



Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, | 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm  
Hybrid Meeting

### Agenda

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| I.    | Welcome & Approval of Minutes   | Bob Troyer- COL                 |
| II.   | Introductions                   | Bob Troyer- COL                 |
| III.  | Rainwater Charitable Foundation | Ling Hwey Jeng & Shelby Redondo |
| IV.   | Backbone Support Updates        |                                 |
|       | • Child Care                    | Shelby Redondo- UWDC            |
|       | • Economic Mobility             | Shelby Redondo-UWDC             |
|       | • Seniors                       | Bob Troyer- COL                 |
|       | • Data                          | Ling Hwey Jeng- TWU             |
|       | • VITA                          | Teddy Yan-UWDC                  |
| V.    | Leadership Team Updates         |                                 |
|       | • DCHHLT                        | Shelby Redondo-UWDC             |
|       | • DCBHLT                        | Shelby Redondo-UWDC             |
| VI.   | Public Comment                  | Bob Troyer- COL                 |
| VII.  | New Business                    | Bob Troyer- COL                 |
| VIII. | Adjourn                         | Bob Troyer- COL                 |



Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team  
4:00 pm Thursday  
January 11th, 2024  
Hybrid Meeting

### **Welcome and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Councilmember Troyer calls the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Approval of the meeting minutes from November were moved by Dr. Del Rio and seconded by Mr. Koontz.

### **Introduction**

Ms. Anwar, the district director for State Representative Salman Bhojani's, is introduced as a new member for the leadership team.

### **Family Child Care Network**

Ms. Redondo announces that this is the last month for the Family Child Care Network (FCCN), which has been running since the summer of 2020. Family Child Care providers offer high-quality child care from their homes. She shares that FCCN was the first staffed family child care network in Texas. Ms. Redondo shares the successes in implementing the program, including home visits with the providers, networking opportunities, free trainings, curriculum training to meet Texas Rising Star standards, one-on-one support, and supplies for the child care center.

FCCN impacted 564 children in the first year, 900 in the second year, and 1440 in the third year. Funds from Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) were used to provide STEM support, State Licensing Requirements, curriculum, classroom supplies, and professional development. FCCN provided 5442 free professional development hours through monthly trainings and 2238 free professional development hours through annual conferences.

Upon completion of the FCCN project, TWC will take over the effort to expand it in multiple locations across the state. FCCN succeeded in creating 60 new childcare seats in five different child care deserts, and 240 childcare seats were created outside of child care deserts. Challenges include, for example, the pre-application class, licensing process, and city regulations. FCCN was able to offer new providers, sustaining Family Child Care providers through the pandemic, and starting the first staffed family child care network in Texas. United Way of Denton County was awarded "Bright Spot" in the nation for their work within the FCCN. TWC has invited the FCCN to participate in the Texas Rising Star conference as exhibitors. United Way of Denton County was also recognized by Help Me Grow North Texas as one of the resources in Denton County for early childhood.

### **Backbone Support Update**

Ms. Redondo updates on child care. The waitlist for child care subsidies is around 3-4 months for non-priority and 1-2 months for priority. Ms. Redondo reports that Workforce Solutions of North Texas is

serving the highest number of families and children that they have ever served, and that the waitlist is the longest it has ever been.

Dr. Del Rio updates on the economic mobility workgroup. The workgroup will meet at the end of January, emphasizing using the EM Pathways model in training. The workgroup will focus on ways to implement the EM Pathways model through Economic Mobility Ambassadors within the VITA program.

Mr. Yan updates on VITA. VITA has been actively recruiting volunteers and trained 29 volunteers, 10 of whom have received new certificates. VITA has 8 hired site coordinators, 2 intern site coordinators, and 4 volunteer site coordinators for the tax prep season. VITA will publish a detailed schedule, which runs from January 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Redondo updates on the Family Justice Center. The Family Justice Center will be writing a strategic plan for year 3. The Family Justice Center has been able to add more police department representation. There is a possibility that the Denton County Commissioners Court will be able to provide some level of financial support for the Family Justice Center.

Ms. Redondo updates on the Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team (DCWSLT). DCWSLT is looking to add 2 workgroups. A motion is approved to create and establish a data workgroup, moved by Dr. Jeng and seconded by Dr. Del Rio. A motion is approved to create and establish a senior workforce workgroup, moved by Dr. Del Rio and seconded by Mr. Wood. Ms. Redondo shares a survey about DCWSLT for the members.

Mr. Henderson proposes the idea of bi-monthly meetings to support the decreased number of United Way of Denton County staff members and create a more efficient leadership team.

### **Leadership Team Updates**

Ms. Mata Williams shares updates on the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team. She shares that Point-In-Time (PIT) Count is scheduled on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and will occur in Denton and Lewisville. PIT Count strives to have 150 volunteers for this event.

Ms. Redondo shares updates on the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team. The leadership team has facilitated a partnership to provide medical detox beds for women. The leadership team will be phasing out the veteran's counseling program.

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjourn**

Councilmember Troyer adjourns the meeting at 5:06 pm.

*Ling Jeng*

DCWSLT Secretary