

## **Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**

**May 19, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

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

### **Agenda**

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|-------|---|---------------|---------|
| I.    | Welcome & Introductions   | B. Gailey     | 2 min.  |
| II.   | Consideration of March Meeting Minutes (approval) (attached)  | B. Gailey     | 2 min.  |
| III.  | DCBHLT Officer Slate (attached) (approval)  | M. Richardson | 10 min. |
| IV.   | Strategic Planning Update   | M. Richardson | 5 min.  |
| V.    | Managed Care Organizations & Trends (attached)  | G. Seguin     | 15 min. |
| VI.   | Public Relations  |               | 5 min.  |
|       | • Speakers Bureau Updates   | L. Howell     |         |
|       | • Proclamations   | L. Olson      |         |
| VII.  | Workgroup Reports/Updates (attached)  | Workgroups    | 40 min. |
|       | • Jail Diversion (Deputy Randy Plemons <a href="mailto:randyplemons@dentoncounty.com">randyplemons@dentoncounty.com</a> )   |               |         |
|       | • Veterans (Colonel Chris Martin <a href="mailto:c2w2martin@aol.com">c2w2martin@aol.com</a> )   |               |         |
|       | • Housing (Terry Widmer <a href="mailto:tbwidmer@gmail.com">tbwidmer@gmail.com</a> )  |               |         |
|       | • Child and Family Systems (Dr. Lisa Elliott & Laura Prillwitz) <a href="mailto:lisa.elliott@cookchildrens.org">lisa.elliott@cookchildrens.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:lauraprillwitz@dentoncounty.com">lauraprillwitz@dentoncounty.com</a> |               |         |
|       | • Mental Health Court (Tami Russell <a href="mailto:tamirussel@dentoncounty.com">tamirussel@dentoncounty.com</a> )  |               |         |
|       | • Consumer (Elizabeth Ferring <a href="mailto:eferring@gmail.com">eferring@gmail.com</a> )  |               |         |
| VIII. | Backbone Support Updates  | G. Henderson  | 5 min.  |
|       | • Staff Transition  |               |         |
|       | • HHSC Grant  |               |         |
| IX.   | New Business  | B. Gailey     |         |
| X.    | Public Comments   |               |         |
| XI.   | Adjourn   | B. Gailey     |         |

**Next Meeting: July 21, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m.  
United Way of Denton County, Inc.**

## Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

March 17, 2016

### Meeting Minutes

**Appointees Present:** Bryan Langley, Chief Lee Howell, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Dr. Bill Giese, Dr. Derrell Bulls, Dr. Lisa Elliott, Dr. Matt Richardson, Dr. Monica Mendez Grant, Dr. Nikki Roderman, Dr. Teresa McKinney, Dr. Timothy Harris, Elizabeth Ferring, Gary Seguin, Joe Mulroy, Juan Rodriguez, Judge Coby Waddill, Judge Barbara Gailey, Louise Baldwin, Melinda Galler, Monya Crow, & Scott McBryde

**Ex officios present:** Gary Henderson, Judge Doug Robison, Lacrica Olson

**Appointees Absent:** Chief Russ Kerbow, Cindy “Sanden” Daughhtee, Chief Deputy Randy Plemmons, Dr. Kathryn Stream, Dr. Richard Valenta, Dr. Roxanne Del-Rio, Gary Fullerton, Mayor Chris Watts, Prudence Sanchez & TJ Gimore.

Meeting called to order at 8:02 a.m.

#### Welcome & Introductions

Judge Barbara Gailey provided the welcome and recognized guests. She also welcomed Scott McBryde as the new appointee from Cigna Health Spring.

#### Consideration of January 21, 2016 Meeting minutes

The January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team were reviewed and approved.

Motion: Dr. Derrell Bulls

Second: Dr. Tim Harris

Minutes approved as written.

#### Consideration of January 27, 2016 Electronic Meeting minutes

The January 27<sup>th</sup> electronic meeting minutes of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team were reviewed and approved.

Motion: Dr. Tim Harris

Second: Dr. Derrell Bulls

Minutes approved as written.

