



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
United Way of Denton County, Inc.

Thursday, August 8, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
United Way of Denton County (1314 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76205)

### Agenda

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|-------|--|------------------|---------|
| I.    | Welcome & Consideration of June 2019 Minutes   | Chair            | 2 min.  |
| II.   | Nominating Committee Presents 2019-2020 Slate  | Chair            | 5 min.  |
|       | • <b>VOTE</b>  |                  |         |
|       | i. <b>Chair: Councilman TJ Gilmore (City of Lewisville)</b>  |                  |         |
|       | ii. <b>Co-Chair: Mayor Thomas Muir (City of Sanger)</b>  |                  |         |
|       | iii. <b>Secretary: Alice Mankoff (Denton County Friends of the Family)</b>   |                  |         |
| III.  | Amend Bylaws   | Chair            | 2 min.  |
|       | • <b>VOTE: Amend Bylaws to increase the number of allowable appointees from 'Small Cities and Towns' from 2 to 5, and the total allowable members from 33 to 36 (see attached)</b> |                  |         |
| IV.   | Approve New Appointee from The Colony  | Chair            | 2 min.  |
|       | • <b>VOTE: Approve addition of an appointee from The Colony</b>  |                  |         |
|       | • The Colony City Council has appointed Joe Perez, Director of Community Relations & Programming   |                  |         |
| V.    | Presentation – Green Extreme Homes   |                  | 20 min. |
|       | • Jean Brown, Executive Director & Steve Brown, President & Project Manager  |                  |         |
| VI.   | Emergency Solutions Grant  | D. Shaw/C. Cross | 10 min. |
|       | • Applying agencies to provide updates   |                  |         |
| VII.  | Workgroup Updates  |                  | 20 min. |
|       | • Data   | C. Cross         |         |
|       | • Housing  | T. Widmer        |         |
|       | • Ad Hoc Committee   | C. Cross         |         |
|       | • Shelter Planning   | C. Cross         |         |
|       | • Ending Veteran Homelessness  | C. Cross         |         |
| VIII. | Denton County Homeless Coalition Update  | M. Jones         | 10 min. |
|       | • <b>VOTE: Denton County Homeless Coalition request to become a workgroup of the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team</b>  |                  |         |
| IX.   | Backbone Support Update  | C. Cross         | 10 min. |
|       | • New Hire – Elena Lusk, Homelessness Initiatives Coordinator  |                  |         |
|       | • Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team Update   |                  |         |
| X.    | Public Comment   | Chair            | 5 min.  |
| XI.   | New Business   | Chair            | 5 min.  |
| XII.  | Adjourn  | Chair            | 2 min.  |

### Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, October 10, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | United Way of Denton County



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Thursday, June 13, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
United Way of Denton County, Inc. (1314 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76205)

### Meeting Summary

**Appointees/Ex-Officios Present:** Alice Mankoff, Ashleigh Feryan, Councilman TJ Gilmore, Councilwoman Keely Briggs, Courtney Cross, Cynthia Harris, Dale Tampke, Dani Shaw, Emily Taylor, Deputy Chief Frank Padgett, Gary Henderson, Jessica DeRoche, Josh Ashford, Kathy Srokosz, Mary Jones, Mayor Chris Watts, Nicole Recker, Roy Metzler, Stephen Coffey, Terry Widmer, Valerie Foster

**Appointees Absent:** Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell (regrets), Herman Oosterwijk,, Isabel Rodriguez, Leroy Schuett (regrets), Herman Oosterwijk, (regrets), Mayor Thomas Muir (regrets), Sheryl English

**Guests:** Sarah Kuechler (City of Denton), Katherine Gonzales (United Way of Denton County), Alyssa Mostaffa (United Way of Denton County), Stephen Thomas (Salvation Army of Lewisville)

### Welcome & Consideration of April 2019 Minutes

Chair Councilperson TJ Gilmore called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Chair requested a motion to approve February 2019 minutes.

Motion: Terry Widmer

2nd: Dr. Mary Jones

Motion was approved.

Giving Hope board member Eileen Hall informed the group she was attending in DCHLT Appointee Cindy Harris's place.

### Nominating Committee

Chair requested appointees to serve on a nominating committee to present 2019-2020 slate of officers at the August meeting, stating the time commitment will likely be a conference call or email confirmation of the slate. The following appointees volunteered: Valerie Foster, Nicole Recker, Jessica DeRoche, Cindy Harris and Mary Jones.

