

Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team

Thursday, July 14, 2016 – Inaugural Meeting

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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

Agenda

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| I. | Welcome & Introduce New Appointee | C. Watts | 5 min. |
| II. | Consideration of May and June Minutes | C. Watts | 5 min. |
| III. | Work Group Reports/Updates (Attached) | | 30 min. |
| | • Housing | T. Widmer | |
| | • Data | S. Coffey | |
| | • Consumer | C. Cross/A. Reed | |
| IV. | Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) | C. Cross | 25 min. |
| V. | Backbone Support Update | | 15 min. |
| | • DCBHLT – HHSC Veterans Case Manager Program | | |
| | • Speakers Bureau | | |
| VI. | New Business | C. Watts | |
| VII. | Adjourn | | |

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, August 11, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team
May 5, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Appointees Present: Anjelita (Angie) Cadena, Barton Duffy, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Chasz Parker, Mayor Chris Watts, Cynthia Harris, Isabel Rodriguez, Kathy Srokosz, Councilwoman Keely Briggs, Roy Metzler, Sherri McDade, Stephen Coffey, Mayor Thomas Muir, Councilman TJ Gilmore and Valerie Foster

Ex officios present: Gary Henderson, Dani Shaw, Courtney Cross

Guests Present: Pat Smith, John Cabrales, Teddy Yan, Lacrica Olson

Appointees Absent: Alice Mankoff, Sandra Robinson, Terry Widmer

Meeting called to order at 8:01 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions:

Mayor Chris Watts provided the welcome and invited members and guests to introduce themselves.

Purpose and Role of the Leadership Team:

Mayor Watts invited Dani Shaw to give an overview of the homelessness task force he convened in 2014. Dani explained the temporary nature of the Mayor's Housing the Homeless Task Force (MHHTF), and walked through the work and recommendations of the task force. Dani presented the MHHTF Housing Map, which details the current availability of shelter/housing and services for homeless and at-risk individuals and families in Denton. Dani mentioned recent funding cuts the federal government is making to transitional housing programs and the effect this is having and will continue to have on the local community. Sherri McDade brought up the lack of landlords who will accept Section 8 vouchers throughout Denton County.

Included in the MHHTF recommendations was the addition of a coordinator position to support and facilitate various homelessness and housing efforts and organizations within the City of Denton. Dani explained the resulting public private partnership between the city and the United Way of Denton County (UWDC) in the hiring of Courtney Cross, Community Impact Coordinator for Homelessness Initiatives.

Mayor Watts discussed his intention to launch the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team (DCHLT) along with UWDC in an effort to scale the work of the MHHTF up from a city to a county-wide initiative, and his reason for inviting appointees from various organizations and entities throughout Denton County. He outlined the goal of the team to operate as a policy-making body working to support and secure resources for a county-wide system to address the lack of affordable housing and supportive services for homeless and at-risk individuals and families. Mayor Watts

Collective Impact and Role of Backbone Organization:

Mayor Watts invited Gary Henderson to share the collective impact approach and methodology of the DCHLT. Gary stated that there is no other group besides the DCHLT acting as a quasi-governmental body working to address the need for affordable housing in Denton County.

The team viewed a two-minute video that explains the collective impact approach and its success in uniting communities around common goals in order to achieve change worldwide. Following the video, Gary discussed the need to bring organizations together, out of their silos, in order to address pressing community needs and provide informed, data-driven and truly collaborative solutions. Gary emphasized the need for maintaining current, accurate data around available resources in order to identify gaps and make recommendations.

Gary explained the role of UWDC in supporting the DCHLT has a backbone organization. He walked through the six functions of a backbone organization: guide vision and strategy, support aligned activities, establish shared measurement practices, build public will, advance policy and mobilize funding.

Gary highlighted the success of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team (DCBHLT) as a collective-impact body in receipt of backbone support from UWDC. He mentioned that despite their individual focuses of increasing access to behavioral health services and affordable housing, the two teams will inevitably overlap in their share of work groups and research.