#### DCBHLT Annual Report

Lacrica Olson provided an overview of the attached 2015 Annual Report to the team. Highlights included formation of team, launching of workgroups, adoption of mission and vision, logo, and expansion of NAMI support groups. The report will be generated annually as a means of informing the team of progress.

**DCBHLT Officer Nominating Committee:**

Dr. Matt Richardson provided the group with an overview of the nominating committee process. Dr. Richardson was asked to lead the committee as the chair of the strategic planning committee. In addition to Dr. Richardson, the nominating committee will be composed of: Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Dr. Lisa Elliott, Chief Russ Kerbow and Chief Lee Howell. Dr. Richardson will be collecting nominees for the following officer positions as outlined in the bylaws: past chair, chair, co-chair and secretary. Team members are encouraged to submit names to Dr. Richardson for consideration. The committee will meet in March to develop a slate of officers for consideration at the May DCBHLT meeting.

**Public Relations:**

**Website:** Teddy provided the group with an overview of the new DCBHLT website which is now live. The website address is: [www.dentoncountybhlt.org](http://www.dentoncountybhlt.org)

UWDC worked with One Each Technologies to develop site. The website was well received. The group also discussed future use and additional items they would like added the site. This includes: FAQ for those who might be in crisis, making crisis link tab a different color to ensure importance, linkages to other sites, maps to locations (MHMR, etc.), and use photos of organizations that provide resources. The group also discussed linking to other sites as a means of boosting the website presence.

**Speakers Bureau:**

Chief Lee Howell provided the group with an update on the status of the Speakers Bureau Committee. The group is looking to conduct 12 presentations each year; 3 per quarter. As outlined in the attached report, a total of 3 have been delivered since January and 5 more are scheduled in March and April.

**Children's Mental Health Day Proclamation:**

Dr. Lisa Elliot shared with the group that DCBHLT and MHMR will partner with the WATCH Coalition to secure a proclamation for Children's Mental Health Day from Denton County Commissioners Court on May 5, 2016. The proclamation will be read on May 3<sup>rd</sup> between 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Additional proclamations are also being explored with local municipalities. The proclamation signifies the level of collaboration that is our community is seeking and embracing. A copy of the proclamation was attached.

**Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute "OK to Say Campaign":**

As discussed during the November meeting, DCBHLT agreed to partner with MMHPI "OK to Say Campaign". OK to Say is a digital anti-stigma movement to allow people to speak freely about mental health. MMHPI is currently collecting stories on the website. MMHPI has secured Emmitt Smith and Mark Cuban as the spokesperson for the campaign along with local Texans to tell their story. The goal of the campaign is to engage 200,000 people statewide and to have 100,000 people sign up as supporters. Videos from the site were shared with the group.

**Workgroup Reports/Updates**

Workgroup updates and highlights of individual workgroups were provided by the Chair of each group. A formal written report was provided in the DCBHLT agenda packet. Judge Coby Waddill provided the Mental Health Court report on behalf of Tami Russell, and Lacrica provided the report for Deputy Randy Plemons, as both were unable to attend.

A list of workgroup chairs is as follows:

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

Joe also recognized Melanie Torres and Congressman Michael Burgess for their efforts with obtaining data from the VAMC.

During the general overview of the court, Judge Waddill also publicly thanked the anonymous donor who provided a check to United Way of Denton County in the amount of \$1,000 to pay for Psychological Evaluations for those entering the court if they are unable to pay. UWDC has worked with the court to properly invoice the court and to transfer the funds.

During the Jail Diversion workgroup report provided by Lacrica, Judge Waddill also shared with the group his tour of the Houston Recovery Center which offers safe, short-term monitoring and management of persons under the influence of alcohol and drugs. In lieu of jail, the Houston Recovery Center provides law enforcement with an alternative for individuals arrested for public intoxication. This reduces overall time spent and dollars spent on this individuals who are in crisis that involve a primary substance use issue.

### **Community Case Management Status**

Lacrica Olson provided the group with an update on the Community Case Management Software purchased by UWDC. Administrator training is being scheduled. Once administrator training is completed implementation of the software can begin. Judge Waddill will be participating in the pilot with the Denton County Mental Health Court and the Denton County DWI Court.

