



**Thursday, November 18, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

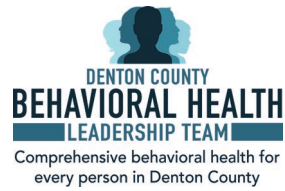
**Agenda**

I.	Welcome	T. Widmer	2 min.
II.	Vote to Approve Minutes	T. Widmer	2 min.
III.	Vote to Approve Bylaw Amendment	T. Widmer	2 min.
IV.	New Participant/Guest Introductions	T. Widmer	5 min.
V.	Report from Mental Health Authority	P. Gutierrez	5 min.
VI.	Report on UNT Research	K. Partin	5 min.
VII.	Workgroup Committee Reports		25 min.
	a. Child and Family Systems	L. Elliott/L. Prillwitz	
	b. Jail Diversion	D. Lee	
	c. Veterans	S. Spencer	
	d. Substance Use	H. Galloway/L. Holloway	
	e. Suicide ad hoc	S. Domingue	
VIII.	Denton County Veteran Stability Program	E. Baxter	5 min.
IX.	New Business	T. Widmer/S. Spencer	10 min.
	a. Election of officers		
	b. Approval of new Ex Officio members		
	c. Approval of new appointees		
	d. Approval of changes to Jail Diversion, Veterans, and Substance Use Workgroups		
	e. Approval to add Data Workgroup		
X.	Backbone Support Updates		10 min.
	a. COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Fund Outcomes - G. Henderson		
	b. Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team Update - E. Lusk		
	c. Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team - O. Williams		
XI.	Public Comment		4 min.
XII.	Adjourn	T. Widmer	

**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, January 20, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | United Way Denton County**





### **2022 Meeting Schedule**

**Thursday, March 17, 2022**

**Thursday, May 19, 2022**

**Thursday, July 21, 2022**

**Thursday, September 15, 2022**

**Thursday, November 17, 2022**

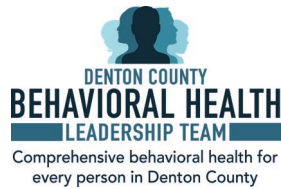
**All meetings: 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | United Way Denton County**



**Thursday, September 16, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes**

- I. Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair, Terry Widmer. She welcomes the group and thanked them for attending.
- II. Vote to Approve Minutes: Terry called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Lisa Elliott moved and Stephanie Brown seconded. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.
- III. Vote to Approve Bylaw Amendment: Terry reviewed the proposed bylaw amendment, changing election of officers to November with terms running from January – December. Stephanie Brown moved for approval and Hope Galloway seconded. The vote for amendment to the bylaws was unanimous.
- IV. New Participant/Guest Introductions: Terry introduced and welcomed new attendees and guest of the group.
- V. Report from MHA: Pam Gutierrez reported from the Local Mental Health Authority. MHMR has been awarded a SAMHSA grant for substance use intensive outpatient services. They will also provide some detoxification services. MHMR has also earned certification as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic and a Trauma Informed Care Clinic.
- VI. Report from MHMR: Brittany Waymack reported from MHMR on the most recent Denton County Suicide data. There were 7 suicides in July and 9 in August. The group discussed the need for an ad hoc committee to look into suicide numbers and prevention in Denton County. Terry called for a motion. Scott Domingue motioned and Roxanne Del Rio seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Scott Domingue and Jon Lasell agreed to co-chair the committee.
- VII. Report from City of Denton: Courtney Douangdara from City of Denton reported that the city has received American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds and have earmarked \$895,000 for mental health. The city was offer non-profit support grants to improve access to mental health services. Anyone interested should reach out to Courtney. Shanana will also send a link to the grant application when it is released.
- VIII. Report on UNT Research: Kelly Partin reported that her research is going well, but she is still in need of having surveys completed. Shanana will resend the original request link.
- IX. Report on Overdose Response Team: Becky Tinney from Recovery Resource Council reported on the Overdose Response Team pilot. They have partnered with Denton, Flower Mound, and Lewisville. The teams will become active in December.
- X. Report on First Mental Health Matters Panel Discussion: Shanana, Lisa, Monya, Roxanne, and Pam reported on the first Mental Health Matters virtual panel discussion held in October. The discussion was produced by NCTC and was a success. The panel discussed general mental health. There will be additional panels in the future.



XI. Workgroup Committee Reports

- a. Child and Family Systems: Lisa and Laura reported that the CFS workgroup continues to meet bimonthly. There is a complete lack of pediatric inpatient beds in Denton County and Dallas Children's is permanently closing its pediatric inpatient unit. They reported that the members of the CFS have recommitted to their work and they will be focusing in on mental health navigators and revitalizing the Okay to Say campaign.
- b. Substance Use: Hope Galloway reported for the substance use ad hoc workgroup. The group sponsored a substance use training for Lewisville ISD with nearly 50 attendees. The group continues to obtain data and work to develop resources to improve access to substance use treatment.

