

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

November 17th, 2016

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

United Way of Denton County, Inc. (1314 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX)

Agenda

I.	Welcome & Introductions	J. Mulroy	2 min.
II.	Consideration of September Meeting Minutes (approval) (attached)	J. Mulroy	2 min.
III.	Strategic Planning Update	M. Richardson	10 min.
IV.	Public Relations	L. Howell	5 min.
V.	LISD Update and Response	M. Crow	3 min.
VI.	DCHLT and ESG Update	C. Cross	5 min.
VII.	Workgroup Reports/Updates (attached) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child and Family Systems (Dr. Lisa Elliott - lisa.elliott@cookchildrens.org & Laura Prillwitz - lauraprillwitz@dentoncounty.com)• Veterans (Colonel Chris Martin - c2w2martin@aol.com)• Consumer (Elizabeth Ferring - eferring@gmail.com)• Jail Diversion (Deputy Randy Plemons - randyplemons@dentoncounty.com)• Mental Health Court (Tami Russell - tamirusell@dentoncounty.com)	A. Reed	15 min.
VIII.	HHSC TV + FA Grant Updates	A. Reed	20 min.
IX.	FLOW Foundation Grant	A. Reed	3 min.
X.	Backbone Support Update	G. Henderson	2 min.
XI.	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MHMR Psychiatric Triage – 1115 Waiver• Mental Health Treatment Court – Sustainability Planning	J. Mulroy	
XII.	Public Comments		
XIII.	Adjourn	J. Mulroy	

Next Meeting: January 19, 2017 @ 8:00 a.m.

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
September 15, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Appointees Present: Dr. Derrell Bulls, Dr. Kathryn Stream, Dr. Lisa Elliott, Dr. Matt Richardson, Dr. Nicki Roderman, Dr. Richard Valenta, Dr. Roxanne Del-Rio, Dr. Teresa McKinney, Elizabeth Ferring, Gary Seguin, Joe Mulroy, Juan Rodriguez, Judge Barbara Gailey, Louise Baldwin, Monya Crow, Councilman TJ Gilmore, by proxy Mayor Chris Watts

Ex officios present: Gary Henderson, Alex Reed

Appointees Absent: Bryan Langley, Chief Lee Howell, Chief Russ Kerbow, Cindy “Sanden” Daughetee, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Deputy Randy Plemons, Dr. Bill Giese, Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Dr. Timothy Harris, Gary Fullerton, Judge Coby Waddill, Melinda Galler, Prudence Sanchez, Scott McBryde

Meeting called to order at 8:04 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions:

Joe Mulroy provided the welcome and recognized guests.

Consideration of May Meeting minutes:

The July 21, 2016 meeting minutes of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team were reviewed and approved.

Motion: Dr. Derrell Bulls

Second: Councilman TJ Gilmore

Abstained: Judge Barbara Gailey

Minutes approved as written.

Backbone Support Update:

Gary Henderson introduced Ashley Beverly and Liz Emerson as new United Way of Denton County staff, serving as Veteran Community Navigators.

Gary Henderson presented to the DCBHLT a recommendation to transition the Housing Workgroup under the jurisdiction of the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team. Mr. Mulroy indicated that this transition would allow the DCBHLT to consider the implementation of a new workgroup under the MMHPI Best Practice Opportunities for Denton County report collaborative structure. Gary iterated that the DCHLT would continue to provide homelessness and housing updates at DCBHLT meetings as requested.

Motion to approve transition of Housing Workgroup under DCHLT: Dr. Lisa Elliott

Second: Dr. Derrell Bulls

HHSC TV+FA Grant Updates:

Alex Reed provided an update on the TV+FA Pilot Program Grant implementation. Alex relayed that the program hosted Senator Jane Nelson for a public programmatic launch on August 19, 2016. The pilot program has been titled the Veteran Community Navigator program. The VCN program began accepting referrals on August 22, 2016. Alex reported the program currently has 35 clients enrolled. Alex presented quotes from clients that have been received by email to the VCN staff. Alex also presented to the DCBHLT that multiple of the currently enrolled clients have evaded homelessness with the interventions provided by the VCN staff.

Strategic Planning Update:

Dr. Matt Richardson provided the three approved workgroup strategic goals – Child and Family Systems, Mental Health Treatment Court and Veterans. The Strategic Planning Committee voted and approved these strategic goals to be included in the DCBHLT Speakers Bureau slides. Dr. Richardson indicated the importance of recognizing the completed objectives and the accomplishments of the workgroups since inception.

Public Relations:

Alex relayed to the DCBHLT that Dr. Teresa McKinney is to serve as the keynote speaker for the Denton Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon on October 28, 2016, sponsored by Texas Health Resources. The luncheon keynote will be centered on the impact of mental health in the workforce.

Workgroup Reports:

Workgroup updates and highlights of individual workgroups were provided by the Chair (or workgroup representative) of each group. A formal written report was provided in the DCBHLT agenda packet.