DCHLT Structure:

Mayor Watts expressed that the DCHLT does not seek to compete with any existing organizations or bodies addressing homeless and housing needs, but the desire of the team to create a systems approach which will include and depend on a variety of efforts and expertise.

Mayor Watts directed the team to the proposed Bylaws for approval. Both the Charter and Bylaws were adapted from the DCBHLT, who spent three month drafting and developing the terms. Mayor Watts highlighted a typo on page three, and the need to change 'Behavioral Health Leadership Team' to 'Homelessness Leadership Team'.

Angie Cadena brought up the existence of 'Higher Education' on the list of appointing entities, but the lack of representation on the team, and there was discussion surrounding the need for inclusion of higher education institution housing needs and efforts.

Mayor Watts requested a motion to amend and approve the Bylaws to allow for the inclusion of Higher Education Institutions (Section 4.1), and to invite an appointee from North Central Texas College.

Motion: Councilman TJ Gilmore

2nd: Angie Cadena

Motion Approved

Mayor Watts then directed the team to the proposed Charter. Councilman TJ Gilmore highlighted the need for consistency and the inclusion of two seats for higher education. Mayor Thomas Muir also requested an increase in the number of seats for 'Small Cities and Towns' from (1) to (1-2). Cynthia Harris inquired into the lack of supportive service entities at the leadership level. Councilman Gilmore highlighted their inclusion at the work group level, and Courtney Cross highlighted the focus of the DCHLT on housing in its initial stages.

Mayor Watts requested a motion to allow for (1-2) seats for Higher Education in the Charter, and increase the range of seats for Small Cities and Towns from (1) to (1-2).

Motion: Councilman TJ Gilmore

2nd: Sherri McDade

Motion Approved

Mayor Watts requested a motion to allow for (1-2) seats for Higher Education in the Bylaws (Section 6.1), and increase the range of seats for Small Cities and Towns from (1) to (1-2).

Motion: Councilman TJ Gilmore

2nd: Sherri McDade

Motion Approved

Mayor Watts invites DCHLT members to volunteer to participate on the Mission and Vision Ad Hoc Committee. The following members were appointed to the committee: Councilman TJ Gilmore, Councilwoman Keely Briggs, Dani Shaw, Kathy Srokosz and Mayor Thomas Muir. The committee also agreed to serve as the 2016-2017 Nominating Committee. Courtney Cross agreed to support the committee in scheduling their meeting before the next DCHLT meeting.

Work Group Overview:

Lacrica Olson gave the group an overview of the purpose of work groups to inform the DCHLT in its decision making processes, and the need to keep work groups at a workable size. She outlined work of the Housing Work Group over the past year, and the function of the work group to inform both the DCHLT and DCBHLT. Lacrica walked through the Housing Work Group Charter, and the need for work group charters over all.

Dani Shaw explained the need for a Data Work Group dedicated to collecting, compiling and analyzing housing and homelessness data in order to properly inform the DCHLT in its efforts to make recommendations and bring resources into the county. The group discussed the lack of current data and the need to support efforts in clarifying existing and collect even more data in order to paint an accurate picture of the need locally. Valerie Foster mentioned the data local school districts can bring to the table in these efforts.

Courtney Cross explained the need for a Consumer Work Group, in order to directly consult with homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families as the DCHLT attempts to support and create an easily-navigated system.

Meeting Schedule:

Courtney Cross reviewed the meeting schedule of the team set as the second Thursday of every month from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the UWDC office (1314 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76205). She walked through the binders members received upon arrival, and stated that as documents are updated she will send them electronically and allow members to maintain current documents as they see fit.

Mayor Watts commissioned the team to begin thinking about goals and metrics for success for the next DCHLT meeting.

New Business:

No new business recorded.

Public Comments: No public comments were received.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:40 a.m.