XII. Denton County Veteran Stability Program: Elishia Baxter reported that the Texas Veterans Commission grant for financial assistance was renewed for 2021-2022,

XIII. New Business

- a. Volunteers for Nominating Committee: Terry and Shanan asked for volunteers for the nominating committee, to put together a slate of new officers. The committee will consist of Terry Widmer, Lisa Elliott, Roxanne Del Rio, and Erin Williams.

XIV. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

XV. Adjourn: Terry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth Ferring motioned and Hope Galloway seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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## Proposed By Law Amendment

It is proposed that the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team adopt an amendment to Article VI, Section 6.1 to add 1-2 community members at large to the appointee list, bringing the total maximum number of appointees to thirty-eight (38.)

### ARTICLE VI Officers/BHLT Appointees

#### Section 6.1: DCBHLT Appointees

The DCBHLT shall consist of no less than sixteen (16) and no more than thirty-eight (38) members. Such number may be increased or decreased by amendment to these Bylaws and the DCBHLT structure.

The DCBHLT shall be composed of appointees from the following entities.

- (1-3) Federal and State Legislature
- (3-5) Denton County Commissioners Court
  - (1-2) Denton City Council
  - (1-2) Lewisville City Council
  - (1-2) Corinth City Council
  - (1-2) Small Cities/Towns
- (3-7) Health Systems, Hospitals, MHMR, Health Department
  - (1-2) Health Insurance Providers
- (4-10) Human Systems, ISD's, Higher Education, Law Enforcement, WATCH
  - (1) United Way of Denton County
  - (1-2) Community Member at large



## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

October 2021

**WORKGROUP NAME: CHILD AND FAMILY SYSTEMS WORKGROUP**

**CHAIR NAME: LISA ELLIOTT AND LAURA PRILLWITZ**

**CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): [LISA.ELLIOTT@COOKCHILDRENS.ORG](mailto:LISA.ELLIOTT@COOKCHILDRENS.ORG) (940) 484-4311 AND [LAURA.PRILLWITZ@DENTONCOUNTY.COM](mailto:LAURA.PRILLWITZ@DENTONCOUNTY.COM) (940) 349-2455**

### Meeting Summary (provide meeting date and items discussed during meeting)

The group last met: October 22, 2021.

Workgroup members: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Judge Kimberly McCary, Monya Crow, Amy Lawrence, Lisa Pierce, Sadaf Meckfessal, Trish Robinson, Craig Daugherty, Suzy Gange, Suzann Woodward, Alisa Quimby, Tasha Moore, Dr. Lisa Pierce, Erica McKinnie, Ann Hughes, Priscilla Bock, Rebekah De Peo-Christner, Lisa Settle, Joshua Marshall, Ruth Pope, Sarah Bernhagen, Crystal Gardiner, Larry Robins, Scott Domingue, and Shanana Spencer

Attending: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Lisa Pierce, Monya Crow, Tasha Moore, Priscilla Bock, Alisa Quimby, Kimberly McCary, Sadaf Meckfessel, Amy Lawrence, Erica McKinnie, Ann Hughes, Rebekah De Peo-Christner, Kelly Partin, and Shanana Spencer

### Short Term Action Items

- Reviewed Collaborative Workshops with the WATCH group.
- Reviewed City of Corinth 40 Development Assets Framework.
- Approved Mental Health Navigator Vision and Mission.
- Formed sub-group to prepare Mental Health Navigator funding request
- Reviewed Okay to Say campaign and develop sub-group to revitalize the campaign.
- Reviewed service gaps and needs in the community.

### Accomplishments

Recommitment of the workgroup to being more task oriented again.

### Concerns

Mental Health Navigator funding.

### Next Meeting Dates

November 19: WATCH Coalition Meeting

November 19: Mental Health Navigator Meeting

December 17: CFS Workgroup Meeting



## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

September 2021

**WORKGROUP NAME: JAIL DIVERSION WORKGROUP**

**CHAIR NAME: CHIEF DOUGLAS LEE**

**CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): [DOUGLAS.LEE@DENTONCOUNTY.COM](mailto:DOUGLAS.LEE@DENTONCOUNTY.COM)**

Meeting Summary (provide meeting date and items discussed during meeting)

The group has not met since May 2021 due to changing to quarterly meetings.

Short Term Action Items

- Develop a standard protocol for Denton County police officers encountering people in mental health crisis.
- Foster relationships between law enforcement and local mental health service providers

Accomplishments

- A standard protocol for Denton County police officers has been established. Information has been distributed to all law enforcement agencies on how to respond. If officers need assistance, they can call the Sheriff's Office and the Mental Health Team will respond to help.
- The relationship between law enforcement, MHMR, and the hospitals is strong.
- The current mission of the Jail Diversion Workgroup has been successfully complete.