A list of workgroup chairs is as follows:

- Veterans: Colonel Chris Martin
- Consumer: Elizabeth Ferring
- Housing: Terry Widmer
- Jail Diversion: Chief Deputy Randy Plemons
- Mental Health Court: Tami Russell
- Child & Family Systems: Dr. Lisa Elliott and Laura Prillwitz, Co-chairs

During the workgroup reports, Terry Widmer of the Housing Workgroup provided a progress review of the low barrier transitional housing program being generated from the workgroup. The workgroup obtained a Denton Supportive Housing, Inc. grant to house 10 chronically homeless individuals for one year. Terry indicated that a program overview and documentation has been generated for the Denton Supportive Housing Pilot, with workgroup approval for programmatic utilization. Terry iterated that in October the workgroup will reevaluate the roster to develop components of real estate and development, broadening the scope of the workgroup.

Dr. Teresa McKinney stated that the Jail Diversion Workgroup is finalizing the script for the Law Enforcement Training Video. Dr. McKinney iterated the revisions made by Denton Police Department, Lewisville Police Department and Denton County MHMR. Dr. McKinney stated that the Denton County

Sheriff's Office confirmed that the purchase order for the video can remain open until the video is completed. After finalization of the script, filming will be conducted locally.

Colonel Chris Martin reviewed the Veteran Workgroup Strategic Goal. Chris highlighted the successes of the VCN program since launching. Chris relayed to the DCBHLT that a Veterans Summit is taking place today, September 15th at The Mill with Michelle Monse from the King Foundation presenting on the Community Needs Assessment. Chris also relayed that a Homeless Veterans Stand Down is scheduled for October 20, 2016.

Dr. Lisa Elliott provided an update from the Child and Family Systems Workgroup. Lisa relayed that the Mental Health First Aid facilitator training has been fully funded. Celia Brannon of UBH will be participating in the training at the end of September. This expands the capacity to achieve a metric of the workgroup strategic goal in training 200 individuals in Mental Health First Aid.

Lisa relayed that Judge Kimberly McCary and Laura Prillwitz have secured a 4-year grant to launch a Juvenile Mental Health Court. Judge McCary relayed that she has jurisdiction of justice involved children and adolescents, ages 10 to 17. Judge McCary iterated to the DCBHLT that two-thirds of juveniles have a mental health need, and medication is effective for only one-third. Family involvement will be an integral component of Juvenile Mental Health Court. Judge McCary shared the program overview with the DCBHLT.

Joe posed the question of services that are available for children and families prior to age 10 to prevent justice involvement or offer support for mental health needs. Lisa advocated for education of parents beginning during pregnancy and provided information on the First Three Years initiative of the WATCH Coalition. Lisa also highlighted the asset mapping being conducted by the Child and Family Systems Workgroup.

New Business:

Joe iterated a desire for additional information on youth intervention prior to age 10 within the community.

Joe also presented a request for a Housing and Emergency Solutions Grant update at the November DCBHLT meeting.

Public Comments: No public comments were received.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:06 a.m.

**Next Meeting: November 17, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m.
United Way of Denton County Office**

Secretary

Date



DCBHLT WORKGROUP CONSIDERATIONS

Strategic Planning Committee
November 14, 2016

Denton County Citizens Council On Mental Health - NEXT STEPS

Denton County Commissioners Court (3 - 5)	Denton City Council (1-2)	Lewisville City Council (1-2)	Small Cities/Towns Coalition (1)	Health Systems Hospitals, MHMR, Health Department (3-7)	Health Funders Insurance Providers (1-2)	Human Systems ISDs, Higher Ed., Law Enforcement, Housing, WATCH (4-8)	United Way of Denton County (1)
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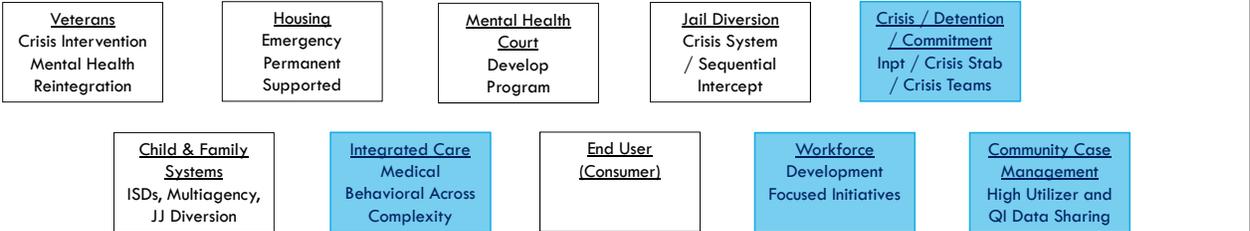
DENTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP TEAM
serves as the County oversight committee (1)
31 Total Members

Individuals may serve on multiple work groups

COLLABORATIVE STRUCTURE

Denton County Citizen's Council on Mental Health
Co-Chairs/Executive Director (2)

WORK GROUPS



1 – Chartered by political entities, formal reporting, accountability
2 – Transition from voluntary Co-Chairs to professional staff position developed between Denton County Health Department and United Way of Denton County

CRISIS/DETENTION/COMMITMENT

Scope: Inpatient behavioral health care, crisis stabilization and crisis response teams

Considerations:

- Psychiatric Triage – 1115 Waiver
- New leadership of Denton County inpatient behavioral health facilities
 - Mayhill Hospital and University Behavioral Health
- THR Behavioral Health Facility
- Jail diversion strategic planning

Crisis Response Outcomes:

- DCMHMR psych triage provided 749 assessments in a 12 month period
- Approximately 40% of Psych Triage dispositions to inpatient treatment

DCMHMR PSYCH TRIAGE DATA

Date Range	Number of Assessments	Assessments Per Day	
3/2014 – 9/2014	321	Range	0-8
10/2014 – 9/2015	749	Average	3
10/2015 – 5/2016	561		

Referral Sources	
Hotline/Walk In	692
Law Enforcement	303
Hospital	148
University	42
Grade school	41
Other	205

COMMUNITY CASE MANAGEMENT

Scope: Coordinated network of services providers with capacity to identify high utilizer and participate in data sharing

Considerations:

- Coordinated entry system
 - Social Solutions Efforts to Outcomes
 - Information and Referral
 - Homeless Management Information System
- Texas System of Care
 - 83rd Legislative Session – 2013
 - SB421

TEXAS SYSTEM OF CARE

THE ROAD FORWARD

The insights and innovative ideas shared by many dedicated individuals have been woven into the vision and the five broad goals (Figure 1) that frame the Plan. A detailed table of goals, strategies and action steps, including estimated time frames for completing each strategy, can be found at: www.txsystemsofcare.org/strategic-plan-to-expand-systems-of-care

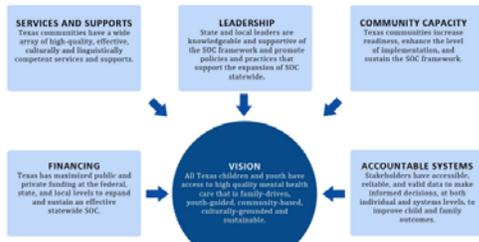


FIGURE 1

CHARACTERISTICS OF SYSTEMS OF CARE AS SYSTEMS REFORM INITIATIVES SM	
From	To
Fragmented service delivery	Coordinated service delivery
Categorical programs/funding	Multidisciplinary teams and blended resources
Limited service availability	Comprehensive service array
Reactive, crisis-oriented approach	Focus on prevention/early intervention
Focus on "deep-end," restrictive settings	Least restrictive setting
Children out-of-home	Children within families
Centralized authority	Community-based ownership
Creation of "dependency"	Creation of "self-help" and active participation
Child-only focus	Family as focus
Needs/deficits assessment	Strength-based assessments
Families as "problems"	Families as "partners" and therapeutic allies
Cultural blindness	Cultural competence
Highly professionalized	Coordination with informal and natural supports
Child and family must "fit" services	Individualized/wraparound approach
Input-focused accountability	Outcome/results-oriented accountability
Funding tied to programs	Funding tied to populations

INTEGRATED CARE

Scope: providing physical and behavioral health services in conjunction with one another

Considerations:

- Primary care in behavioral health
- Behavioral health in primary care
 - Vital Sign 6 implementation

Integrated Care Outcomes:

- Reduction in symptoms of depression
 - 50% of clients with at least a 50% reduction in PQH-9 scores
- Number of medical visits reduced
 - PCP visits 1/6th as frequently as prior to entering integrated care program

INTEGRATED CARE

Figure 1. Individual changes in PHQ-9 Scores from before referral to PCBHC to three-months after beginning PCBHC.

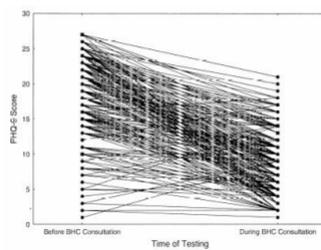
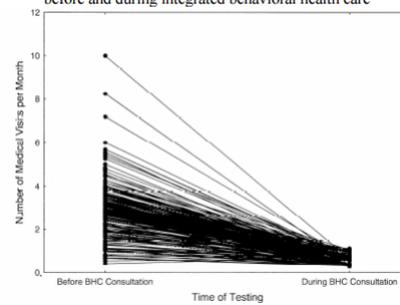


Figure 2. Individual number of medical visits per month before and during integrated behavioral health care



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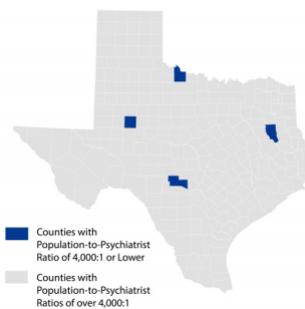
Scope: Workforce development, cultural competence and initiatives focused on consumer workforce engagement

Considerations:

- Mental Health First Aid training for HR and business leaders
- Behavioral health workforce development
 - Developing network of behavioral health providers
 - HB1023 83rd Legislature
 - In Texas, the ratio of mental health providers to individuals with MH needs is 1:990
 - Relationship with TWU and UNT
- DCHLT potentially launching workforce workgroup