**Next Meeting: June 9, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m.
United Way of Denton County Office**

Secretary

Date

Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team

June 9, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Appointees Present: Alice Mankoff, Angie Cadena, Barton Duffy, Chasz Parker, Chief Lee Howell, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Councilman TJ Gilmore, Councilwoman Keely Briggs, Cynthia Harris, Herman Oosterwijk, Isabel Rodriguez, Jessica DeRoche, Med. NCC, LPC, Kathy Srokosz, MS, RN, Mayor Chris Watts, Roy Metzler, Sandra Robinson, Sherri McDade, Stephen Coffey, Terry Widmer, Thomas Muir, Valerie Foster

Ex Officios Present: Gary Henderson, Dani Shaw, Courtney Cross

Guests Present: Kim Yarbrough, Tyanna Parks, Kayla Kendall, Teddy Yan

Appointees Absent: Stephen Coffey

Mayor Chris Watts calls meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Welcome & Introduce New Appointees

Mayor Chris Watts provided the welcome and introduced three new DCHLT appointees:

- Chief Lee Howell, Police Chief for City of Denton – representing UWDC Board
- Herman Oosterwijk – representing HSNT Board
- Jessica DeRoche, Med. NCC, LPC – representing Higher Education (NCTC)

Nominating Committee Report

Councilman TJ Gilmore gave a brief overview of the Nominating Committee meeting and presented the recommended 2016-2017 slate of officers. To offer stability, the committee extended their original scope to include a Past Chair. The following slate was presented:

- Chair: Mayor Chris Watts
- Co-Chair: Chasz Parker
- Secretary: Angie Cadena
- Past Chair: Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell

Councilman Gilmore stated that all candidates were contacted prior to the meeting and confirmed their willingness to serve.

Mayor Watts requested a motion to accept the recommended slate.

Motion: Terry Widmer
2nd: Cindy Harris
Motion Approved

Councilman Gilmore recommended the following change regarding DCHLT appointees to the Bylaws and Charter on behalf of the Nominating Committee:

- Section 6.1 – Addition of 1-2 seats for Workforce/Business Development
- Section 6.1 – Increase number of total members to 15-23

Mayor Watts requested a motion to accept the recommended changes.

Motion: Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell
2nd: Councilwoman Keely Briggs
Motion Approved

Councilman Gilmore recommended the following change regarding the Secretary’s signatory role to the Bylaws and Charter on behalf of the Nominating Committee:

- Section 6.6 – Addition of ‘including the authority to be the representative signatory role on all board approved documents’

Mayor Watts requested a motion to accept the recommended changes.

Motion: Councilwoman Keely Briggs
2nd: Alice Mankoff
Motion Approved

Mission & Vision Committee Report

Councilman TJ Gilmore presented the recommended Vision and Mission Statements. The following Vision Statement was presented to the group:

- Vision Statement:
 - i. Every person in Denton County has a place to call homes that is safe, affordable, accessible and supported by community resources.
- Mission Statement:
 - i. The Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team fosters an effective and coordinated system of homelessness prevention and intervention, resulting in homelessness that is rare, brief and non-recurring through:
 1. Data-driven, fiscally responsible recommendations
 2. Innovative solutions around affordable housing, access to health care, adequate incomes and coordinated services
 3. Mobilizing, advocating and empowering public-private county-wide collaboration

4. Community awareness and connections

The group discussed the intention of the Vision Statement as an ideal future state, and acknowledged that it would serve as a broader, less-specific goal statement. Councilman Gilmore pointed out that the Mission Statement is more granular, and would ideally serve to encompass the more detailed goals of the DCHLT.

Mayor Watts requested a motion to accept the Vision Statement.

Motion: Councilwoman Keely Briggs

2nd: Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell

Motion Approved

Herman Oosterwijk suggested the language around healthcare be broken down to include physical and mental health care. The group discussed the addition of the term 'evidence-based' along with data-driven. Chasz Parker suggested the use of the term 'behavioral health care' to broader encompass mental health and associated needs such as substance. The group agreed this would be the best term to use. Roy Metzler requested listing 'community awareness' first to emphasize the need to raise awareness of homeless and housing needs locally.

