



**Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**

**November 21, 2019**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**United Way of Denton County (1314 Teasley Ln, Denton, TX 76201)**

**Agenda**

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|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| I.    | Welcome                                                                            | T. Widmer    | 5 min.  |
| II.   | Consideration of Minutes from<br>September meeting. Minutes attached for review.   | T. Widmer    | 2 min.  |
| III.  | Vote to Approve New Appointee -<br>Loren Fouch, LCSW, LCDC – Mayhill Hospital, CEO | T. Widmer    | 2 min.  |
| IV.   | Denton County MHMR HB-13 Grant Discussion                                          | P. Gutierrez | 5 min.  |
| V.    | Presentation: Here For Texas<br>Grant Halliburton Foundation                       | B. Garcia    | 20 min. |
| VI.   | Workgroup Updates<br><i>See workgroup reports</i>                                  |              | 15 min. |
|       | a. Veterans - Chris Martin                                                         |              |         |
|       | b. Jail Diversion/MH Treatment Court - Captain Doug Lee/Tami Russell               |              |         |
|       | c. Child and Family Systems - Dr. Lisa Elliott and Laura Prillwitz                 |              |         |
|       | d. Strategic Planning Committee - Hope Rodgers                                     |              |         |
| VII.  | Backbone Support Updates                                                           | C. Cross     | 15 min. |
|       | a. Homelessness Leadership Team Update                                             |              |         |
|       | b. HB-13 Update & RFA                                                              |              |         |
| VIII. | New Business                                                                       |              |         |
| IX.   | Public Comment                                                                     |              |         |
| X.    | Adjourn                                                                            | T. Widmer    |         |

**Next Meeting: January 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., United Way of Denton County**



**Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**

**September 19, 2019**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

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**Minutes**

- I. Welcome T. Widmer 5 min.  
Terry Widmer called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.
  
- II. Consideration of Minutes from T. Widmer 2 min.  
July meeting. Minutes attached for review.  
Terry Widmer called for a motion to approve the July minutes. The Honorable Bobbie Mitchell moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Roxanne Del-Rio seconded. July minutes approved.
  
- III. Presentation: Office of the Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team – Denton County Dr. T. Grover/M. Boren 30 min.  
Dr. Tomi Grover with the Office of the Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team – Denton County, and Meredith Boren with the Childrens Adovacy Center for Denton County provided a presentation on current data, needs and solutions surrounding child commercial sexual trafficking (CST) in Denton County.

Dr. Grover stated that child sex trafficking occurs when a person knowingly traffics a child under the age of 18 and causes, by any means, the child to engage in or become the victim of commercial sex acts or child sex abuse; receives benefit from participating in a venture that involves commercial sex acts or sex abuse; or engages in sexual conduct with a trafficked child. Texas ranks second in the country for the most human trafficking, and the National Trafficking Hotline receives the second largest number of calls from Texas with 79,000 youth CST victims in Texas at any given time.

The Office of the Governor utilizes a five-fold strategy to address trafficking as follows: protect, recognize, recover, restore, and bring justice. Next steps in addressing trafficking in Denton County include identifying plans that support options for youth in recovery from trafficking, the extent of care coordination and filling in gaps to build a continuum of care for youth under 24 years old.

The Office of the Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team in Denton County utilizes a collaborative approach to address this public health issue and is engaged with stakeholders across sectors including nonprofits, law enforcement, and DFPS. The CACDC is an essential component through their work in formulating a multidisciplinary team response. The CACDC provides advocates on scene, forensic interviews, therapy, shelter, food, and other supportive services that foster stability. Additionally, the Governor's Team is working with Kyle's Place as potential location for a drop-in center for victims of trafficking.



- b. Jail Diversion/MH Treatment Court-Captain Doug Lee/Tami Russell  
Captain Doug Lee provided an update on the Jail Diversion/MH Treatment Court workgroup. The workgroup has made progress in a broad range of areas but needs to refine its goals to maximize time and resources spent and is working towards engaging more diverse members to allow for greater success. The workgroup has begun identifying strategic goals and will continue strategic planning discussions in the upcoming meetings.
- c. Child and Family Systems-Dr. Lisa Elliott and Laura Prillwitz  
Laura Prillwitz provided an update the Child and Family Systems workgroup. The workgroup has signed a partnership agreement with Okay to Say, a campaign intended to reduce stigma surrounding mental health. Additionally, workgroup members have begun identifying strategic goals and will be finalizing strategic plans in the upcoming months. The workgroup will be bringing a new focus on child commercial sexual exploitation, specifically community education and prevention. Two free trainings will be offered on use of the Commercial Sex Exploration-Identification Tool (CSE-IT) on October 11, 2019 at Serve Denton and October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Carrollton Police Department.  
Dr. Tomi Grover offered assistance connecting with stakeholders across the state, such as Traffick911 and City Square in Dallas, which operates a drop-in center for victims in partnership with After 8 to Educate.

