



Thursday, October 13th, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Physical – United Way of Denton County, 1314 Teasley Lane Denton TX 76205

Virtual – Zoom Video Conference Link Attached in Email

Agenda:

I.	Welcome	Chair	5 min.
II.	June Meeting Minutes	Chair	3 min.
	• VOTE – Approval of Meeting Minutes		
III.	Nominating Committee	O. Williams	5 min.
	• VOTE- Approval of Appointees		
IV.	Texas Health Presbyterian Medical Respite	D. Parker	45 min.
V.	Workgroup Updates		10 min.
	• Housing	T. Widmer	
	• Denton County Homeless Coalition	D. Adams	
	• Data	L. Atkinson	
	• Diversion	A. Richardson	
VI.	Backbone Support Update	UWDC	10 min.
	• UWDC Homelessness Initiatives		
	• Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team Update		
	• Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team Update		
VII.	Public Comment	Chair	5 min.
VIII.	New Business	Chair	5 min.
IX.	Adjourn	Chair	2 min.

Next Meeting Date:

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Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Chair Mayor Thomas Muir asked if there were new introductions needed, and Elena Lusk introduced Melanie Meijering from Metrocrest Services. Dwayne Brawner from Aubrey introduced himself as well.

April Meeting Minutes

Chair Mayor Thomas Muir asked for approvals of April meeting minutes, and Bobbie Mitchell motioned to approve and Dani Shaw seconded the motion. There was no opposition.

Appointee 2022 - 2024

Nominating Committee Selection

Chair Mayor Thomas Muir and Elena Lusk began discussion on approving half of the appointees in June and half in July due to limited capacity to contact full list of appointees. Elena Lusk stated that discussions about filling a Co-chair position will also occur in July, that the nominating committee will meet later today, and that the Co-chair and second half of the appointees will be brought to the DCHLT in August for approval. Elena Lusk presented the list of returning appointees for approval this month. Chair Mayor Thomas Muir entertained a motion for approval which Kathy Srokosz moved for approval and Bobbie Mitchell seconded. Chair Mayor Thomas Muir asked if there were any who opposed the approval, but there was none.

Highlight

Chair Mayor Thomas Muir introduced Leighanne Christon from Grace Like Rain. Leighanne presented about the merge between Grace Like Rain and Giving Hope and notified DCHLT that the official merge will occur July 1st. The new merged organization will be called Giving Grace. Leighanne also presented the new Continuum of Care model for Giving Grace, reported the numbers of families helped by each organization. Wendy Noble discussed the PSH/Turning Point Program and also discussed with Carrie Powell about success stories. Leighanne updated DCHLT about the Love First

community. Elena Lusk explained that the next few DCHLT meetings will feature an agency and their work in order to keep members of DCHLT aware of Denton County agencies' homelessness initiatives.

Chair Mayor Thomas Muir asked where the Love First community is located and Leighanne answered that the developing community is an undeveloped 16-acre lot located at 4000 E. McKinney across from Ryan High School.

Workgroup Updates:

Housing - Denton County Initiatives Recap Workshops

Elena Lusk discussed the report inside of DCHLT members' packets which provides updates for the Housing work group. Elena Lusk notified her that Terry Widmer is absent and that Elena Lusk is filling in. Elena Lusk reported that the housing workgroup received a lot of engagement and hosted workshops in April, reported that agencies are engaging in case management meetings every Monday, and that the workgroup continues to operate in a hybrid format.

