



**Friday, March 17th, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting**

**Agenda**

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|-------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| I.    | Welcome & Approval of Minutes                    | Bob Troyer- City Council Lewisville |
| II.   | 2023 Committees                                  |                                     |
|       | • Strategic Plan Committee- Child Care Workgroup | Kim Vaughn- Workforce Solutions     |
| III.  | Financial Empowerment Pilot Program Presentation | Jayme Dooley- UWDC Staff            |
| IV.   | Advocacy Overview                                | Shelby Redondo- UWDC Staff          |
| V.    | ERA 2 & Rental Relief                            | Olivia Mata-Williams- UWDC Staff    |
| VI.   | Workgroup Updates                                |                                     |
|       | • Child Care & FCCN                              | Courtney Knighten- UWDC Staff       |
|       | • Financial Empowerment                          | Jayme Dooley- UWDC Staff            |
| VII.  | Denton County Leadership Teams Update            |                                     |
|       | • DCBHLT                                         | Shanan Spencer- UWDC Staff          |
|       | • DCHLT                                          | Olivia Mata Williams- UWDC Staff    |
| VIII. | Backbone Support Update                          |                                     |
|       | • Workforce Pilot Program                        | Shelby Redondo- UWDC Staff          |
| IX.   | Public Comment                                   | Bob Troyer- City Council Lewisville |
| X.    | New Business                                     | Bob Troyer- City Council Lewisville |
| XI.   | Adjourn                                          | Bob Troyer- City Council Lewisville |

**Next Meeting Date:  
Friday, April 21st 2023 | 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. | Virtual Meeting**



## **Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team**

8:30 am Friday

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Virtual Meeting Over Zoom

### **Welcome and Introduction**

Councilmember Troyer motions for approval of the December meeting minutes. Dr. Del Rio approves and Ms. Roberts seconds.

### **Nominating Committee**

Ms. Roberts states that the Nominating Committee met last week and established recommendations for bylaws amendment. The first request is to change the term limit for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary from one year to three years. A second request is to make February the official month for transition of leadership. Dr. Del Rio motions to approve the bylaws amendment. Ms. Davis seconds. Ms. Davis motions to nominate the current officers of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary to continue their term for one more year. Ms. Roberts seconds. The motion was approved.

### **Strategic Plan Committee**

Ms. Redondo states that the committee met a few times and would like to update the verbiage of the strategic plan related to specific grants from 2019. The strategic plan currently has 3 values: employment services, income support and financial coaching. The committee is looking to add a fourth value for service. This will include supportive services like childcare, transportation etc. She also states that there is a continual need for the two workgroups. There will be an additional section in the plan for the childcare workgroup. The committee wants to update the language of the workforce success group and add an Economic Stability workgroup. Dr. Jeng suggests that all of the revisions be put into a concise document to be shared with the group. Ms. Redondo says she will work on this.

### **ERA 2 Updates**

Ms. Mata-Williams states ERA stands for Emergency Rental Assistance. She emphasizes that county-wide Homeless Prevention funding will return to pre-pandemic levels in 5-6 months. The shelter system and other systems will most likely be put under a lot of stress due to lack of funding. The demand will increase in Q3 and Q4 of 2023. She states that mobilization will help alleviate the impacts of these issues.

### **Advocacy Overview**

Ms. Redondo highlights the Austin trip on March 1<sup>st</sup> where United Way of Denton County will join United Ways of Texas and United Ways of Metropolitan Dallas to visit state Representatives and Senators. United Way of Denton County will also be in Austin on March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> for Denton County days. She suggests members to continue watching House Bill 1979 and Senate Bill 353.

### **Childcare Work Group Updates**

Ms. Orduna states the family childcare network is currently at 88 members. Yesterday, the first networking meeting occurred. The Child Care workgroup will be revamped and next week the group will meet to discuss the strategic planning objectives.

### **Financial Empowerment Updates**



Ms. Redondo gives updates for the workgroup. Jayme met with Cumberland clients who aged out of foster care, and has just created a list of barriers they are facing. She is also preparing a presentation for the leadership team about her findings over the past 6-8 months.

### **Behavioral Health Leadership Team**

Ms. Spencer reports on preparing programming and putting together the team's proclamations for local municipalities to promote mental health awareness month in May. There is also a large event, Recovery in the Park, in September which revolves around the rapidly growing issue of substance abuse. The behavioral leadership team has substance abuse as another area of focus and will try to develop more resources and to make people aware of resources.

### **Homelessness Leadership Team**

Ms. Mata-Williams reports the successful Point in Time Count (PIT). We will expect results from PIT in late spring. She emphasizes getting the word out about city of Lewisville funding for mortgage assistance. The team is currently planning a memorial service celebration for those who lost their lives while experiencing homelessness. It will likely occur in May.

### **Backbone Support Updates**

#### Childcare Taskforce

Ms. Redondo states the group is in conversation to get a big box child care and ask why they're not coming into Denton County. They will also meet with Kelly Fontenot to discuss how to alleviate the waitlist for child care subsidies.

#### Workforce Pilot Program

Ms. Redondo talks about the information referral line and about adding Lewisville organizations to the referral. The team is also negotiating a second chance employer list friendly to those who are receiving disability or have a disability.

### **Adjourn**

If you have something you would like on the agenda for our next meeting, please contact Shelby Redondo, [shelby@unitedwaydenton.org](mailto:shelby@unitedwaydenton.org)

Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng  
Secretary of DCWSLT