: Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell

2nd: Councilman TJ Gilmore

Motion Approved

Workgroup Updates

Terry Widmer updated the group on the development of the housing pilot, the group's recent strategic planning per DCBHLT and the direction the group hopes to take moving forward once the pilot has been launched. In the past month the workgroup: agreed to develop uniform speakers bureau slides and presentation script for future program presentations throughout the community; Submitted the following documentation to Denton Supportive Housing, Inc: program agreement, eligibility criteria, termination policy; Modified strategic goal to fit broader missions of both the DCBHLT and DCHLT. Next Steps include: finalizing lease agreement, online referral portal, move-in process details and training case manager in case management software. Gary Henderson highlighted the fact that tackling key

issues such as insurance and liability coverage will allow for this model to be replicated throughout the community.

Steph Coffey informed the DCHLT that the workgroup has adopted its Charter, has recommended a definition for homelessness (according to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act) and has voted to adopt HUD's systems performance measures as it begins to establish baseline measurements for homeless and at-risk individuals and families, and affordable housing. The workgroup is working to finalize a formal summary in the coming months.

Chasz Parker requested a motion to accept the recommended definition for homelessness.

Motion: Terry Widmer
2nd: Councilman TJ Gilmore
Motion Approved

Courtney updated the group on upcoming listening sessions intended to gain consumer feedback.

Backbone Support Update

DCHLT Secretary Angie Cadena resigned from DAHC board and has stepped down at Secretary of the DCHLT. They are in transition at the moment and we will leave their seat open on the DCHLT until they are ready to nominate a new appointee.

Chasz requested a nomination for a new secretary. Commissioner Mitchell motioned Councilman TJ Gilmore from Lewisville as Secretary of the DCHLT.

2nd: Sandra Robinson
Motion Approved

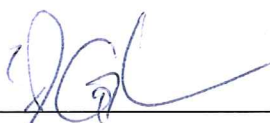
Courtney updated the group on Bridging the Gap. Following the DCHLT's vote to allow UWDC serve as fiscal agent for Bridging the Gap this year, the Denton County Homeless Coalition has appointed and ad hoc committee which will determine which agencies may receive funding as a result of Bridging the Gap and how funds will be disbursed.

Courtney and Dani Shaw will be reporting on the achievements and progress of the DCHLT to Denton City Council Tuesday, October 21st.

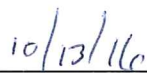
New Business/Public Comments: No new business or public comments were received.

The meeting was adjourned by consent at 9:15 a.m.

**Next Meeting: October 12, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m.
United Way of Denton County Office**



Secretary



Date