Mayor Watts questioned the use of the word 'fosters' versus another term. Dani Shaw stated the discussion of the Mission and Vision Committee regarding this term, and the decision to use it based on the role of the DCHLT to support service agencies versus performing any direct service. After discussion, the group agreed to keep the 'fosters' in the statement.

The group discussed the use of the phrase 'rare, brief and non-recurring' versus a bolder term such as 'eradicate', as a realistic, achievable and impactful approach.

Mayor Watts requested a motion to accept the following Mission Statement:

- The Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team fosters an effective and coordinated system of homelessness prevention and intervention, resulting in homelessness that is rare, brief and nonrecurring through:
 - Community awareness and connection
 - Data-driven, evidenced-based, fiscally responsible recommendations
 - Innovative solutions around affordable housing, access to primary and behavioral health care services, adequate incomes and coordinated services
 - Mobilizing, advocating and empowering public-private community-wide collaboration

Motion: Terry Widmer

2nd: Cynthia Harris

Motion Approved

Backbone Support Update

Gary Henderson informed the DCHLT of UWDC's hiring of a new Director of Health and Mental Health. Alex Reed will start June 20th, and will serve as backbone support to the DCBHLT. He also informed the group of the shift in backbone support leadership of the Housing Workgroup to the DHLT, but that the workgroup will report to both leadership teams moving forward.

Courtney informed the group of the addition of the DCHLT to the UWDC website, where they can access previous agenda, minutes, etc.

Housing First Presentation

Chasz Parker presented on Housing First, and gave a comprehensive explanation of modern homelessness. Chasz has over thirty years working with homeless populations throughout the United States. He presented the difference between individual and structural explanations of homelessness, and the genesis of homeless policy stemming from the Reagan Administration in the 1980s.

Homelessness is caused by a lack of affordable housing, and a growing need for supporting behavioral and mental health services. Chasz outlined the evolution of policy approaches to homeless funding including homeless shelter, transitional housing programs and eventually Continuums of Care (CoCs). He discussed the various federal plans to end homelessness over the past thirty years: shelters, homeless prevention, permanent housing, rapid re-housing and eventually Housing First (HF).

Shifting away from the traditional model of requiring an individual access services and achieve sobriety prior to entering a housing program, HF seeks to 'wrap supportive services' around chronically homeless individuals while simultaneously placing them in housing (i.e., permanent supportive housing). Various localized examples of this have proven successful in communities throughout the United States, proving to have reduce costs and homeless recidivism associated with these individuals.

Chasz expressed some concern regarding the true cost-savings of HF models, and the danger in applying an approach that has proven successful with a few sub-populations in a small number of communities to nationwide homeless populations and programs. He highlighted the federal government's tendency to adopt a policy 'du jour' and assume one size fits all.

Chasz ended his presentation by highlighting six 'C's' of homelessness necessary to consider when seeking community-wide solutions:

- Complexity of homelessness
- Community uniqueness
- Capability of service providers
- Capacity of government entities
- Capital availability and access

Work Group Updates

Terry Widmer reviewed the work of the Housing Workgroup thus far. Terry mentioned the workgroup's relationship with the Denton County Homeless Coalition, and the Landlord Forum that was recently held

to bolster communication between local landlords and service providers seeking housing for their clients. She gave an overview of the current low-barrier, transitional pilot project. A grantor has provided funds to cover the rental costs of up to ten apartment units, and has commissioned the workgroup to create a collaborative, intensive, twelve-month case management program model. The workgroup will have a workday to hammer out pilot details June 27th.

Courtney informed the group of the appointment of Stephen Coffey as Chair of the Data Workgroup. Members are currently being recruited, and the first meeting will be scheduled and take place before the July DCHLT meeting.