VI. Backbone Support Updates

10 min.

d. HB-13 Update

Leah Jordan provided an update on the HB-13 grant. The purpose of the grant is to increase access to mental health services for Veterans and Veteran dependents, those with housing needs, and justice-involved individuals, which is the largest component. HHSC approved the requested amendments to the grant, including two additional QMHPs at DCMHMR and using funds differently within the grant. DCMHMR and the Veteran Community Navigators have been strong partners in this process.

e. Strategic Planning Update

Hope Rodgers provided an update on DCBHLT strategic planning logistics. Hope will be communicating with the Strategic Planning Committee to coordinate a meeting in the coming weeks to begin reviewing first drafts of DCBHLT workgroup proposed strategic plans. A common barrier amongst the three workgroups thus far is a lack of treatment options in Denton County for substance use disorders.

VII. New Business

VIII. Public Comment

Terry Widmer stated that an article was recently published in the Denton Record Chronicle regarding behavioral health needs in Denton County and the work of the DCBHLT. The full article can be found at: [https://dentonrc.com/opinion/columnists/ron-marchant-make-mental-health-a-priority/article\\_bb4b81bd-69fc-5c4c-b4ca-fd6e2c4635eb.html](https://dentonrc.com/opinion/columnists/ron-marchant-make-mental-health-a-priority/article_bb4b81bd-69fc-5c4c-b4ca-fd6e2c4635eb.html)

IX. Adjourn  
Adjourn at 9:18 a.m.

T. Widmer

**Next Meeting: November 21, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.  
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## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

November 2019

**WORKGROUP NAME: VETERANS WORKGROUP**

**CHAIR NAME: CHRIS MARTIN**

**CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): C2W2MARTIN@AOL.COM**

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

The group met on November 14th, 2019. Workgroup members: Chris Martin, Liz Emerson, Nikki Perez Melanie Torres, Terri Donsbach, Michael Hunn, Richard Godoy, Jessica Caskey, Mira Brown, Roy Davenport, Louise Ferrill, Raymond Holder, David Garcia, Airaj Wheed, Paul Jurek, John Czapko

### Short Term Action Items

- Identify and build relationships with collaborative partners that may enhance outcomes of strategic goals.
- Identify existing behavioral health resources for Veterans and their Dependents in Denton County and determine gaps in resources.
- Identify and coordinate training opportunities for Veteran workgroup members, including training on resources for memory care and aging Veteran populations, and those that foster financial well-being and stability for Denton County Veterans and their Dependents.
- Support the DCHLT's Ending Veteran Homelessness by 2020 Committee by integrating strategies and sharing resources

### Accomplishments

- UWDC's Veteran Outreach Coordinator submitted a grant through the Texas Veterans Commission for a Veteran-specific homelessness barriers fund and Veteran-specific street outreach case manager with feedback, support and alignment from this workgroup.
- UWDC has secured a local VA staff person to represent the VA at Veteran workgroup meetings
- The Workgroup has completed a first draft of its new strategic plan. Members will finalize goals and collaborative partners in the December meeting, and will prioritize discussion surrounding establishing holistic programs to increase well-being for Veterans and their families in Denton County. Primary areas of interest include resources for aging and/or isolated Veterans, military cultural competency training for service providers, supporting ongoing needs of Veterans experiencing homelessness, and resources to increase financial literacy and well-being for Veterans and their families.