WORKFORCE

Texas Counties with Population-to-Psychiatrist Ratios Lower than 4,000:1



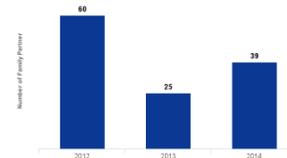
Mental Health Workforce

Mental Health Workforce

Workforce of Mental Health Sector to 100k population (2014)

# of Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC)	76
# of Social Workers (SW)	72
# of Licensed Psychologists (LP)	16
# of Psychiatrists	7

Number of new certified family partners each year





DCBHLT Speakers Bureau Presentations

Date	Audience	Speaker
12/8/2015	NAMI Denton County	Lacrica Olson
12/10/2015	Ponder ISD SHAC Committee	Gary Henderson
2/26/2016	Denton Regional Suicide Coalition	Lacrica Olson
3/2/2016	Lewisville Noon Rotary	Tj Gilmore & Chief Russ Kerbow
3/9/2016	Champions Rotary (Justin)	Chris Martin
3/18/2016	WATCH Coalition	Monya Crow & Chief Lee Howell
3/24/2016	Lewisville Morning Rotary	Tj Gilmore
4/6/2016	Denton County Homeless Coalition	Roxanne Del-Rio
4/20/2016	Aubrey 380 Chamber of Commerce	Lacrica Olson
4/22/2016	Cross Timbers Rotary	TJ Gilmore and Chief Russ Kerbow
4/28/2016	Health Communities Coaliton (joint partner presentation)	Lacrica Olson with MHMR and WATCH
5/5/2016	Denton Noon Rotary	Chief Lee Howell
5/19/2016	Flower Mound Noon Rotary	Tj Gilmore & Chief Russ Kerbow
5/31/2016	Denton Morning Rotary	Chief Lee Howell
6/14/2016	Texas Health Resources- Denton Clergy Unit	Lacrica Olson and Chief Lee Howell
6/21/2016	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Dr. Roxanne Del Rio
8/19/2016	Veteran Community Navigator Launch	Gary Henderson
9/15/2016	Veterans Summit	Alex Reed
9/22/2016	Leadership Denton	Alex Reed
10/20/2016	St. David's Episcopal Church	Chief Lee Howell
10/12/2016	Project Blueprint	Gary Henderson
10/28/2016	Denton Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon	Dr. Teresa McKinney
11/4/2016	WATCH Coalition	Dr. Teresa McKinney

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Denton ESG Collaborative



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ESG Funding Stream



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ESG Funding: 2014-2016

	TDHCA	BoS	Denton ESG Collective
2014	\$7,933,970	\$2,482,331	\$591,880
2015	\$8,563,103	\$3,514,584	\$600,339
2016	\$8,442,474	\$2,777,709	\$0



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2016 ESG Agency Allocations

Agency	2016-2017 Loss of Funds	Approximate % Total Expenses
Christian Community Action	\$125,000	1%
Denton County Friends of the Family	\$143,820	8%
Giving Hope, Inc.	\$181,180	37%
Salvation Army Denton	\$150,000	15%



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Persons Served by ESG

	2014	2015	2016 YTD
Street Outreach	144	112	96
Shelter	872	944	654
Homelessness Prevention	247	296	171
Rapid Re-Housing	270	204	130
TOTAL:	1,533	1,556	1,051



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HOMELESSNESS SUMMIT

**Saturday
Nov. 12th
9am - 3pm**

**Help us make
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Denton County**

**Denton Public
Safety Training
Center
719 E. Hickory**

Registration & Event Information: tinyurl.com/dcosummit



Cities, county back up agencies

Lewisville, Denton, county help homeless agencies recover

By Julian Gill

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About two months after four local homeless support agencies lost a \$600,000 federal grant, the city of Denton, the city of Lewisville and Denton County have allotted \$399,500 to help the agencies recover from the funding shortfall.

In late July, the state denied the agencies' application to receive the Emergency Solutions Grant, which served 1,556 people who were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in the county in 2015.

Giving Hope Inc., Denton County Friends of the Family, Salvation Army Denton and Lewisville Christian Community Action used the grant to assist clients with rent, utility bills, medicine, bus tickets and other necessities. Without the money, some homeless clients who received housing services could have ended up back on the street.

But the Denton City Council recently pledged a one-time appropriation of \$200,000 for the agencies, while Lewisville city officials set aside \$164,500, and Denton County commissioners approved \$35,000. Officials are still finalizing the exact amount each agency will receive.

Danielle Shaw, human services coordinator for the city of Denton, emphasized that these funds will help the agencies continue services this year. To sustain long-term services, they're looking for alternate funding streams, she said.

"First and foremost, we're looking at performance measures to make sure we're housing more people," Shaw said. "The goal will be to direct services to housing, then the other [goal is] to look at diversifying the funding."

With more funding sources, the agencies won't rely as heavily on federal money, which has strict guidelines, Shaw said. It will allow them to think creatively and find solutions that work best for Denton County, she said.

The agencies lost the Emergency Solutions Grant for a number of reasons, two of which were the lack of data tracking efforts and lack of housing resources. But in order to address the housing issue, the agencies first have to establish how many people are homeless in the county, Shaw said.

