



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

Hybrid Meeting

Physical – Center for Women at Texas Health Denton (Conference rooms A&B), 3000 N I-35 Denton TX 76201

Virtual – Zoom Video Conference Link Attached in Email

Agenda:

I.	Welcome	Chair	5 min.
II.	December Meeting Minutes	Chair	3 min.
	• VOTE – Approval of Meeting Minutes		
III.	Strategic Planning Committee update	M. Ball	5 min.
IV.	Emergency Rental Assistance 2	G. Henderson	15 min.
V.	Workgroup Updates		15 min.
	• Housing	T. Widmer	
	• Denton County Homeless Coalition	D. Houston	
	• Data	L. Atkinson	
	• Diversion	M. Ball	
VI.	Backbone Support Update	UWDC	15 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:

Thursday, April 13th, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | Hybrid Meeting

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Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Dani Shaw asked if there were new introductions needed. There were none to be made.

November Meeting Minutes

Dani Shaw asked for approvals of previous meeting minutes, and Terry Widmer motioned to approve, and Dale Tampke seconded the motion. There was no opposition.

Review of 2018-2021 Strategic Plan Goals

Olivia Mata-Williams presented the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan Goals. Dani Shaw began to discuss the importance of reviewing, assessing, and updating the strategic plan.

Proposal for Strategic Committee Planning

Dani Shaw discussed the plan of the Strategic Planning Committee. Dani Shaw stated that the initial purpose is to update the DCHLT's three-year strategic plan. Dani Shaw explained that the committee will consist of three people from the leadership team, three people from the work group structure, and one member from the backbone support workgroup. Dani Shaw discussed the qualifications of the members bringing emphasis on people that are interested in working in a virtual environment. Dani Shaw discussed the importance of reviewing and assessing the 2018-2021 DCHLT Strategic Plan within a two-month frame.

Workgroup Updates:

Housing - Denton County Initiatives Recap Workshops

Terry Widmer reported that there is a strong support and collaboration between the team. Terry Widmer states that the biggest challenge are veterans. This challenge is due to the loss of the Veteran's Center and trouble with the VA. Terry Widmer discussed another challenge regarding the 288 project being that there is a deficit in shelter for families. Dani Shaw mentions the allocation of ARP funds for temporary hotels, with a focus on providing shelter specifically for families, which is available through 2026. Gary Henderson stated that the Commissioner's Court had approved ARP funds in order to add ten processing staff to the emergency rental assistance program. The waiting list for such program can be about four to five months.



Denton County Homeless Coalition

Daphne Houston discussed the introduction of a service provider that includes a real time sheet which provides information over service and funding availability. Daphne Houston planned to have this service operating by early 2023.

Data Workgroup

Leia Atkinson presented the Homelessness Data Dashboard as it was updated in October 2022. Leia Atkinson introduced two new metrics which include homeless start dates and disability and chronic illness.

Diversion Workgroup

Elena Lusk reported having done great work within the past six months. A target population has been identified. This program will have agencies for those in Denton and Lewisville. Additionally, a timeline of findings will be presented in February.

Backbone Support Updates:

UWDC Homelessness Initiatives

Olivia Mata-Williams discussed the coordination of classes for clients that need supportive services. The scheduling of a community meeting with several agencies was discussed.

Meeting Format Discussion:

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team Update

Shanan Spencer stated that the Commissioner's Court approved the Health Navigator Program. Overall, the workgroups are updating their strategic plans for the new year with a focus on the child family systems workgroup. Shanan Spencer discussed plans of a park event in September of 2023 for those in recovery. In regard to Veteran programming, Shanan Spencer states that they are on target for meeting goals in order to have the Texas Veterans Commission's Financial assistance grant renewed for 2023. An additional \$200,000 grant request was made for the mental health treatment of veterans in the county.

Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team Update

Shelby Redondo reported a recent mini-series focus on childcare concluding. As data from Texas Workforce Commission is received, Shelby Redondo discussed the comparison of funding in different counties. With the help of FCCN, the team was able to expand to Parker and Hood County. Shelby Redondo stated that the childcare work group is planned to meet in January to finalize strategic plans.



Public Comment

It was reported that Emily Taylor from My Daily Bread discussed the updates about the new building.

Jill Adams reported to have received a three-year grant called the Region 10 using the ARP funds.