Next Steps

- Hibernate the Jail Diversion Workgroup until the group can be reconfigured with a new strategic plan, focusing on the next steps in the Sequential Intercept Model.

Next Meeting Dates

TBD



## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

September 2021

**WORKGROUP NAME: VETERANS WORKGROUP**

**CHAIR NAME: CHRIS MARTIN AND RAYMOND HOLDER**

**CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): [C2W2MARTIN@AOL.COM](mailto:C2W2MARTIN@AOL.COM) AND [HOLDERRAYMOND2@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HOLDERRAYMOND2@GMAIL.COM)**

Meeting Summary (provide meeting date and items discussed during meeting)

**Last Meeting Date:** October 14, 2021

**Workgroup Members:** Melanie Torres, Liz Emerson, Dr. Mary Jones, Cierra Stanko, Nikki Perez, Elishia Baxter, Courtney Douangdara, Dani Shaw, Terry Widmer, Raymond, Holder, Chris Martin, John Czapko, Natalie Martinez, Louise Weston-Ferrill, Amy O'Keefe, Elena Lusk, and Shanana Spencer

**In Attendance:** Melanie Torres, Liz Emerson, Dr. Mary Jones, Nikki Perez, Elishia Baxter, Courtney Douangdara, Terry Widmer, Elena Lusk, Amy O'Keefe, and Shanana Spencer

### Short Term Action Items

- Coordinate workgroup guest speakers as identified by workgroup members
- Coordinate with DCHLT Veteran Case Conferencing Workgroup as needed to ensure prioritization of HUD VASH Vouchers
- Identify best practices for volunteers that could conduct social support outreach to isolated Veterans

### Accomplishments

- Ongoing progress of Veteran Community Navigators and Veteran Stability Program
- Renewal of TVC grant for 2021-2022

### Concerns

- The group has become stagnant. There is a need to revise the leadership of the group, its focus and strategic plan. Recommend the group begin meeting quarterly to make the revisions and then resume bi-monthly meetings.

### Next Meeting Dates

TBD



# SUICIDE DEATH DATA FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

## 8 REPORTED SUICIDES

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### Age

- Under 15 - 1
- 15-24 - 3
- 25-34 - 1
- 55-64 - 1
- 65+ - 3

### Race/Sex

- Black Male - 1
- White Male - 1
- Asian Male - 1
- Hispanic Male - 1
- White Females - 2
- Black Females - 2

### Method

- Gunshot wound - 4
- Hanging - 2
- Drowning - 1
- OD - 1

### City

- Lewisville - 3
- Denton - 1
- Little Elm - 2
- Corinth - 1
- Sanger - 1

- ❑ So far for 2021 there have been **73** suicides
- ❑ In 2020 there were **81** suicides in Denton County
- ❑ In 2019 there were **92** suicides in Denton County
- ❑ In 2018 there were **89** suicides in Denton County

# SUICIDE DEATH DATA FOR OCTOBER 2021

## 9 REPORTED SUICIDES

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Age	Race/Sex	Method	City
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 15-24 - 2</li><li>▪ 25-34 - 1</li><li>▪ 45-54 - 1</li><li>▪ 65+ - 5</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black Male - 1</li><li>• White Male - 6</li><li>• White Females - 1</li><li>• Black Females - 1</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gunshot wound - 6</li><li>• Hanging - 1</li><li>• Drowning - 1</li><li>• OD - 1</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Flower Mound- 2</li><li>▪ Aubrey- 1</li><li>▪ Frisco - 1</li><li>▪ Corinth - 1</li><li>▪ Lewisville - 1</li><li>▪ Dallas- 1</li><li>▪ Roanoke - 1</li><li>▪ Highland Village- 1</li></ul>

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- In 2020 there were **81** suicides in Denton County
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- In 2018 there were **89** suicides in Denton County



Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team  
Nominating Committee

Terry Widmer, Lisa Elliott, Roxanne Del Rio, Erin Williams

Nominees for Officer Positions of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

Service Period: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Chair: Dr. Lisa Elliott

Co-Chair: Sgt. Elisa Howell

Secretary: Dr. Stephanie Brown

Nominees for new Ex Officio Members

Ex Officios:

Pam Gutierrez: Executive Director, MHMR

Laura Prillwitz: Deputy Director, Probation Services

Kristin Howell: CEO, Children's Advocacy Center

Honorable Coby Waddill: Judge, Denton County Criminal Court 5

Nominees for new Appointees

Amy Lawrence: (ISD) Denton ISD, Director of Counseling Services

Honorable Tiffany Haertling: (Denton County) Denton County District Court, Judge 442<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court

Ms. Hanna Moericke: (Human Systems) Our Daily Bread, Board Member

Jon Lasell: (Health Systems) University Behavioral Health Denton, CEO

Erin Williams: (Health Systems) Mayhill Hospital, Business Development Liaison