Denton County Homeless Coalition

Daphne Adams provided updates on a CoC meeting she attended which restated that anyone within the Texas BoS is eligible for membership and may attend those meetings which occur every other month. Daphne Adams also reported that the CoC Intent to Apply will be released June 24th and is due July 5th. The Texas BoS will also hold an orientation about the Texas BoS on June 15th. PIT count data will be shared with the DCHLT in the near future. The DCHC has been meeting in person between Lewisville and Denton and has been discussing funding concerns including that the Barriers Fund is currently only open in Lewisville and fundraising opportunities for the Barriers Fund. Elena Lusk filled in for Terry Widmer providing an explanation of CoC and the BoS CoC. Leighanne requested that Daphne Adams talk more about the funding source coming up in the near future for the CoC. Daphne Adams reported that the funding source for the CoC is a grant for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), transitional housing funds, and rapid rehousing funds. A webinar on June 24th will provide more details, and Daphne Adams will share the link for the webinar. The CoC will release the Intent to Apply form after the webinar. Gary Henderson commented that UWDC will not be applying for rapid rehousing dollars. It was asked if Denton County has discussed forming its own CoC. It was stated that Elena Lusk could talk about a group that met and analyzed whether or not Denton County should have its own CoC and that Elena Lusk had previously reported on the group's analysis. Elena Lusk provided a brief summary about the ad hoc committee that met and decided that Denton County would lose significant funding if it left the Texas BoS CoC. A comment was made that federal funds generally have a formula allocation based on PIT counts and other similar measures.

Data Workgroup

Leia Atkinson presented the Homelessness Data Dashboard as it was updated as of April 2022. Discussion occurred about the drop in numbers among different DCHLT members, grants, and possible improvements to the Data Dashboard.

Backbone Support Updates:

UWDC Homelessness Initiatives

Elena Lusk presented a brief on Denton County homelessness. Discussions centered on the changing levels of funding, rental rates, and diversion. Elena Lusk also reported that an ad hoc workgroup may be called in the near future. Chair Mayor Thomas Muir called for a motion to approve the ad hoc committee, a motion was made and it was seconded.(names were not stated) There was no opposition. Elena also provided homelessness background support updates and reported that her last day at UWDC will be July 8th, after which she will be moving to DCFOF, and that Olivia Mata-Williams will be the next Homelessness Workforce and Education representative. Discussion followed related to Elena Lusk's transition to DCFOF.

Meeting Format Discussion:

Chair Mayor Thomas Muir asked the committee if continuing the meetings in hybrid format is desired. An individual stated that they would prefer either all in-person or all online rather than keeping the hybrid format with greater preference for all in-person meetings. Bobbie Mitchell voiced that she would like to keep the hybrid format. Chair Mayor Thomas Muir encouraged committee members to join in-person as much as possible but suggested that the meetings remain in hybrid format

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team Update

Shanan Spencer reported that she did not have anything critical to share for the sake of time. She will send a written update to Elena Lusk, and Elena Lusk will send it out to the committee

Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team Update

No report given.

Public Comment

It was reported that the City of Denton has a public comment period through June 28th for the 2022 action plans.

New Business - No new business was introduced.

Meeting Adjourned – Chair Mayor Thomas Muir declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM.