"The data needs to tell us how many, who they are and what their needs are," Shaw said. "It gives us an idea of the variety of housing types we need. Because it's not going to be one housing solution, it's going to be a variety."

Courtney Cross, United Way of Denton County's community impact coordinator, discussed data tracking solutions on Wednesday afternoon during a meeting with the Denton County Homeless Coalition, which has addressed the needs of the homeless in the county since 2001. The coalition consists of representatives from county nonprofits, schools and cities.

Cross said getting everyone on the same data reporting system is a good first step toward better data tracking.

"In my opinion, the nonprofit world is kind of the last to jump on the whole database trail," Cross said after the meeting. "Because sitting down and figuring out how this system works is kind of a luxury in the world that a lot of these agencies operate in."

During the meeting, Shaw talked about improving the point-in-time survey, which the coalition conducts every year to track the number of homeless in the county. About 50 volunteers count the number of homeless at shelters and other popular gathering places. Critics have said the count is inadequate. More volunteers would cast a wider net and provide more reliable data, Shaw said.

As the coalition looks for long-term solutions, some agencies are consolidating to make the most out of city and county funds.

Alonzo Peterson, Giving Hope's executive director, said the agency had to combine the outreach manager position and housing navigator position. With less money, he said, Giving Hope won't be able to provide as much services. But the agency hasn't had to place anyone back on the street, thanks in part to the funds from Lewisville, Denton and Denton County.

Chasz Parker, Christian Community Action's president and CEO, said it's likely his agency will also serve fewer clients. Last year, CCA helped 34 families (81 people) who were at risk of becoming homeless, and funds from the Emergency Solutions Grant paid for a large portion of those services, he said.

Parker, who is also the co-chairman of the Denton County Homelessness Leadership team, said it's important the agencies start thinking strategically about next year's grant application. For them, it's a time for reflection and reassessment, he said.

"[The cities and county] stepped up quickly," he said. "When the government is responsive like that, it represents the best sides of what people want to see in government. ... We went from a deer in the headlights to a 'What can we do right now?' mentality."

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A window into homelessness

Summit in Denton looks at many facets of a growing issue

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A one-legged man on crutches roams Denton County late until bars finally close. People with mental disabilities sleep on the shoulders of lethal frontage roads for lack of a bed. Patients merely days out of surgery are forced to brave this city's streets, only to contract further infection.

These are a handful of the types of homeless people Denton police Officer Lee Weber described at the Denton County Homelessness Summit on Saturday.

The Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team — a joint effort of the United Way of Denton County and the city of Denton — hosted a five-hour public discussion on how the area is coping with an ever-expanding homeless population and often limited resources.

From a public safety perspective, prompt responses and increased awareness have helped Denton police protect both the public and those with no home.

Despite physical assault cases that have involved a number of factors, Weber said the broad goal is to get homeless people back on their feet again.

"We can't predict random violence. It's like lightning crashing," he said. "We can only pick up the pieces afterward and offer them the resources available to them — but only those who decide they need help actually get helped."

With arrests of 552 homeless people in 2015 — resulting in a total cost of \$300,000 from just those arrests — officers on the panel acknowledged that extra effort has been invested over the past year into educating the Denton Police Department on how to better point the homeless toward the right direction for recovery.

The Denton County MHMR Center and its suite of triage services have become a resource that police offer to those who are homeless. Many on the streets have multiple health issues that may be unknown until they are arrested and diagnosed.

Most lose health care before they lose their homes, according to Weber, and something as simple as a toothache can turn into something far worse.

"The more you group together the homeless, we tend to see less value in them," Weber said. "But really, they're citizens with mental funds who fell into dismay. Our goal is to get them in a situation more stable."

Limited resources

Denton County with the cities of Denton and Lewisville amassed \$399,500 in October to help several agencies compensate for recently losing an Emergency Solutions Grant worth \$600,000. Still, resources for the homeless are stretched thin. Beds in shelters are quickly filled, and people get turned away frequently.

And as if limited funds weren't enough of a burden, several other homeless prevention groups have seen demand for accommodations surge this year.

During the summit's panel on affordable housing, Sherri McDade, CEO of Denton Housing Authority, said her agency is developing 322 affordable living units with another 405 potential units on the table.

Over the next five years, she projected a need for 4,000 more affordable housing units within Denton County.

Her program enables low-income families to receive rent assistance in a private market. This summer, when applications for Denton Housing Authority opened, the organization was flooded with more than 5,000 applications in just a week.

When asked about her agency's greatest challenge, McDade didn't mince words: finding affordable housing.

"Our families often end up competing with college students and their parents with a checkbook on who a landlord will take on," McDade said of negotiating land for affordable housing. It may come down to who a landlord believes will pay rent on time.

Homelessness of families with students in grade school has also risen over the past few years.

Valerie Foster, executive director of the Sanger Education Foundation, said that in 2012, 193 students in Denton County grade schools were living out of a motel with their families. In 2014, that number expanded to 344 students.

Altogether, Foster said, an estimated 2,096 students in Denton County were considered homeless in 2015.

"Our immediate concerns are just getting these kids to school the next day," Foster said. "The barriers these families face are as unique as each of us sitting in this room."