The consumer workgroup has not yet launched, and workgroup chair recommendations are currently being accepted.

Goals/Metrics

Mayor Watts prompted DCHLT members to propose goals and metrics for the team moving forward. After discussion, the following goals were established for the Data Workgroup:

- 6-90 Days:
 - Define the meaning of 'homelessness' for Denton County (combining varying federal definitions)
 - Establish baseline measurements for Denton County (current number of homeless and current availability of housing/resources)
- 6-12 months
 - Identify and map current gaps in Denton County

Administrative Updates

Courtney informed the team of the updated roster and structure to reflect new appointees.

New Business: No new business was recorded.

Public Comments: No public comments were received.

The meeting was adjourned by consent at 9:36 a.m.

**Next Meeting: August 11, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m.
United Way of Denton County Office**

Secretary

Date

DCHLT Workgroup Reports

July 2016

WORKGROUP NAME: HOUSING

CHAIR NAME: TERRY WIDMER

CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): 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, Alonzo Peterson, Amy O'Keefe, Brenda Jackson, RayAnne Climer, Melanie Torres, Christy Daniel, Jayme Kirby, Deidre Strubel, Betty Kay, Cathy Brown, Daniel Folmer, Pauline Jemison.

Attending: Terry Widmer, Dani Shaw, Amy O'Keefe, RayAnne Climer, Brenda Jackson, Melanie Torres, Pauline Jemison, Christy Daniel, Michelle Sanchez (City of Lewisville), Beth Tellez (MHMR), Jennifer Collins, Michelle DeGrate (CCA).

A regular meeting was held on May 23 and an all-day meeting was held on June 27th. The group has been working through the details and barriers for a 10 unit Supportive Housing Program with intensive case management pilot for 10 homeless individuals. The first meeting dealt with a workflow progression for the program, budgeting/funding and commitments from supporting agencies. The committee was divided into 3 sub-groups, Logistics, Direct Services and Policies and Procedures. The sub committees have been meeting individually since the workday meeting.

Short Term Action Items

Determine eligibility criteria and referral process for program, as well as progressive flow through the program.

Define the details of a comprehensive needs assessment which drives the treatment plan.

Secure agreements from supporting agencies.

Determine evaluation assessment tools and data collection tools.

Anticipated go-live date for program is September 1, 2016.

Accomplishments

Secured the services of Carrie Breedlove from DCHC as the team leader for intensive case management of all participants.

Secured meeting space at church across the street from the property.

Concerns

Loss of funding and position of Housing Navigator from Giving Hope.

Next Meeting Dates

July 25, 2016

DCHLT Workgroup Reports

July 2016

WORKGROUP NAME: DATA

CHAIR NAME: STEPHEN COFFEY

CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): STEPHEN@COFFEYRE.COM 940.300.7868

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

Workgroup members: Stephen Coffey (chair), Dani Shaw, Christy Daniel, Ron Meguita, Alonzo Peterson, Keith Henderson, Patrick McLeod, Cathy Brown

Attending: Stephen Coffey (chair), Dani Shaw, Christy Daniel, Ron Meguita, Alonzo Peterson, Keith Henderson, Patrick McLeod, Cathy Brown, Kayla Kendall (UWDC), Liz Emerson (Giving Hope, Inc.),

The inaugural meeting was held Wednesday, June 29th. The group reviewed the history of the Mayor's Housing the Homeless Task Force, and the establishment of the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team. The group discussed the goals set forth by the DCHLT, and used those goals to begin to articulate their Workgroup Deliverables. They quickly reviewed existing data related to housing and homelessness.

Short Term Action Items

Establish Workgroup Deliverables as they related to goals of DCHLT (including collaboration with the Denton County Homeless Coalition).

Invite additional members to participate in workgroup: Salvation Army Lewisville, Jesse Hammer at UNT, and Denton County Friends of the Family.