### **UNT Mental Health First Aid Collaboration:**

Dr. Teresa McKinney provided the group with an update on the Adult Mental Health First Aid Course that as held on March 4<sup>th</sup> in partnership with MHMR, UNT, and United Way. A total of 47 people were in attendance. This partnership allowed members of the DCBHLT to attend the course at no cost. Those who were in attendance also echoed the importance and significance of the training. Dr. McKinney also shared with the group that additional requests from UNT staff to attend training, has been made, specifically the International office. Dr. Richardson also shared with the group that he echoes the need for training in this area especially with those who may be working with the refugee population.

**New Business:**

No new business recorded

**Public Comments:** No public comments were received.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:20 a.m.

**Next Meeting: May 15, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m.  
United Way of Denton County Office**

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Secretary

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Date



## **2016-2017 DCBHLT Officer Slate**

- Past Chair: Judge Barbara Gailey
- Chair: Joe Mulroy
- Co-Chair: Dr. Teresa McKinney
- Secretary: Melinda Galler



# Managed Care 101

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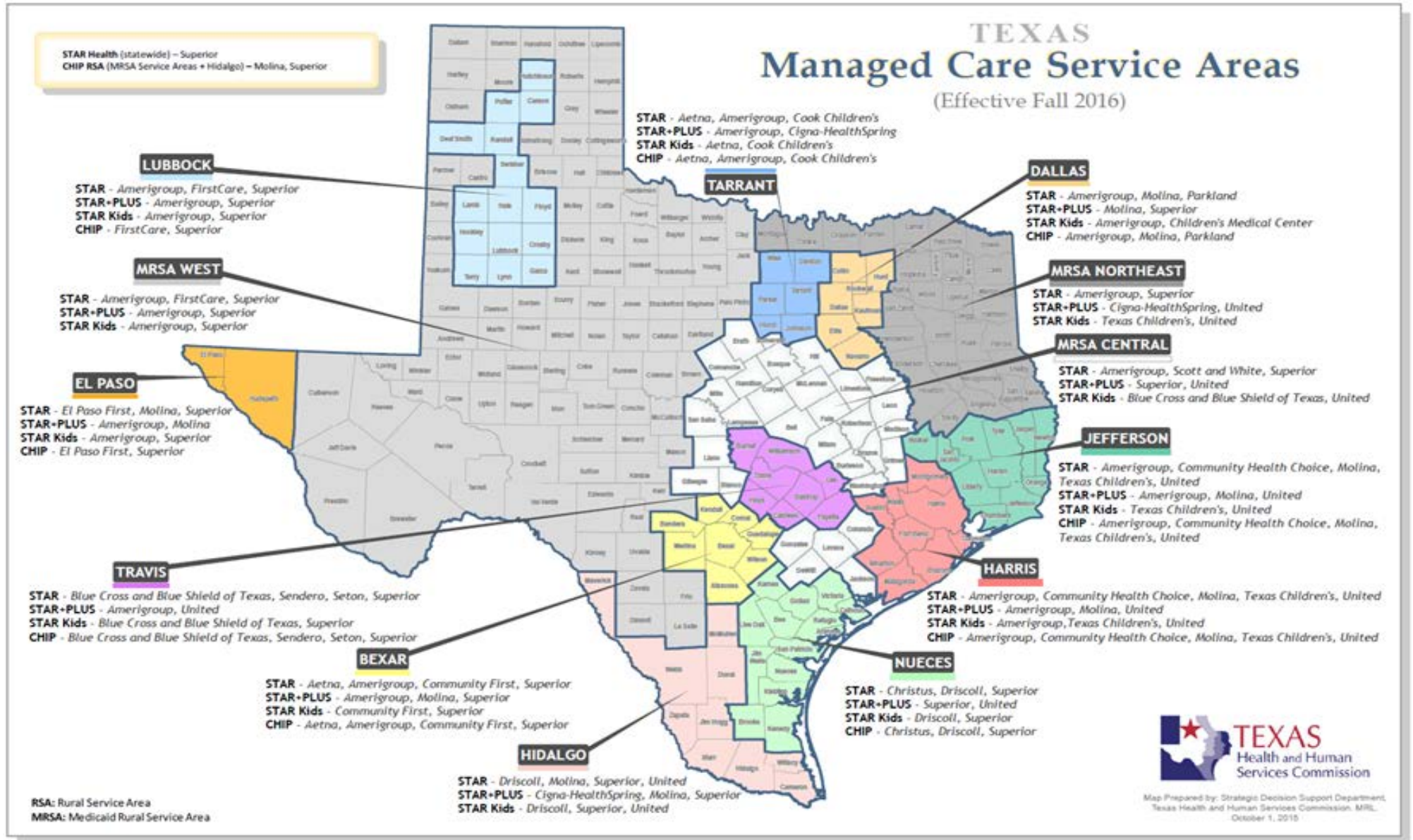
# Beacon's Texas Health Plans