From here to there

In downtown Denton, psychologist Michelle Emick has tried to figure out ways to make her office building on West Mulberry Street less attractive to the homeless after two instances of men stalking her and frequent loitering.

For the city to be effective, Emick said consideration for transient people needs to continue because their presence has noticeably increased over the past year.

"We need a comprehensive view of exactly what's going on with the homeless, and it started maybe a year ago," said Emick, whose has worked on Mulberry for 15 years. "They're sitting there in the morning. If it's raining, they're sitting under our awning. In the evening, they're in the alley."

Despite the array of difficulties Denton has faced in helping the homeless, not many resources are located between the Dallas-Fort Worth area and Denton. Since Dallas shut down Tent City, a homeless encampment where hundreds lived under Interstate 45, Denton police Lt. Frank Padgett said some residents have hopped trains and journeyed north to Denton, a town they heard was welcoming.

Several people at the summit iterated that the first step to properly accommodating the homeless is improving data tracking efforts. A lack of data tracking was one of the reasons several agencies lost the Emergency Solutions Grant earlier this year.

Emick said attention needs to be paid to the homeless who come to Denton but don't stay, as these temporary Denton homeless can impact how facilities prepare for them.

Having a police officer visit her office to figure out how to respond to the homeless gives Emick faith that the correct steps are being taken to better aid those in need.

"You don't try to put out so many fires until you figure out what's starting them," Emick said. "I think Denton is doing an excellent job in getting a handle on things."

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DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

November 2016

WORKGROUP NAME: CHILD AND FAMILY SYSTEMS WORKGROUP

CHAIR NAME: LISA ELLIOTT AND LAURA PRILLWITZ

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Meeting Summary

The workgroup met on September 23rd and October 28, 2016.

Workgroup members: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Judge Kimberly McCary, Judge Tiffany Haertling, Monya Crow, Gary Seguin, Amy Lawrence, Sharon Dahl, Sara Walterscheid, Richard Brown, Lisa Pierce, Sadaf Meckfessel, Cheryl Aldridge, Ashley Buckles, Trish Robinson, Toni Schweizer, Terri Donsbach, Michelle Fox

Attending: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Amy Lawrence, Jennifer Perez representing Sara Walterscheid, Lisa Pierce, Sadaf Meckfessel, Jamey Lester for Trish Robinson, Terri Donsbach, Edie Gracia, Michelle Fox and Alex Reed.

Most recent meeting took place on October 28, 2016. The group discussed an update on the "Okay To Say" Movement media pieces and tiered commitment structure, Children of Veterans program, Mental Health First Aid, and the Juvenile Mental Health Court. #HowIThrive Social Media Campaign was discussed as well as Denton County Friends of the Family Dating Violence Program for adolescents.

Short Term Action Items

- Celia Brannon is now certified to be a Mental Health First Aid Facilitator. Workgroup will reach out to tier 1 target groups to offer trainings.
- Ranch Hand Rescue has developed a Children of Veterans Program.
- Waiting for Okay to Say Movement media pieces. MMHPI to generate single page and table tent flier for initial review. Both Child and Family Workgroup and WATCH Coalition will approve media pieces as well as method of types and points of dissemination. Workgroup is currently seeking printing options.
- Presentation of a new initiative by DFPS's Prevention and Early Interventions program called #HowIThrive, which uses social media to describe how children and young adults deal with stress.
- Denton County Friends of the Family discussed dating violence education program for schools and training opportunities.

Accomplishments

- 1) Juvenile Mental Health Court begins November 10th
- 2) Have facilitator for Mental Health First Aid
- 3) Have Children of Veterans Program
- 4) Making progress in obtaining media pieces and approval for the "Okay to Say" movement

Concerns

- 1) Obtaining partners for the "Okay to Say" movement and receiving media pieces
- 2) Completing a thorough and exhaustive Community Asset tool in a timely manner
- 3) Keeping goals in a manageable timeframe

Next Meeting Dates

January 27, 2017 (United Way of Denton County)



DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

November 2016

WORKGROUP NAME: VETERANS

CHAIR NAME: CHRIS MARTIN

CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): C2W2MARTIN@AOL.COM, 678-877-6267

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

Workgroup members: Chris Martin (Chair,) Roy Davenport, Melanie Torres, Sarah Banis, Paul Jurek , Michael Hunn, Kathy Eubanks, Raymond Holder, Chris Mays, Juan Rodriguez, Judge David Garcia, Jeff Gilmore, Louise Weston-Ferrill, Mira Brown, Dr. Airaj Waheed, and Bonnie Rinn

Attending: Melanie Torres, Paul Jurek, Michael Hunn, Richard Godoy, Alex Reed, Troy Manning, Ginger Simonson, Doug Brown, and Clara Brown

The workgroup met on October 13, 2016. Alex Reed of UWDC provided updates on the Veteran Community Navigator program and proposed VAMC expansion in Denton County. Troy Manning and Ginger Simonson of DCMHMR provided an overview of the MVPN program. The workgroup discussed engaging volunteers in capacities that matched volunteer interests. Troy Manning posed the concept to generate a universal volunteer form for individuals interested in volunteering with the Veteran population. The workgroup was agreeable to this concept.

