



Thursday, August 11th, 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.	DCHLT- PIT Count	L. Atkinson	40 min.
IV.	Workgroup Updates		
	• Housing	T. Widmer	10 min.
	• Denton County Homeless Coalition	D. Adams	
	• Data	L. Atkinson	
	• Ad-hoc: Diversion	C.Powell	
V.	Backbone Support Update	UWDC	10 min.
	• UWDC Homelessness Initiatives		
	• Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team Update		
	• Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team Update		
VI.	Public Comment	Chair	5 min.
VII.	New Business	Chair	5 min.
VIII.	Adjourn	Chair	2 min.

Next Meeting Date:

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DCHLT Workgroup Reports

DENTON COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION | CHAIR: DAPHNE ADAMS

June 2022 – July 2022

The Denton County Homeless Coalition continued to meet monthly in June and July.

The following was discussed:

- Agencies shared their experiences working to effectively serve clients given the current lack of available funds, particularly for some of the highest demand needs (rent and utility assistance for individuals who are ineligible for ERA 1 assistance).
- As several programs work on wrapping up for the fiscal year, several agencies are currently in the process of applying for a renewal of previous funding where possible.
- The Barriers Fund fundraising committee has continued to meet and will be rolling out its first fundraiser of the 2022 this fall.

Short-term action items

Implement the most recent fundraising plan for the Barriers Fund. Apply for renewal of housing program funding.

Accomplishments

DCHC continued its monthly meetings and has continued to be a two consecutive in-person meetings for the first time since the pandemic began in 2020.

Concerns

Lack of agency resources (especially non-ERA 1 rental/utility assistance), higher cost of living (including increases in rental prices), and a generally low inventory of affordable housing units.

Next Meeting Dates

August 31, 2022

DCHLT Workgroup Reports

DCHLT DATA WORKGROUP | CHAIR: STEPHEN COFFEY

June 2022 – August 2022

The data dashboard has been updated with data from June and July of 2022. As of July 2022, there are currently 535 households actively experiencing homelessness on our Housing Priority List. The 535 total number for July breaks down into:

- 56 families
- 479 individuals
- 15 fleeing domestic violence
- 35 Veteran households
- 213 households who are chronically experiencing homelessness

The number of new assessments recorded in July 2022 was 84. Overall, the number of new assessments per month had been approximately holding steady 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 February 2022
- Lewisville ISD: 996 in February 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 needs is still following closely behind with 46.3% scoring in the PSH housing intervention range. Housing intervention prioritization breakdown:

- Diversion Services – 23 households (4.3%)
- Rapid Rehousing Intervention – 226 households (42.2%)
- Permanent Supportive Housing Intervention – 286 households (53.5%)

The data workgroup met in July to review accomplishments and make plans for improvements. July meeting discussion was primarily focused on recent updates to data dashboard, new location tracking initiative, and beginning ideas around reporting direct program data to the community. 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. Though there were many challenges due to staffing shortages and COVID-19 concerns, the count was carried out successfully. Results of the PIT Count have been received from THN and UWDC is presenting the data report to the community in Denton and Lewisville in the month of September.

Short-term action items

- Continue to update data dashboard monthly
- Building towards methods of displaying disparity between need & system capacity
- Gathering feedback on data 'dreams' from community to identify next long term goals

Accomplishments

- Data Dashboard has been updated for July 2022
- System Performance Measure for 'Length of Time Homeless' has been adjusted to show more consistency over time.
- Data points on Homeless Start Dates over a year old, Disability, and Chronic Illness have been added.

- Data collection on system inflow location tracking has begun on August 1st.
- Annual Data report has been presented to Denton County Homeless Coalition and is scheduled to be presented to DCHLT and to general public.

Concerns

- Reflecting a national trend, chronic homelessness is steadily on the rise. In July of 2022 36% of our Housing Priority list was experiencing chronic homelessness, when in July of 2018 this number was 16%. A rough line graph of this trend is shown below (data not collected in June- August of 2019). Point in Time count historical data reflects a similar trend.
- Data accuracy from agencies utilizing HMIS continues to be a concern UWDC staff supports in resolving.

Percent Chronicity on HPL