### Salvation Army Presentation

Steve Thomas provided a presentation of the Salvation Army's vision and strategy for social services in Denton County. The presentation included plans for a Denton social service center that would include emergency and transitional shelter, spiritual care and ministry, supportive housing and other social services. The Salvation Army also plans to develop a community center in Lewisville, for which they have acquired has secured \$2.0 million of the estimated \$10.8 million cost for the project.

Plans for the Denton Social Services Campus include a first phase for emergency shelter and social services that would require \$7.9 million, and a second phase for supportive housing at \$8.0 million. The campus is expected to take nine to



twelve months to build once funding is secured. The Salvation Army DFW has entered into an agreement with Denton Bible Church to acquire 16-acres at Shiloh Field, and the land will need to be rezoned for the proposed project.

Appointees discussed the relationship of this project to current efforts to expand the Monsignor King Outreach Center. Dani Shaw stated that the current goals of the city to support MKOC are short-term solutions with the hope that MKOC and the Salvation Army can align their long-term goals. Steve confirmed that the Salvation Army shelter expansion in Denton will likely occur in three to five years.

Councilperson Keely Briggs inquired about the timeline to develop the supportive housing units considering the need in Denton County, and Steve stated that the Salvation Army may need to reevaluate their phased approach to develop supportive housing before shelter expansion.

## **Emergency Solutions Grant**

Dani Shaw and Courtney Cross provided an update on the current Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) competition. In 2017 the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDCHA) changed the ESG from a 1-year grant to a 2-year grant. TDHCA has moved away from collaborative applications and has offered for local Continuums of Care to run the grant competition process. Each agency that wished to continue to provide or start providing ESG programs will have to submit their own application. Currently, ESG funding supports the Denton County Friends of the Family Shelter and the Salvation Army Denton Shelter, and supportive housing funding at Christian Community Action and Giving Hope.

The City of Denton and the United Way of Denton County have been facilitating meetings of agencies currently receiving ESG funding to promote continued collaboration with future applications and programs. Councilwoman Keely Briggs asked if agencies were meeting performance goals for ESG-funded programs. Dani Shaw stated that agencies are not required to share their performance data and current performance is not clear.

The Texas Homeless Network is running the 2019 ESG competition. Dani and Courtney reviewed the competition materials and timeline with the group.

## **Workgroup Updates**

### *Data Workgroup*

Courtney provided an update of the Denton County Homelessness Data Dashboard. As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, there were 445 actively homeless households in Denton County's Coordinated Entry System. There were 24 Veteran households, 101 households experiencing chronic homelessness and 16 households experiencing homelessness as a result of fleeing domestic violence. Further details can be found online: <https://www.unitedwaydenton.org/homelessness-data-denton-county>.

The workgroup continues to make improvements to the dashboard and has identified a timeline for rolling out the addition of System Performance Measure updates over the summer.

### *Housing Workgroup*

Terry Widmer provided an update on the Housing Workgroup. The workgroup now meets the first Monday of the month to case conference for rapid re-housing and chronically homeless households; they meet the third Monday of the month to case conference Veteran households experiencing homelessness. UWDC staff continues to facilitate training opportunities to address housing and case management barriers that arise during case conferencing.

### *Ad Hoc Committee*



The committee met June 4<sup>th</sup> and proposed a meeting to convene mayors and city managers from across the county to pursue a county-wide housing study. There is potential for cities to collaborate with the City of Denton's current plans to conduct a study.

### *Shelter Planning Workgroup*

Courtney reviewed the funding proposal brought to Denton City Council May 21<sup>st</sup>. Denton City Council will consider funding the Monsignor King Outreach Center to expand from a 3-day operation to be open 7 days a week with a paid staff. UWDC staff will support MKOC with technical assistance during this transition. Council is also considering funding to expand street outreach and a contribution to the Denton County Homelessness Barriers Fund. UWDC backbone support staff is working with City of Lewisville staff to bring similar funding requests to their Council.

### *Ending Veteran Homelessness*

UWDC Backbone support continues to collaborate with Community Solutions' Built For Zero data collaborative to improve local homeless data and work towards the goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness by 2020.

Staff is also engaged in the Denton County Homeless Coalition's goal to a 100-day challenge to house 25-30 Veterans in January of 2020. The DCHLT Housing Workgroup has established Veteran-specific case conferencing to work towards this goal. Additionally, UWDC has engaged the Denton County Veterans Coalition to support the 100-day challenge as a step in the goal to end Veteran homelessness.

The Denton County Homeless Coalition has established sub-committee to support this goal and is developing a fundraising campaign to rally support for the 100-day challenge in the fall. The campaign will target landlords and property managers willing to make units available as well as a giving campaign for the Denton County Homelessness Barriers Fund.