The Homeless Veteran Stand Down took place on October 20, 2016 at the Denton Civic Center. Twenty Veterans experiencing homelessness attended the event. A Veteran homelessness service provider group is meeting monthly to work toward transitioning these 20 individuals to housing.

Short Term Action Items

- Continue to collaborate with the Denton City Council for approval for a facility for the VA to occupy and establish a behavioral health clinic.
- Development of universal Veteran volunteer form.
- Homeless service provider meetings monthly.

Accomplishments

- 20 Veterans experiencing homelessness attended the Homeless Veterans Stand Down.
- 80 enrolled participants in Veteran Community Navigator program.

Concerns

- Workgroup concerned with the timeliness of approval and establishment a VA behavioral health facility in Denton County.

Next Meeting Dates

Next meeting 8 December at 10:00 a.m.



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DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

November 2016

WORKGROUP NAME: CONSUMER

CHAIR NAME: ELIZABETH FERRING (940) 387-4874; EFERRING@GMAIL.COM

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

For purpose of confidentiality the consumer workgroup does not include a workgroup roster.

The Consumer Workgroup met on November 3rd, 2016. The workgroup has hosted at AbleDisAble within the Denton Community Health Clinic. Elizabeth Ferring, Courtney Cross and Alex Reed attended the regularly scheduled AbleDisAble group meeting. The participants indicated a necessity for increased access to peer-to-peer services for individuals with mental health needs. The AbleDisAble group relayed numerous members currently serve as peer support for individuals within the community; however, the desire is for a more uniform peer-to-peer support be generated.

The group members also indicated the difficulty in obtaining care from specialty providers locally. Numerous individuals relayed great difficulty obtaining referrals and consistent transportation to specialists, as numerous specialists are only available outside of Denton County.

The group indicated great appreciation for the attendance of DCBHLT representatives. One participant said, "You guys being here and wanting to listen to us gives me hope. I feel empowered."

Short Term Action Items

- Identify additional established consumer groups to engage
- Schedule community conversations with identified consumer groups
- Continuing to build peer-to-peer network in Denton County

Accomplishments

- Obtaining and honoring consumer feedback to increase DCBHLT consumer engagement and insight
- Validating concerns and needs as reported by AbleDisAble group participants
- Ideal model for peer-to-peer support communicated by group

Concerns

- Sustainable consumer program identification and engagement

Next Meeting Dates

To be determined



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DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

November 2016

WORKGROUP NAME: JAIL DIVERSION

CHAIR NAME: RANDY PLEMONS

CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL): RANDY.PLEMONS@DENTONCOUNTY.COM

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

Workgroup members: Chief Deputy Randy Plemons (Chair), Judge Coby Waddill, Judge Doug Robison, Judge Bonnie Robison, Judge David Jahn, Pam Gutierrez, Lt. Chris Summit, Sgt. Cari Coker, Troy Manning, Captain Dan Rochelle, Scott Wisenbaker, Danielle Shaw, Dana Wagner, Dr. Teresa McKinney, Maria Ortiz, Paige Smith, Pauline Jemison and Edie Gracia.

Attending: Dr. Teresa McKinney, Lt. Chris Summit, Captain Dan Rochelle, Pam Gutierrez, Scott Wisenbaker, Troy Manning, Judge David Jahn, Judge Doug Robison, Sgt. Cari Coker, Alex Reed, and Jeremy Hardy

The workgroup met on September 22nd and October 20th. Through the two meetings, the script was finalized for Law Enforcement Training Video. Following script finalization, the workgroup discussed the logistical details of the training video, establishing a filming date of November 30th. In-studio filming will take place December 2nd. Four scenarios to be filmed to reflect versatile encounters and responses. Denton PD, Lewisville PD and the Denton County Sheriff's Office have committed personnel and props for filming. Denton County MHMR and Solutions of North Texas staff to provide actors, as well.

Short Term Action Items

- Sobering Unit logic model and cost avoidance
- Finalize Discharge Planner positions with MHMR and DCSO
- Filming and production of Law Enforcement Training Video

Accomplishments

- Law Enforcement Training Video filming date established for November 30th
- Nearing completion of the legal review for the DCSO and MHMR Discharge Planning Positions

Concerns

- Costs associated with and funding sources for Sobering Unit
- Psych Triage sustainability planning

Next Meeting Dates

December 15th at 8:30am



DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

November 2016

WORKGROUP NAME: MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT

CHAIR NAME: TAMI RUSSELL; TAMI.RUSSELL@DENTONCOUNTY.COM (940) 349-3340

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

Workgroup members: Tami Russell (chair), Sgt. Cari Coker, Judge Doug Robinson, Katheryn Masten, Mira Brown, Yvonne Broach, Jeremy Hardy, Daniel Folmer, Judge Coby Waddill, Airaj Waheed, April McDonough, Dr. Roxanne Del-Rio, Armand Hill, Richard Godoy, Cheryl Ray, and Kathy Eubanks.

Attending: Tami Russell (Chair), Kathryn Masten, Katthy Eubanks, Jeremy Hardy, Alex Reed, and David Wade.