Get acquainted with vocabulary and existing homelessness/housing data sources.

Define meaning of 'homelessness' for Denton County.

Establish Baseline measurements for Denton County (number of homeless; current availability of resources).

Accomplishments

Held inaugural meeting 6/29/2016.

Concerns

None at this time.

Next Meeting Dates

July 19, 2016

DENTON COUNTY HOMELESSNESS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Serves as the Denton County oversight committee (14-23 Total Members)

Denton County (1)	City of Denton (1-2)	City of Lewisville (1-2)	Small Cities/ Towns (1-2)	Homelessness/ Housing Providers Board Member (5-6)	Healthcare Providers (2-4)	Higher Education (1-2)	Workforce/ Business Development (1-2)	UWDC Board Member (1-2)
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WORK GROUPS

<u>HOUSING:</u> Emergency, Transitional, Permanent Supportive Housing	<u>DATA:</u> Consistent, Comprehensive and Accessible	<u>CONSUMER:</u> Homeless or Formerly Homeless	<u>TBD:</u> Future group as needed
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Work groups will involve broader range of Change Agents

Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team

Appointed By:	Appointee Name	Title	Organization	Phone	Email
Denton County Commissioners Court	Bobbie J. Mitchell	Commissioner	Denton County Precinct # 3	(972) 434-4780	bobbie.mitchell@dentoncounty.com
City of Denton	Chris Watts	Mayor	City of Denton	(940) 349-7717	chris.watts@cityofdenton.com
City of Denton	Keely Briggs	Councilwoman	City of Denton	(940) 453-8377	keely.briggs@cityofdenton.com
City of Lewisville	TJ Gilmore	Councilman	City of Lewisville	(972) 219-3404	tgilmore@cityoflewisville.com
City of Lewisville	Chasz Parker, Mdiv	Community Member	Christian Community Action	(972) 219-4302	chasz.parker@ccahelps.org
Small Cities/Towns	Thomas Muir	Mayor	City of Sanger	(940) 458-7930	thomas@cultivarcapital.com
Small Cities/Towns	Valerie Foster	Parent & Homeless Liaison	Sanger ISD & Community Outreach	(940) 458-4859	vfoster@sangerisd.net
Serve Denton	Stephen Coffey	Board Member	Serve Denton	(214) 449-1019	stephen@coffeyre.com
Giving Hope, Inc.	Cynthia Harris	Board Member	Giving Hope, Inc.	(940) 595-5609	cyntiaholleyharris2@gmail.com
Denton County Friends of the Family	Alice Mankoff	Board Member	Denton County Friends of the Family	(940) 594.2131	al.bluegown@gmail.com
Monsignor King Outreach Center	Roy Metzler	Board Member	Monsignor King Outreach Center	(940) 391-1593	srmetzler@verizon.net
Salvation Army - Denton	Sandra Robinson	Board Member	Salvation Army - Denton	(817) 925-6159	sandralrobinson@verizon.net
Denton Affordable Housing Corporation	Anjelita Cadena	Board Member	Denton Affordable Housing Corporation	(210) 585-0424	ac@acadena.com
Denton Regional Medical Center	Barton Duffy	Administrative Director	Denton Regional Medical Center	(940) 384-3225	barton.duffy@hcahealthcare.com
Denton Community Health Clinic	Terry Widmer	Board Member	Denton Community Health Clinic	(940) 368-5035	tbwidmer@gmail.com
Denton County Health Department	Isabel Rodriguez	Indigent Health Care Program Coordinator	Denton County Health Department	(940) 349-2940	isabel.rodriguez@dentoncounty.com
Texas Health Presbyterian	Kathy Srokosz, MS, RN	Outpatient and Chronic Care Services Director, Education and Professional Practice	Texas Health Presbyterian	(940) 898-7049	kathysrokosz@texashealth.org
Health Services of North Texas	Herman Oosterwijk	Board Member	Health Services of North Texas	(940) 440-9530	herman@otechimg.com
North Central Texas College	Jessica DeRoche, Med. NCC, LPC	Director of Flower Mound Campus	North Central Texas College	(972) 899-8402	jderoche@nctc.edu
Higher Education					
Workforce/Business Development	Monica Glenn	Board Member	Denton Chamber of Commerce		monica.glenn@helmhotelsgroup.com
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United Way of Denton County Inc.	Sherri McDade	Board Member	United Way of Denton County Inc.	(940) 383-3039 ext 121	s.mcdade@dentonhousingauthority.com
United Way of Denton County Inc.	Chief Lee Howell	Board Member	United Way of Denton County Inc.	(940) 349-7923	lee.howell@cityofdenton.com