### **Denton County Homeless Coalition Update**

Dr. Mary Jones provided an update on the Denton County Homeless Coalition, including the coalition's plan for a 100-day challenge to house 30 Veterans early next year. Mary reviewed a proposed timeline and funding needs for the challenge. (See attached)

### **Backbone Support Update**

Courtney introduced Hope Rodgers, UWDC's new Community Impact Coordinator hired to support the DCHLT and the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team (DCBHLT). Courtney also highlighted the data posters placed throughout the building; posters were graciously printed by North Central Texas College and used to showcase the 2019 Denton County Homelessness Data Report June 5<sup>th</sup> in Denton. The Colony is interested in joining the efforts of the DCHLT and the DCBHLT.

### **New Business**

Denton City Councilperson Keely Briggs informed the group of an upcoming community meeting for Denton's District 2 on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the North Branch Library, during which the Salvation Army and Grace Like Rain Ministries will present their future plans.

### **Adjournment**

Chair requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Motion: Josh Ashford



2nd: Stephen Coffey  
Meeting was adjourned.

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**Secretary**

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**Date**



# THE SALVATION ARMY NORTH TEXAS



Denton Social Services Vision & Strategy  
June 2019

THE SALVATION ARMY NORTH TEXAS

## ONE ARMY, MANY FRONTS

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Our message is based on the Bible. Our ministry is motivated by the love of God.

### Our Mission

The Salvation Army preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ and meets human needs in His name without discrimination.

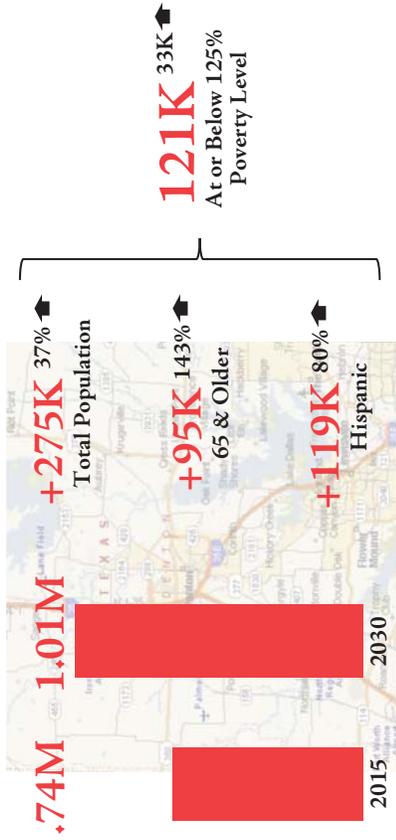
### Our Vision for North Texas

We are One Army with many fronts helping North Texans overcome poverty, addiction, and homelessness and achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.



DOING THE MOST GOOD

## DENTON COUNTY BY 2030

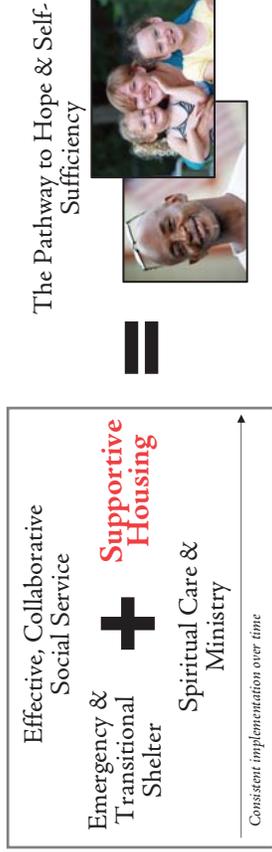


“Top-five” economic growth will bring tremendous opportunity and present new levels of community challenge: *how will we respond?*



## THE SALVATION ARMY SERVICE VISION

The Salvation Army and our partners have all of the capabilities required for success. Our calling is to combine and scale them for maximum impact.



Combining supportive housing with effective social services reduces total public and private services costs by 15% and improves outcomes.