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# Texas HHSC Service Map by County, Health Plan, & Medicaid Product



# What is Managed Behavioral Healthcare?

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- Emerged in the '80s in an effort to control the rising cost of behavioral healthcare with the rising need for quality behavioral healthcare.
- Provides a system of checks and balances to ensure:
  - Quality of care
  - Access to providers
  - Accountability for positive outcomes
- Reduces the unnecessary utilization of services.
- Contains costs while maintaining high performance.
- Cost-effective behavioral health care.

# Definition of Managed Care

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- Any method of health care delivery designed to reduce unnecessary utilization of services, and provide for cost containment, while ensuring that high quality of care or performance is maintained.
- Provides cost effective health care through a Managed Care Organization (MCO).

# What is a Managed Behavioral Healthcare Organization (MBHO)?

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- MBHOs are dedicated to ensuring that limited healthcare resources are used most effectively:
  - There is a network of providers to supply a comprehensive group of BH services to enrolled members → Providers are selected using an industry standard.
  - There is a formal utilization review program.
  - There are formal quality improvement programs.
  - There is emphasis on preventive care → Crisis prevention/diversion versus crisis management.
  - Financial incentives to encourage enrollees to use care efficiently (i.e., cost sharing).
- MBHOs goal is to get a member *the right care at the right time in the right place*.
  - Overall wellness of the individual is part of the plan.

# Beacon's Approach

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- Beacon's goal is for our members to receive the right care, at the right time, in the right setting.
- We partner with our members' health plans to integrate their behavioral health and physical health needs and services to ensure complete care:
  - This approach treats the whole person rather than their diagnosis to prevent fragmented care.

# Beacon's Integrated Care Model Approach

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- **Our Integrated Care Model** is designed to:
  - Promote healthy behavior
  - Effectively manage chronic illness
  - Eliminate barriers to treatment
  - Increase service coordination and provider collaboration
  - Contain health care costs
  - Focus on the physical, behavioral, and psychosocial environment needs of the population, instead of a fragmented “silo” approach.
  - Proactive identification, outreach & assessment to intervene as early as possible along the wellness/disease continuum.

# Beacon's Integrated Partner Model Defined

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- Beacon employees sit at a partner health plan or a large provider:
  - Purpose is to be as integrated as possible with our partners.
  - Ensures we are available to have care shaping conversations.
  - Keeps our partners in our focus each day:
    - Ensures we are not out of touch!

# Who is Involved?

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- **Member / Enrollee / Patient:** person receiving services.
- **Client:** entity (health plan or state department) that hires us to manage their behavioral health services.
- **Provider:** hospitals, clinics, Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs), individual practitioners, etc. that Beacon credentials/contracts to provide our members the services they need.



# Delegated Functions

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- Below is a non-exhaustive list of functions that clients might delegate to Beacon:
  - Utilization Review
  - Case Management
  - Network Development and Management
  - Claims Adjudication and Payment
  - Member Services
  - Quality Management
  - Reporting
  - Complaints and Grievances

# How it Works

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- Client hires Beacon to manage the client's behavioral health services:
  - Services are “carved out” to Beacon.
- Beacon uses their network of contracted providers to perform the services.
- Providers call Beacon to receive authorization to provide services:
  - Beacon Utilization Management (UM) clinicians determine the medical necessity of the services being requested → With assistance from physician advisors.