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A collective impact initiative supported by:



Consideration of Minutes

- May 5th DCHLT Meeting
- June 9th DCHLT Meeting



Welcome New Appointee

- Monica Glenn – Denton Chamber of Commerce



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Workgroup Updates

- Housing Workgroup
 - Housing Pilot
- Data Workgroup
 - Inaugural Meeting 6/29/16
- Consumer Workgroup



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Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

- What is ESG?
- Who receives ESG funding?
- What is the future of ESG for our community?
- How does that affect the DCHLT?



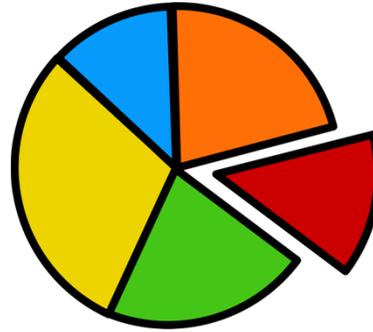
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Balance of State (BoS)
- Denton County Homeless Coalition (DCHC)
- Texas Homeless Network (THN)
- Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

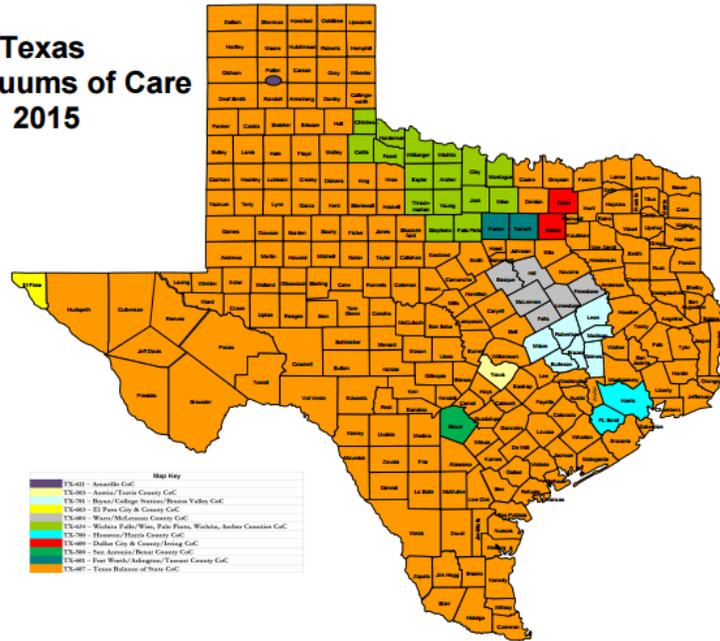
- Denton County Homeless Coalition (DCHC)

