



**Friday, February 17th, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting**

**Agenda**

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| I. Welcome & Approval of Minutes   | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville                                 |
| II. 2023 Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nominating Committee</li><li>• Strategic Plan Committee</li></ul>          | S. Roberts- Workforce Solutions<br>C. Williams- City of Lewisville |
| III. ERA 2 Updates   | O. Mata Williams- UWDC Staff                                       |
| IV. Advocacy Overview  | S. Redondo- UWDC Staff   |
| V. Workgroup Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child Care</li><li>• Financial Empowerment</li></ul>                      | B. Orduna- UWDC Staff<br>S. Redondo- UWDC Staff                    |
| VI. Denton County Leadership Teams Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DCBHLT</li><li>• DCHLT</li></ul>                     | S. Spencer- UWDC Staff<br>O. Williams- UWDC Staff                  |
| VII. Backbone Support Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child Care Task Force</li><li>• Workforce Pilot Program</li></ul> | C. Watts- City Council Denton<br>S. Redondo- UWDC Staff            |
| VIII. Public Comment   | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville                                 |
| IX. New Business   | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville                                 |
| X. Adjourn   | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville                                 |

**Next Meeting Date:  
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## **Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team**

8:30 am Friday

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Virtual Meeting Over Zoom

### **Welcome and Introduction**

Dr. Del Rio calls the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Ms. Redondo goes on to introduce the new workforce interns Emily Bell and Prisha Goyal.

Dr. Del Rio motions for approval of the December meeting minutes. Mr. Koontz approves and Dr. Jeng seconds.

### **2023 Committees**

Ms. Redondo requests volunteers for the steering committee the steering committee would work on a collective vision and improving onboarding procedures. Overview and discussion of committees is as follows:

#### 3 Committees:

- Strategic Plan Committee
- Nomination Committee
- Steering Committee

Drs. Del Rio and Jeng and Mr. David volunteer for the Steering Committee. Mr. Henderson will serve as ex-officio on the Steering Committee.

Dr. Del Rio shares three key reasons how United Way committees are beneficial: we learn a lot, it's fun and engaging, and most importantly, we are helping and serving our community. Dr. Del Rio states that all members of the leadership team can come to any committee meeting to assess and observe, and then make an official decision. Three persons have already volunteered on the Nominating Committee last time: Mr. Emerson, Dr. Del Rio and Mr. Roberts. Those who have already volunteered on the Strategic Planning Committee include Councilmember Toyer, Ms. Christina Davis, and Ms. Christina Williams. Dr. Del Rio suggest that anyone who knows people interested in joining the Workforce Leadership Team to please reach out. Mr. Emerson asks for a document laying out the organization structure and names of leadership team. Dr. Del Rio will work on this document with Ms. Shelby. This will be a great onboarding feedback. Ms. Shanana, the Director of Collective Impact for the behavioral health leadership team, offers her support in any capacity beyond coming to meetings and backbone support.

### **Group Activity**

Ms. Shelby Redondo explains the purpose of the activity via Menti.com to collect feedback about what is being seen in Denton County, where are the gaps in Workforce Initiatives generally speaking etc. Ideas discussed include generational differences, transportation, lack of education and technical skills, economic development, wellbeing, upskilling ALICE households, the retired generation coming back to work and childcare.

### **Advocacy Overview**

Ms. Redondo will continue to give updates as the legislative session has started. If anyone is interested in



behavioral health or housing initiative updates related to advocacy, she will share information too.. Mr. Henderson notes that we're sharing specific bills and areas of interest from our own vantage points. We would like collaborative support from other entities from the nonprofit sector we advocate. We don't lobby or spend funds on professional lobbyists that the municipalities do. We're at the point where we're looking at specific bills that have authors and co-authors and are being assigned to committees and have a shot to get through the process.

## **Workgroup Updates**

### Child Care

Belinda Orduna states the family childcare network is currently at 84 members. Among them six have been successfully moved to becoming take Texas Rising Star certified.

The first educating educators training is Saturday, February 4 which will be part of a series throughout the year. The team is at pre-planning stages of their summer conference, to be hosted in June, and at the same time, they are offering backbone support to the childcare work group that has been led by Texas Rising Star in Denton ISD in their Conference tentatively to be in April or May.

### Financial Empowerment

Jamie reported that there are two workshops at Cumberland. She is working with the Cumberland case manager to develop a program or support around financial work with the foster care youth with needed help. In terms of education around these topics, it's at ground zero right now. There are 2 presentations happening at the library. Additionally, Jamie had a recent meeting with DCFOF about working to build a capacity of the advocates there and having these difficult conversations around finances.

## **Backbone Support Updates**

### Behavioral Health Leadership Team

Ms. Spencer reports preparing programming and putting together the team's schedule for declarations with our local municipalities to promote mental health awareness month in May. The event "Recovery in the Park" is coming up in September which revolves around the rapidly growing issue of substance abuse. The behavioral leadership team has substance abuse as another area of focus and will try to develop more resources and to make people aware of resources. The team met yesterday in a new format, to discuss four questions in small discussion groups. While most small groups only went through the first two questions, it was still a good sign of progress. The team is excited about becoming more collaborative with the other leadership teams moving forward.

### Homelessness Leadership Team

Ms. Mata-Williams discusses the Point in Time Count event which took place on the coldest day of the season. It is a nationwide event where all data is linked back to our funding from local state and federal levels. The coalition meeting starts at 9:00 am. Thursday is the PIT volunteering in Lewisville or Denton. The earliest shift starts at 5:00 am and goes all the way till 8:00 pm. A staff member or team lead who has done this before will be with you. There are 99 volunteers thus far, the largest number yet. There is also a volunteer opportunity to help assemble 500 prep bags the day before next Wednesday starting after 10 o'clock at the MLK Rec center in Denton. We just need a few more volunteers for the shelter and getting the word out for Lewisville grant to assist with mortgage payments.

Ms. Redondo shows quantitative data of the evictions since COVID. Mr. Henderson states that we have Alice in poverty households in Denton County, who for three years have had the lowest barrier entry housing assistance program; the program is going away at the same time. From the trends, rental assistance needs have increased exponentially and it's been more challenging to keep up with demand.



**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourns at 9:48 am. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

If you have something you would like on the agenda for our next meeting, please contact Shelby Redondo, [shelby@unitedwaydenton.org](mailto:shelby@unitedwaydenton.org)

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Secretary of DCWSLT