## How it Works Cont'd

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- In cases where there is a question on the level of care that a provider is requesting:
  - Beacon clinicians reach out to Physician Advisors (PA)/Medical Directors (MD) for further guidance and a medical determination.
  - Often times, this results in a phone call between the PA/MD and the provider referred to as a “peer to peer”.

## How it Works Cont'd

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- Clinical Case Managers review cases of members that meet certain pre-defined criteria and/or are referred to us for “special” programs:
  - These are members who require more than the standard levels of care authorized through UM.
- Case Managers work with a member and often times their family, physical and behavioral health providers, etc. to shape a care plan unique to the individual's needs.

# How it Works Cont'd

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- Providers are paid either by:
  - **Fee for Service:** through claim submission – processed through Beacon's Claims Department.
  - **Bundled Rates:** provider is paid for an episode of care, for the expected, general cost of that service.
  - **Capitation:** a set amount for each enrolled person assigned to that physician or group of physicians, whether or not that person seeks care.
- The Quality department ensures we are following required, clinically sound, & effective approaches to how Beacon and its providers service our members.

# Other Types of Insurance Companies

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- Health Maintenance Organization (HMO):
  - A state licensed health plan
  - Fixed prepaid revenue stream
  - Minimum benefit package defined by regulation
  - Quality and access standards via regulation
  - Network of contracted physicians and providers (some accept financial risk via capitation)
  - Minimal out-of-pocket for members
- An Independent Practice Association is a legal entity that contracts with a group of physicians to provide service to the HMO's members:
  - Most often, the physicians are paid on a basis of capitation
  - Physicians who participate in IPAs usually also serve fee-for-service (payment based on claim submission) patients not associated with managed care.

# Other Types of Insurance Companies, cont'd

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- Preferred Provider Organization (PPO):
  - Generally has a contracted network of providers.
  - PPO's are usually less expensive for the members in terms of premium payments.
  - Providers within the PPO generally accept discounts on fees.
  - Generally does not have a copay and instead offers a deductible and a coinsurance feature.
    - The deductible must be paid in full before any benefits are provided.
    - After the deductible is met, the coinsurance benefits apply.
  
- Point of Service (POS):
  - Hybrid of an HMO and PPO.
  - The name is derived from the freedom it allows its members.
  - Member can access what type of coverage they want at the time of service.  
Choices are:
    - Use the HMO option, member's see providers within the network, following all membership rules and then are only responsible for a co-pay.
    - As members move away from obtaining referrals/authorizations and use out of network providers their cost share increases.