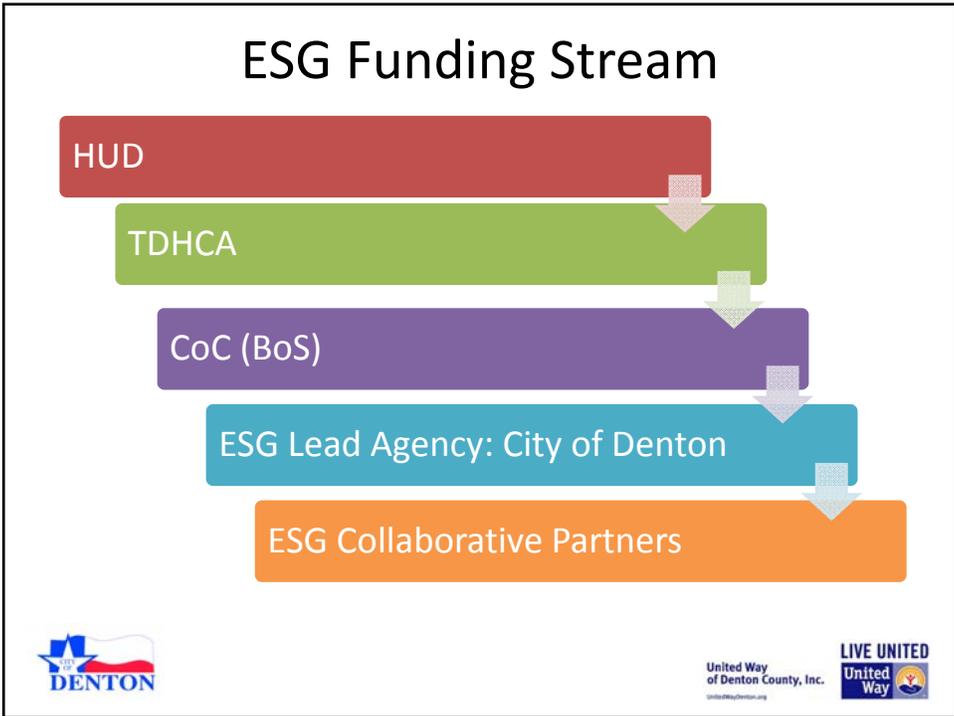


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Texas Continuums of Care 2015





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



ESG Program Purpose

To help *persons who are at risk of homelessness or homeless* **quickly regain stability** in permanent housing.



ESG Components

- Program Services
 - Street Outreach
 - Emergency Shelter
 - Rapid Re-Housing
 - Homelessness Prevention
- Program Management
 - Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS)
 - Agency Administration



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2016 ESG Criteria

- Emphasis on Permanent Housing
- Used of Coordinated Access



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ESG Scoring

- Program Description and Capacity (85)
- **Program Performance (580)***
- Budget (60)
- CoC Participation (50)
- Language Access Plan (10)



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2016 Denton ESG Timeline

- 6/20/16 – received initial score of 551
- 6/27/16 – submit appeal to TDHCA



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2016 Denton ESG Timeline

- 7/1/16 – received new score of 571
- 7/8/16 – submit appeal to TDHCA

Collapse of unused program funds

Applicant Name	Amount Requested	Department Score	Funding available	Funding Distribution
Friendship of Women, Inc	\$599,938	573.5	\$363,848	\$363,848
City of Denton	\$600,000	571.0	\$0	\$0
The Salvation Army Paris	\$299,788	556.0	\$0	\$0
Central Texas Opportunities, Inc	\$300,199	553.0	\$0	\$0
Corpus Christi Hope House	\$149,944	543.0	\$0	\$0
The Salvation Army, Corpus Christi	\$300,000	498.0	\$0	\$0
StarCare Specialty Health System	\$150,000	470.0	\$0	\$0
D.O.R.S. Community Services	\$300,000	366.0	\$0	\$0
The Salvation Army - Grayson County	\$300,000	345.0	\$0	\$0



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



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%



Next Steps: DCHLT Support

- Data-driven recommendations
- Increased Communication
 - Agencies
 - Denton County Homeless Coalition



Backbone Support Update

- Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team (DCBHLT)
 - Alex Reed – Director of Health and Mental Health Initiatives
 - HHSC Grant – Veteran Case Managers
- Speaker’s Bureau



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Next Meeting:
Thursday, August 11, 2016
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
UWDC (1314 Teasley Lane)



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