## DENTON COUNTY FACILITIES

Coordinated services in a best-practices model:

**Recovery & Prevention: Denton Social Service Center**

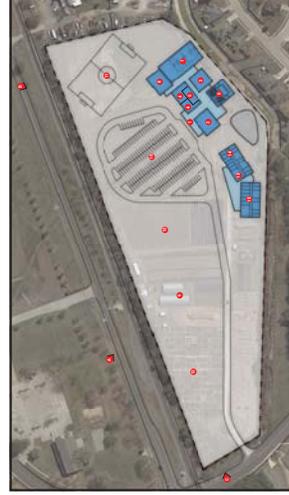


**Prevention: Lewisville Corps Community Center**

- Institute a **"No Wrong Door"** approach to aligning services
- New master-planned 50-unit Denton campus: emergency and transitional shelter (up to one year) for families and individuals
- 20 units of supportive housing
- New Lewisville Corps Community Center
- Onsite partner space: Adult Education, Child Care, Primary Health, Behavioral Health, Legal Assistance



## DENTON SOCIAL SERVICES CAMPUS



**Key Features & Benefits:**

- A master-planned 36,000-square-foot campus with short- and long-term shelter and housing
- Social services based on the Pathway of Hope model – prevention of homelessness and intervention/recovery for the homeless and those struggling with addiction
- Expanded Denton operations with deeper community services suite
- Substance abuse treatment, counseling, education, after-school programs, recreation, dining, and worship
- Full integration with Lewisville-based facility and services

**\$7.9M**

**Phase 1 Campus  
Emergency Shelter  
& Social Services**

**\$8.0M**

**Supportive Housing  
Phase Cost**



## LEWISVILLE CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER



### Key Features & Benefits:

- A 32,000-square-foot Community Center with facilities for social services, education, after-school programs, recreation, dining, and worship
- Social services based on the Pathway of Hope model – prevention of homelessness and intervention/recovery for the homeless and those struggling with addiction
- Expanded operations in Lewisville with deeper community services suite
- Full integration with Denton-based shelter facilities and service

**\$10.8M**

Estimated Cost

**\$2.0M**

Secured to Date

# 100 Day Challenge Overview

Presentation to  
Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team  
June 2019



## 100 Day Challenge Timeline

Phase	Date	Milestone
<b>Phase 1 -- Preparation</b>	April 2019	Initial Veterans Case Conferencing Meeting
	May 2019	100 Day Challenge Planning Team Finalize Planning Strategy
	June - Dec 2019	Continue Veterans Case Conferencing Meetings
<b>Phase 2 -- Barriers Fund Campaign &amp; Communication Planning</b>	June - October 2019	Communications and Barriers Fund Campaign Development
	<b>Nov 1, 2019</b>	<b>First public announcement of 100 Day Challenge</b>
	Nov - Dec 2019	Barriers Fund Campaign
<b>Phase 3 -- Housing Preparation</b>	December 2019	<b>Initial match of specific veterans to specific housing</b>
<b>Phase 4 - Conduct the Challenge</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2020</b>	<b>100 Day Challenge Begins</b>
	Feb - April, 2020	Progress assessment
	<b>April 10, 2020</b>	<b>Completion</b>

## High Level Work Assignments

- *Veteran's case conferencing group* -- identify specific veterans to find housing for, services they will need, and housing opportunities
- *Homeless coalition steering committee* - create communications and barriers fund campaign plans
- Additional resources
  - UW may have a homeless coalition intern for fall and spring to help with the PIT count and the 100 Day Challenge
  - Champion needed to mobilize veterans to offer additional support e.g., peer support -- *Courtney asking someone we have identified.*

## Barriers Fund Need

- *Risk mitigation* -- 30 households \* \$5000 per unit = **\$150,000**
- *Client assistance* -- 150 households \* \$800 max award + \$5000 for smaller expenses = **\$125,000**
  - in addition to 30 veterans, there are around 120 chronically homeless on the housing list
  - smaller expenses include id cards, stop-gap bus pass, making up a gap in money from other sources
- *Total ask* -- **\$275,000**

## Sample Rental Data Three selected city of Denton zip codes

Fair Market Housing Rate (FMR) *	76209	76205	76201	Average
1 bedroom	\$780	\$860	\$910	\$850
2 bedroom	\$960	\$1,050	\$1,120	\$1,043
Poverty rate**	19.8%	39.0%	26.2%	28.3%
<b>*FY 2019 Dallas HUD Metro FMR Rent Documentation System</b>				
<b>** 2018 National Low Income Housing Coalition</b>				

# QUESTIONS?

**DENTON COUNTY HOMELESSNESS LEADERSHIP TEAM  
BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team, "DCHLT".

**ARTICLE II MISSION/VISION**

Vision Statement: Every person in Denton County has a place to call home that is safe, affordable, accessible and supported by community resources.

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

**ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION**

Section 3.1: Existence

The period of existence of the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team shall be perpetual beginning May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Section 3.2: Purpose

The purpose of the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team (DCHLT) is to convene as a policy making team tasked with improving the planning, coordination, oversight, and implementation required to create systems change, for housing/homelessness initiatives in Denton County.