# Cook Children's Health Plan

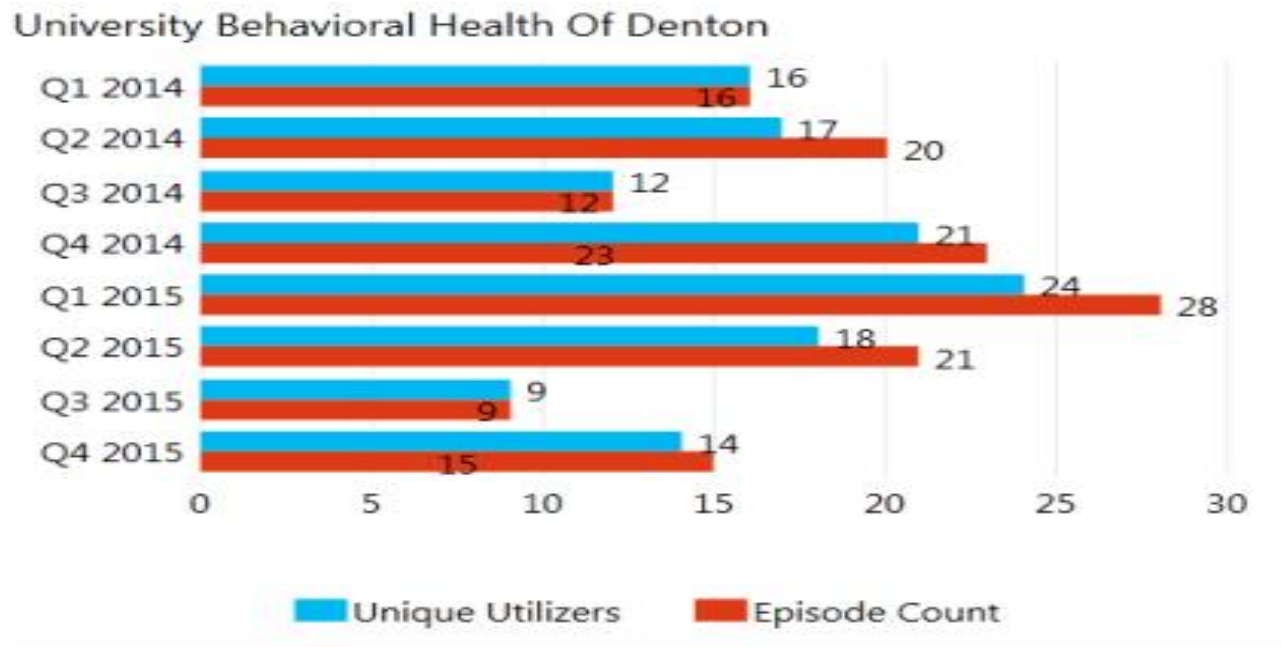
County	Membership %	Membership Total
Tarrant County	70%	84,700
<b>Denton County</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>20,570</b>
Johnson County	5%	6050
Parker County	4%	4840
Wise County	2%	2420
Hood County	2%	2420



# Cook Children's Health Plan

County	Provider Name	Q1 2015*	Q2 2015*	Q3 2015*	Q4 2015*
Denton	Denton County MHMR	33	50	39	38
Denton	North Pointe Psychiatry	17	18	20	28

\* Data based on member's who attended two or more appointments.





**QUESTIONS?**

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## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

May 2016

**WORKGROUP NAME: JAIL DIVERSION**

**CHAIR NAME: RANDY PLEMONS**

**CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL): [RANDY.PLEMONS@DENTONCOUNTY.COM](mailto: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, Pam Gutierrez, Lt. Chris Summit, Matt Richardson, Captain Kevin Deaver, Troy Manning, Captain Dan Rochelle, Scott Wisenbaker, Danielle Shaw, Dana Wagner, Dr. Teresa McKinney, Maria Ortiz, Paige Smith, Pauline Jemison.

**Attending:** Workgroup did not meet in April due to conflict in scheduling.

Short Term Action Items

- Follow-up on additional information from Tri County related to Emergency Stabilization Unit
- Determine next steps to tailoring the model to fit Denton County.
- Finalize Discharge Planner positions with MHMR and DCSO.

Accomplishments

- Development of a small sub-committee to outline Law Enforcement video logistics. Purpose of video is to offer additional training and resources for deputies when responding to mental health crisis calls since limited mental health training is received in the academy. Partnerships with local agencies for taping are being secured (i.e. Police Academy, Frisco PD, etc.). A formal recommendation to the DCBHLT is scheduled for late spring. Dr. Teresa McKinney is leading the sub-committee to develop. DCSO has agreed to fund the production of video, and a video production company has been secured.
- Nearing completion of the legal review for the DCSO and MHMR Discharge Planning Positions

Concerns

Costs associated with facilities.

Next Meeting Dates

May 11, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. (United Way of Denton County)



## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

May 2016

**WORKGROUP NAME: VETERANS WORKGROUP**

**CHAIR NAME: CHRIS MARTIN**

**CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): (678) 877-6267**

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### 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: Chris Martin (Chair,) Roy Davenport, Kathy Eubanks, Michael Hunn, Raymond Holder, and Bonnie Rinn

Both the Mar and Apr monthly meetings focused on completing the workgroup strategic plan for submission to the DCBHLT. For each goal and objective developed by the Veterans workgroup, the group has begun to develop metrics and associated costs.