New Business - No new business was introduced.

Meeting Adjourned – Dani Shaw declared the meeting adjourned at 8:57am

DCHLT HOUSING WORKGROUP | CHAIR: TERRY WIDMER

DECEMBER 2022-JANUARY 2023

The DCHLT Housing Workgroup has convened 6 times between December 2022 and January 2023 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.

Case Conferencing for recent months included both in person and virtual participation, with most attendance held virtually. UWDC re-implemented sending out an agenda the Wednesday before each Case Conferencing in May. This agenda included the order of events and the confidentiality statement for all agencies participating in Case Conferencing. The confidentiality statement was verbally reviewed and discussed at every case conference 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 December.

- 1st Monday – Veteran CC
- 2nd Monday – General CC
- 3rd Monday – Veteran CC
- 4th Monday – General CC
- 5th Monday – Families CC

SHORT-TERM ACTION ITEMS

- Review and discuss Diversion Rollout
- Increase consistent attendance across agencies.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reviewed confidentiality notice in Veteran and General Case Conferencing
- Improved collaboration between agencies working towards identifying clients, needs, and successes.

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
- Onboarding for new agency staff

NEXT MEETING DATES

Feb 13th, Feb 20th, Feb 27th, March 6th, March 13th, March 20th, March 27th

DENTON COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION | CHAIR: DAPHNE HOUSTON

DECEMBER 2022-JANUARY 2023

The Denton County Homeless Coalition met twice from November 2022 to January 2023. The following was discussed:

- Improved collaborative communication of live resources across our agencies and community partners
- HUD SNOFO update: HUD awarded \$4M for Rural Set-Aside funds (3 years total). TX BoS CoC did not receive funding for projects recommended under the Unsheltered Set-Aside.
- Behind the Scenes Podcast planning was launched, initiated by Dr. Jones to increase communication of the work that is being done to solve for homelessness in the county.
- For those that volunteered on PIT count day, please check your email for the feedback survey from the Denton County Homeless Coalition.

SHORT-TERM ACTION ITEMS

- Community partners and service providers will continue to update the livespreadsheet monthly to communicate any priority programming available.
- PIT count volunteers record number to date- 100!
- Establish a community events planning committee

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Increased collaboration and sharing of active information between service providers and community partners.
- Assembled 500 PIT count bags in record time: 35 minutes! Thank you to everyone who came out to help fold blankets, pair socks, pack bags, and make PIT count day a well-organized day.
- Over 100 volunteers registered for PIT count!

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

February 22, 2023 (Lewisville; Next Steps), March 29th (Denton; Giving Grace)

DCHLT Workgroup Reports

DCHLT DATA WORKGROUP | CHAIR: STEPHEN COFFEY

DECEMBER 2022-JANUARY 2023

The data dashboard has been updated with data up to December 2022. As of December 2022, there are currently 394 households actively experiencing homelessness on our Housing Priority List. The 394 total number for December breaks down into:

- 30 families
- 414 individuals
- 8 fleeing domestic violence
- 30 Veteran households
- 162 households experiencing chronic homelessness

The number of new assessments recorded in December 2022 was 29. This is a notable decrease from the July 2022 that had the highest number of assessments in 2022 (84).

Denton County school districts' data was updated in October 2022. The two largest school districts reported the following:

- Denton ISD: 347 students (decrease)
- Lewisville ISD: 820 students (decrease)

Permanent Supported Housing remains the largest need for Denton County. 45.5% of households on the Housing Priority list (Dec 2022) scores in the "housing intervention" range. Housing intervention prioritization breakdown:

- Diversion Services: 25 households (6.9%)
- Rapid Rehousing Intervention: 119 households (47.6%)
- Permanent Supportive Housing Intervention: 220 households (45.5)

Short-term action items

- Continue supporting diversion subcommittee on how to track diversion outcomes

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

- Data accuracy from agencies utilizing HMIS continues to be a concern UWDC staff supports in resolving.
- Outflows through "moves to inactive" continue to outnumber new inflows. The data workgroup does not believe this represents a proportional decrease in Denton County's homeless population, rather a decrease in clients seeking services correlated to the decrease in ESG & other COVID response funding. The decrease is in the non-chronic categories; the chronic population has not changed.