### Concerns

- Lack of substance misuse detox, rehabilitation and treatment options for in Denton County

### Next Meeting Dates

December 12, 2019 (Denton County Veterans Center)





## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

October 2019

**WORKGROUP NAME: JAIL DIVERSION/MENTAL HEALTH COURT WORKGROUP**

**CHAIR NAME: CAPTAIN DOUGLAS LEE AND TAMI RUSSELL**

**CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): DOUGLAS.LEE@DENTONCOUNTY.COM AND TAMI.RUSSELL@DENTONCOUNTY.COM**

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

The Workgroup met on October 15, 2019. Workgroup members: Captain Douglas Lee, Tami Russell, Judge Robin Ramsay, Yvette Crain, Troy Manning, Judge Dave Jahn, Brittney Nolan, Pam Gutierrez, Barry Caver, Chief Daniel Carolla, April McDonough, Cheryl Rayl, Richard Godoy, Dr. Roxanne Del Rio, Daniel Folmer, Armand Hill, Tammy Terrell, Mira Brown, Airaj Waheed, Judge Coby Waddill, Paige Smith, Lieutenant Chris Summitt, Loren Fouch

Attending: Captain Douglas Lee, Chief Daniel Carolla Troy Manning, Scott Wisenbaker, Jessica Caskey, Hope Rodgers, Adriana Langlais (UWDC Intern)

### Short Term Action Items

- Review and provide feedback on proposed protocol for Denton County law enforcement engaging with persons experiencing a mental health crisis
- Continue to identify strategic goals and partnerships. Workgroup members have proposed shifting the focus of this workgroup to allow for further alignment with the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM), specifically focusing on Intercept 0 (Hospitals, Crisis, Respite, Peer & Community Services) and Intercept 1 (Law Enforcement & Emergency Services)
- Identify gaps in Intercepts 0 & 1 and update the Denton County SIM as needed
- Request data from Intercepts 0 & 1 systems surrounding public intoxication and/or substance use

### Accomplishments

- Completion of Mental Health Treatment Court goals for expiring strategic plan

### Concerns

- Lack of substance misuse detox, rehabilitation and treatment options in Denton County

### Next Meeting Dates

December 17, 2019





## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports October 2019

**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 October 25, 2019. Workgroup members: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Kimberly McCary, Amy Lawrence, Monya Crow, Lisa Pierce, Sadaf Meckfessel, Trish Robinson, Lishawa Jackson, Craig Daugherty, Suzy Gange, Suzann Woodward, Terri Donsbach, Ocean Anombem, Alisa Quimby, Ann Pape, Tasha Moore, Marquis Nuby, Pallavi Baisyat, Dameyon Landrum  
Attending: Laura Prillwitz, Dr. Lisa Elliott, Dameyon Landrum, Tasha Moore, Sadaf Meckfessel, Dr. Lisa Pierce, Regina de Leon, Pallavi Baisya, Suzy Gange, Allison Quisenberry (guest), Hope Rodgers

### Short Term Action Items

- Workgroup members continued to identify strategic goals and partnerships, including opportunities to collect data surrounding Denton County parents' perceptions of barriers to mental health treatment access; addressing mental health stigma in faith-based communities; and opportunities to streamline resource sharing amongst professionals, youth and parents through community and professional engagement.
- Workgroup members toured the Fannie C. Youth Drop-In Center for youth experiencing homelessness and/or victims of commercial sexual exploitation and continue to discuss the workgroup's role in providing community education and prevention.
- Collaborate with Cook Children's and WATCH to plan and host a CSE-IT training with free CEUs for Denton County services providers in 2020.
- Laura Prillwitz provided an update on local CSE-IT training opportunities. There were two free trainings in October available to CFS workgroup members: 10/11/19 at Serve Denton, and 10/29/2019 at the Carrollton Police Department.

### Accomplishments

### Concerns

### Next Meeting Dates

January 24 (United Way of Denton County)







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## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

November 2019

### WORKGROUP NAME: STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

The group last met on November 6, 2019 and reviewed proposed workgroup strategic plans.

Committee members: Dr. Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Monya Crow, Scott Domingue, Chris Martin, Pam Gutierrez, Captain Doug Lee, Dr. Matt Richardson

Attending: Laura Prillwitz, Scott Domingue, Monya Crow, Captain Doug Lee, Dr. Matt Richardson, Courtney Cross, Hope Rodgers, Adriana Langlais (UWDC Intern)

#### Short Term Action Items

- UWDC will discuss committee members' feedback with workgroups (Veterans, Jail Diversion/MH Court, and Child & Family Systems) in November and December and will make changes to proposed strategic plans accordingly
- UWDC will discuss and identify opportunities to begin data collection surrounding proposed strategic goals with workgroup members in November and December workgroup meetings
- Committee members will provide feedback on updated strategic plans via email
- Table Sobering Center discussion until additional data is collected

#### Accomplishments

#### Concerns

- Lack of data surrounding behavioral health needs and barriers to support workgroup goals
- The DCBHLT's role in increasing access to treatment options for persons with substance use disorders

#### Next Meeting Dates

TBD – virtual