### Short Term Action Items

Prepared the strategic plan for submission to the DCBHLT. Future meetings will be used to continue to develop marketing ideas for the strategic plan and to obtain feedback loops and to assess. The group is preparing for announcement of the TVI grant, and moving with implementation should the grant be awarded. The group also continues to work with the VAMC to determine expansion capabilities.

### Accomplishments

The committee has developed a comprehensive plan in preparation for submission to the DCBHLT.

The committee's work was incorporated into the TVI grant proposal submitted by United Way in January. We are still awaiting award notification.

United Way and the DCBHLT continues to make progress with the VA in establishing a more robust behavioral health care clinic in Denton County. The committee is still seeking locations to house the new behavioral health clinic.

### Concerns

The majority of our programs are dependent on finding volunteers to assist with program execution. Finding an adequate number of volunteers has been challenging for some time and will require a new approach. Program marketing will also be critical to success, for two reasons: one to raise awareness of the programs that are available for Veterans, and the second is to recruit volunteers.

### Next Meeting Dates

16 June, 9:00 a.m. at the United Way.



## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

May 2016

**WORKGROUP NAME: HOUSING**

**CHAIR NAME: TERRY WIDMER**

**CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): [TBWIDMER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TBWIDMER@GMAIL.COM) (940) 368-5035**

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

Workgroup members: Terry Widmer(chair), Dani Shaw, Sherrie McDade, Sheila Harper, Alonzo Peterson, Amy O'Keefe, RayAnne Climer, Melanie Torres, Christy Daniel, Jayme Kirby, Deidre Strubel, Betty Kay, Cathy Brown, Daniel Folmer, Pauline Jemison.

Attending: Terry Widmer, Lacrica Olson. Dani Shaw, Sheila Harper, Dr Alonzo Peterson, Amy O'Keefe, RayAnne Climer, Brenda Jackson, Melanie Torres, Pauline Jemison, Diedre Stubel, Daniel Folmer, Leslie Moseley, Carol Kyer, Courtney Cross, and Jennifer Collins.

Guest: Leslie Wisenbaker (SONTX)

Meetings were held on April 4 and April 25. The group continued to revise the draft pilot program to develop low barrier supportive housing for 10 behavioral health clients based on eligibility. An interim meeting was held with Case Managers from partner agencies to engage them in the process and illicit their feedback on the program. Representatives from Denton Community Clinic, MHMR, and Giving Hope attended.

### Short Term Action Items

The group agreed on participant requirements for the program and principles that makes the program different from the current system. A draft budget and job descriptions for case managers, and peer support specialist were reviewed.

This pilot will involve a team approach which will move the community toward a 'permanent supportive' model with less "rules" that lets people flourish at their pace.

### Accomplishments

Sub-Committees were established and members assigned for Logistics, Policies/Procedures and Direct Services. Committees will meet outside of the normal meeting schedule to begin development of program guidelines, policies and procedures, define agency contributions to direct care, etc.

### Concerns

Compliance with state, local, and federal regulations, while maintaining a continuity of care, and creating viable options for housing to reduce barriers.

### Next Meeting Dates

May 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.



## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

May 2016

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

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

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

The group last met on April 29, 2016. Workgroup members: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Kimberly McCary, Tiffany Haertling, Amy Lawrence, Monya Crow, Sharon Dahl, Richard Brown, Lisa Pierce, Gary Seguin, Sadaf Meckfessel, Cheryl Aldridge, Trish Robinson, Lishawa Jackson, Lacrica Olson, Toni Schweizer, Eren Turner

Attending: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Judge Kimberly McCary, Amy Lawrence, Monya Crow, Gary Seguin, Richard Brown, Lisa Pierce, Sadaf Meckfessel, Trish Robinson, Cheryl Aldridge, Eren Turner and Lacrica Olson.

### Short Term Action Items

- Reviewed collaboration with WATCH for Mental Health Month on Art Contest "My Feelings Are a Work of Art"
- Reviewed "Okay to Say" partnership, with discussion regarding ways to target our community with professional and more non-traditional, grassroots ways.
- Reviewed Asset Mapping Tool developed and initiated collection of asset information
- Reviewed Juvenile Mental Health Court progress
- Discussed Youth Empowerment Services Waiver and Texas Initiative Program.