The group met on October 27th, 2016. Tami Russell provided the workgroup with updates from the Mental Health Court. The court currently has 12 participants, with 2 additional participants enrolling the week of 11/7. There are currently 8 individuals pending interviews. The court is anticipating the first graduate in December 2016. Currently, 2 court participants are in Phase 3 of reintegration and MH SOP is operational. Dr. Hannah Moussa is provide in-kind psychiatric services for the Mental Health Treatment Court. Anticipating Mental Health Treatment Court to go before Commissioners Court to obtain specialty court recognition. Tami relays that the grant application for CJD court funding will be due February 2017.

The Mental Health Treatment Court has elected to purchase a specialty court documentation and outcome tracking system, CSS. CSS implementation will allow for more streamlined outcome measurement and data reporting.

A new drug court was launched in mid-October for clients with drug related charges, most at risk of probation revocation. Kevin Edwards will serve as the officer for drug court in Denton County. Denton County now has 4 existing specialty courts.

Short Term Action Items

- Acquisition of and training on CSS for metrics and reporting
- Sustainability planning for funding and expansion
- Exploring MHFA for employers of court participants

Accomplishments

- Mental Health Treatment Court continues to build treatment team to include clinicians and direct service providers
- Anticipated graduate of program in December 2016
- Continued expansion of services and case load

Concerns

- Employment for court participants
- Sustainability funding for MH Court

Next Meeting Dates

Next meeting 1/12/2017 @ 4 pm (Denton County Courthouse)



**HHSC TV+FA Pilot Program
Veteran Community Navigators**

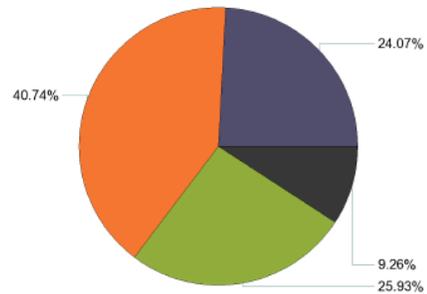
Programmatic Data

Total Referrals Received into VCN program:	80
Total Referrals Sent Out of VCN:	179
Most Common Referrals Sent to	
Recovery Resource Council:	20
Denton County Veteran Service Office:	23
Catholic Charities of Ft Worth	14
Most Common Types of Referral Sent	
Emergency or crisis services:	25
Housing assistance:	30
Job training/employment:	18

ANSA Depression Reporting

Aggregate data: 10/1/2016 - 10/31/2016 |

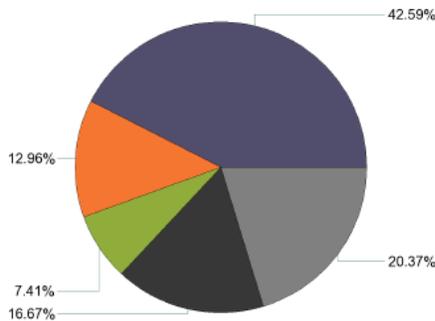
- No evidence of depression: 24.07%
- Mild levels of depression: 40.74%
- Moderate levels of depression: 25.93%
- Severe levels of depression: 9.26%



ANSA Comrade Support Reporting

Aggregate data for 10/1/2016 - 10/31/2016

- Veteran has significant comrade support: 42.59%
- Veteran has some comrade support: 12.96%
- Veteran is not actively supported by other veterans: 7.41%
- Veteran has no comrade support: 16.67%
- Veteran dependent or spouse: 20.37%



"Thanks again for your get it done approach, you are a great ambassador of veterans and we are thankful."
-VCN Client Quote

**Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
Meeting Schedule 2017**

Date	Time	Location
1/19/17	8:00 a.m-9:30 a.m.	United Way of Denton County 1314 Teasley Lane, Denton
3/23/17	8:00 a.m-9:30 a.m.	United Way of Denton County 1314 Teasley Lane, Denton
5/18/17	8:00 a.m-9:30 a.m.	United Way of Denton County 1314 Teasley Lane, Denton
7/20/17	8:00 a.m-9:30 a.m.	United Way of Denton County 1314 Teasley Lane, Denton
9/21/17	8:00 a.m-9:30 a.m.	United Way of Denton County 1314 Teasley Lane, Denton
11/16/17	8:00 a.m-9:30 a.m.	United Way of Denton County 1314 Teasley Lane, Denton

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For local, county and regional behavioral health system leaders. December 1-2, 2016 in Austin, TX

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- » Network and learn from other community teams
- » Energize and inspire your work with innovative ideas and best practices
- » Engage in conversation with content experts in the field
- » Discuss topics specifically geared toward the real-world issues

Thursday, Dec. 1,
1:00pm to 5:30pm

Friday, Dec. 2,
8:00am to 3:15pm

University of Texas
Joe C Thompson
Conference Center
2405 Robert Dedman Drive
Austin, TX 78712

Organize a team of 3-5 key representatives from your community's behavioral health system planning process, collaboration, or leadership team and register to reserve your spot today!

Early bird rate of \$100 per person through October 17 and \$125 afterward.

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