Appointee Name	Organization	Sector
Hon. Bobbie J. Mitchell	Denton County Precinct # 3	Denton County
Gerard Hudspeth	City of Denton	Municipal Government
Dani Shaw	City of Denton	Municipal Government
Ronnie Cade	City of Lewisville	Municipal Government
Ashleigh Feryan	City of Lewisville	Municipal Government
Thomas Muir	City of Sanger	Municipal Government
Jeriahme Miller	City of Roanoke	Municipal Government
Dewayne Brawner	City of Aubrey	Municipal Government
VACANT		Municipal Government
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Stephen Coffey	Serve Denton	Homeless/Housing Provider
Michelle Conner	Giving Grace	Homeless/Housing Provider
LaKebra Mahomes	Denton County Friends of the Family	Homeless/Housing Provider
Emily Taylor	Our Daily Bread	Homeless/Housing Provider
VACANT	Salvation Army - Denton	Homeless/Housing Provider
Clint West	Denton Affordable Housing Corporation	Homeless/Housing Provider
Melanie Meijering	Metrocrest Services	Homeless/Housing Provider
VACANT	Denton Housing Authority	Homeless/Housing Provider
Dr. Lisa Pierce	Christian Community Action	Homeless/Housing Provider
VACANT	Metro Relief	Homeless/Housing Provider
Angie Cox	Journey to Dream	Homeless/Housing Provider
Isabel Rodriguez	Denton County Health Department	Healthcare Providers
Kathy Srokosz, MS, RN	Texas Health Presbyterian	Healthcare Providers
Dale Tampke	Health Services of North Texas	Healthcare Providers
Michelle Rainey	Medical City	Healthcare Providers
VACANT		Healthcare Providers
Jessica DeRoche, Med. NCC, LPC	North Central Texas College	Educational Insitutions
Jill Adams, M. Ed, PSC	Lewisville Independent School District	Educational Insitutions
Dr. Hee Soun Jang	University of North Texas	Educational Insitutions
John Manganilla	Denton Chamber of Commerce	Business / Workforce
VACANT		Business / Workforce
VACANT		Business / Workforce
Preston Pohler	Denton Police Department	Law Enforcement
VACANT	Lewisville Police Department	Law Enforcement
Valerie Foster CEFL	Sanger ISD & Community Outreach	Community Member
Terry Widmer	Community Volunteer - Wkgrp Chair	Community Member
VACANT	United Way of Denton County Inc.	UWDC

DCHLT Workgroup Reports

DCHLT HOUSING WORKGROUP | CHAIR: TERRY WIDMER

June 2022-October 2022

The DCHLT Housing Workgroup has convened 17 times between June 2022 and October 2022 for Case Conferencing. During each case conferencing meeting, members discussed clients that each agency is actively working with, including client strengths, barriers and housing-focused actionable next steps, as well as received updates on available homelessness prevention funding and programming in Denton County. Workgroup members are provided an opportunity to report clients who have gained housing during each meeting to maintain quality community wide data, as well as receive training and guidance on how to document a client's "housed" status in HMIS.

In the month of September UWDC staff implemented the agreed upon goals from August's Case Conferencing Workshop. Each case conferencing now provides time to discuss agency updates, celebrations, clients agencies are working on diverting, clients agencies have in case management, and clients agencies choose to bring up for any other reason. These changes have allowed agencies more control over the conversation flow of case conferencing and increased engagement and productivity. Also added on any 5th Monday of a month is family centered case conferencing to respond to staff reports of an increase in families experiencing homelessness.

Case Conferencing for recent months included both in person and virtual participation, with the majority of attendance being held virtually. UWDC re-implemented sending out an agenda the Wednesday before each Case Conferencing in the month of May. This agenda included the order of events as well as the confidentiality statement for all agencies participating in Case Conferencing to uphold. The confidentiality statement was verbally reviewed and discussed every single case conferencing as a refresher to all participating agencies.

Housing Workgroup will continue to meet Mondays from 3-4 PM with a hybrid option either in person at United Way of Denton County or virtually via Zoom for 90 days/through June.

- 1st Monday – Veteran CC
- 2nd Monday – General CC
- 3rd Monday – Veteran CC
- 4th Monday – General CC
- 5th Monday – Family Case Conferencing

Short-term action items

- Review and discuss Diversion Rollout

Accomplishments

- Successfully implemented new agenda that was established in March workshops
- Reviewed confidentiality notice in Veteran and General Case Conferencing

Concerns

- Service provider capacity to conduct follow up on action items identified in Case Conferencing
- Ability to remain in contact / locate clients with little means of communication and transportation for service follow up

Next Meeting Dates

Oct 17th, Oct 24th, Oct 31st, Nov 7th, Nov 15th, Nov 21st, Nov 28th, Dec 5th, Dec 12th

DCHLT Workgroup Reports

DENTON COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION | CHAIR: DAPHNE HOUSTON

August 2022 – September 2022

The Denton County Homeless Coalition met twice from August 2022 to September 2022.