### Accomplishments

- 1) Proclamations for Children's Mental Health Awareness Day were issued by the City of Lewisville, City of Denton, Town of Flower Mound and Denton County Commissioners Court. This was a Collaborative effort between WATCH, DCBHLT, UWDC and Denton County MHMR.
- 2) Juvenile Mental Health Court has been budgeted by Juvenile Probation for next fiscal year
- 3) Community Asset Mapping is still in progress by members of the workgroup to create a list of assets for the Systems of Care.
- 4) Lacrica presented the "Okay to Say" campaign to the Denton County Juvenile Board on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) Met with MMHPI regarding the "Okay to Say" campaign designed to increase awareness of mental health and reduce stigma. A partner meeting was held on 4/26/16 with those who expressed interest in the community.

## Concerns

- 1) Completing a thorough and exhaustive Community Asset tool in a timely manner
- 2) Funding for Juvenile Mental Health Court
- 3) Obtaining partners for the "Okay to Say" campaign
- 4) Keeping goals in a manageable timeframe

## Next Meeting Dates

May 27, 2016 (United Way of Denton County)

June 24, 2016 (United Way of Denton County)





## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

May 2016

**WORKGROUP NAME: DCBHLT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT**

**CHAIR NAME: TAMI RUSSELL**

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### 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), Judge Coby Waddil, Judge Doug Robinson, Yvonne Broach, Jeremy Hardy, Daniel Folmer, Armand Hill, Tammy Terrell, Byran Stare (Guest), Tammy Terrell (MH Court Counselor)

### Short Term Action Items

- Increasing interest and population of the Mental Health Court
- Adding clinician to court appearances and team meeting
- Monthly presentations to court participants

### Accomplishments

Mental Health Court Team presented to the Denton County Defense Bar on 04/13/16. to increase interest in court, and discuss process of applying for court and how court is conducted once offender is in program. Court updates are as follows:

- 3 individuals have been recently approved to enter the court program.
- 4 are pending psychological evaluations
- 6 are pending receipt of waivers so interviews can be scheduled
- 6 active participants in currently in the court.

Funds have been donated to the court, through United Way of Denton County to assist pending participants with costs and present participants with any incidentals that probation funds will not cover. Workgroup met at Denton County Courthouse on 04/28/16 and observed DWI Court and graduation. Mental Health Treatment Court is structured very similar to DWI Court.

### Concerns

- Funding for the court in year 2016 and 2017
- Employment for court participants
- Internal changes due to hiring of a new probation director

### Next Meeting Dates

Next meeting 05/19/16 @ 4 pm (Denton County Courthouse)



## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

May 2016

**WORKGROUP NAME: CONSUMER**

**CHAIR NAME: ELIZABETH FERRING (940) 231-4929; [EFERRING@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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 May 10, 2016. Sgt. Cari Coker with the DCSO Mental Health Unit presented to the group. DCSO Mental Health Unit is only 1 of 6 units in the state. Most counties have Crisis Intervention Teams, but no dedicated mental health units.

Sgt. Coker provided an overview of the unit and protocol. The unit currently has 6 Mental Health Officers who serve the county. In addition to duties of the unit, mental health deputies are also responsible for testifying in court and for all mental health transports. She also shared information with the group on steps to take should they experience a crisis and how Mental Health deputies are requested to respond.

The presentation was well received and feedback was given on areas where more education could be shared with the community (i.e. social service agencies, food pantries, etc.)

Lacrica also shared with the group information on the Law Enforcement Video that will be produced. The video will provide additional training/education for law enforcement officials when responding to a mental health crisis call. This video is a component of the jail diversion workgroup.

Short Term Action Items

Continue to engage others in the discussion.

Look for avenues to increase awareness (editorials, etc.)

Accomplishments

Creating more awareness of mental health services in Denton County and protocols to better inform.

Obtaining feedback on potential awareness opportunities

Concerns

None at this time

Next Meeting Dates

The group meets quarterly. Meetings are scheduled as follows:

August 9, 2016 10:00-11:00 a.m. United Way of Denton County

November 8, 2016 10:00-11:00 a.m. United Way of Denton County