The following was discussed:

- Coalition members discussed progress on NOFO funding application, holding several in-person meetings to discuss details to ensure a strategic and collaborative approach to addressing unsheltered homelessness in Denton County.
- ESG and RRH housing programs wrapping up as the fiscal year ended.
- Local homelessness fund/resources: At present, most/all agencies are awaiting new rounds of funding, and until they become available, clients referred to housing programs are being waitlisted.
- The Barriers Fund fundraising committee launched its “500 for 500” fundraising campaign that will run through the end of October 2022.
- More on the Barriers Fund: \$80,000 in funding for Denton is scheduled to become available by November 2022. Lewisville Barriers fund will be rolled over to the new fiscal year with a balance of approximately \$20,000.

Short-term action items

“500 for 500” Barriers Fund Campaign was launched as part of a new, ongoing effort to make the Barriers Fund more sustainable in the long-term.

Accomplishments

DCHC members successfully collaborated on the HUD SNOFO application.

Concerns

Agencies continue to report an increase in housing assistance requests while local shelters remain at capacity (both in Denton and in the broader DFW area).

Next Meeting Date

October 26th, 2022

DCHLT Workgroup Reports

DCHLT DATA WORKGROUP | CHAIR: STEPHEN COFFEY

August 2022- October 2022

The data dashboard has been updated with data up to July 2022. As of July 2022, there are currently 480 households actively experiencing homelessness on our Housing Priority List. The 480 total number for December breaks down into:

- 35 families
- 445 individuals
- 4 fleeing domestic violence
- 37 Veteran households
- 201 households who are chronically experiencing homelessness

The number of new assessments recorded in September 2022 was 43. This is a significant dip from a number that has held approximately steady around 75 since December of 2021.

Denton County school districts' data was most recently updated in May 2022. The two largest school districts reported the following numbers:

- Denton ISD: 840 in May 2022
- Lewisville ISD: 996 in May 2022

Rapid Re-Housing continues to be the highest need regarding housing program types for our community currently with 49.5% of households on the Housing Priority List as of April 2022 scoring in that housing intervention range. Permanent Supportive Housing need is still following closely behind with 46.3% scoring in the PSH housing intervention range. Housing intervention prioritization breakdown:

- Diversion Services – 19 households (4%)
- Rapid Rehousing Intervention – 206 households (42.9%)
- Permanent Supportive Housing Intervention – 255 households (53.1%)

The data workgroup met in September to make plans for moving forward. Most of the September meeting was dedicated to reviewing current data and discussing anomalies, improvements to be made, and trends as well as the idea of a community facing referral flowchart for all housing related services. The workgroup still agreed that many of the past data-related strategic planning metrics, such as metrics related to Case Conferencing, HMIS, and HPL maintenance, had been met or were in progress.

The annual Point in Time (PIT) Count was held on January 27, 2022, and data reveal presentations were held in September. On October 20th the PIT leads for 2023 PIT count will attend training for the PIT count so they may begin preparations.

Short-term action items

- Discuss with Coalition concept of referral flowchart
- Add to dashboard display of PSH 'availability' to demonstrate disparity between program need and availability
- Continue supporting Diversion subcommittee in brainstorming how to track diversion outcomes
- Plan for 2023 PIT Count

Accomplishments

- Data Dashboard has been updated with new categories for 'Homeless Start Date' & Disability/Chronic Illness
- System Performance Measure around 'Length of Time Homeless' has been adjusted for greater consistency and more accurate portrayal

Concerns

- Outflows through moves to inactive continue to outnumber new inflows. The data workgroup does not believe this actually represents a proportional decrease in Denton County's Homeless population but more so a decrease in clients seeking services correlated to the drop in ESG & other COVID response funding. Majority of decrease is in the non-chronic categories, our chronic population sees little to no decrease.
- Data accuracy from agencies utilizing HMIS continues to be a concern UWDC staff supports in resolving.