Section 3.3: Fiscal Agent/Backbone Organization

The name of the agent and address of the DCHLT is:

United Way of Denton County Inc.  
1314 Teasley Lane  
Denton, TX 76205

United Way of Denton County Inc. (UWDC) will serve as the fiscal agent and backbone organization of the DCHLT to provide staff, guide vision and strategy, support aligned activities, establish shared measurement practices, build public will, advance policy and mobilize funding. DCHLT shall serve under the auspices of UWDC. The fiscal year shall follow UWDC and commence on April 1<sup>st</sup> and end on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## ARTICLE IV Appointments

### Section 4.1: Appointment

Appointment to DCHLT is available to eligible entities as set forth below. The membership should represent the geographic, demographic and cultural diversity of Denton County, and to better serve the needs of Denton County.

The members of the DCHLT shall consist of the following entities:

- Denton County Commissioners Court
- City of Denton
- City of Lewisville
- Small Cities/Towns
- Homelessness/Housing Providers
- Health Care Providers
- Higher Education Institutions
- Workforce/Business Development
- Community Members
- Law Enforcement
- United Way of Denton County

### Section 4.2: Terms of Appointment

Initial appointments of the DCHLT shall serve a two (2) year term to ensure consistency and maintain a working knowledge of the DCHLT. Subsequent appointment terms will be developed by the DCHLT consisting of two (2) and three (3) year terms.

### Section 4.3: Duties of Appointees

To ensure members are actively engaged members are expected to attend 75% of the meetings.

## ARTICLE V MEETINGS

### Section 5.1: General Meetings

Meetings of the DCHLT will be held every even-numbered month. Meetings of the DCHLT shall be held at the United Way of Denton County Inc. office. All meetings of the DCHLT will be open to the public. Meeting agendas and minutes will be made available through the UWDC website.

### Section 5.2: Special Meetings

Special meetings of the DCHLT may be called by an executive officer.

### Section 5.3: Notice of Meetings

Notice of meetings shall be provided at least 3 days prior on the UWDC website, and notification delivered by phone, mail, or email.

### Section 5.4: Chairperson/Co-Chairperson

The DCHLT shall elect a chair and co-chair to preside over meetings. In the absence of the chair, the co-chair shall preside.

### Section 5.5 Secretary

The secretary shall be an elected member of the DCHLT, and shall be responsible for the written minutes of the DCHLT.

Section 5.6: Workgroup Meetings

Workgroup meetings will be held monthly or as needed to conduct the business of the DCHLT. Additional meetings may be convened as necessary to meet the goals and objectives of the DCHLT.

Section 5.7: Quorum

A simple majority shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of DCHLT business.

Section 5.8: Voting

Each appointee of the DCHLT shall be entitled to vote in person or electronically if deemed necessary for the transaction of business. In the event of an electronic vote, members will vote accordingly and sufficient documentation will be kept and provided at the next official meeting. Only appointees to the DCHLT shall have voting rights. Ex-officios and alternates attending meetings on behalf of an absent appointee may not vote.

Section 5.9: Parliamentary Authority

The meetings of the DCHLT shall be governed by the parliamentary rules and usages contained in the current edition of the "Roberts Rules of Order" unless otherwise directed within these bylaws.

**ARTICLE VI Officers/BHLT Appointees**

Section 6.1: DCHLT Appointees

The DCHLT shall consist of no less than seventeen (17) and no more than **thirty-six (36) members**. Such number may be increased or decreased by amendment to these Bylaws and the DCHLT structure. The DCHLT shall be composed of appointees from the following entities.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (1) Denton County Commissioners Court | (2-5) Health Care Providers          |
| (1-2) Denton City Council             | (1-3) Higher Education Institutions  |
| (1-2) Lewisville City Council         | (1-2) United Way of Denton County    |
| <b>(1-5) Small Cities/Towns</b>       | (1-3) Workforce/Business Development |
| (6-9) Homelessness/Housing Providers  | (1-2) Law Enforcement                |
| (1-2) Community Members               |                                      |

Section 6.2: Eligibility

To be eligible a person must be appointed by one of the above name entities as outlined in **Article 6 Section 6.1** and possess strong business, policy, or health background.

With regards to appointments:

- Cities/Towns should identify a council member, senior staff, executive, or community member;
- Non-profit organizations should identify a board member;
- Higher Education should identify a senior level representative;
- All others should identify a board member, or senior level representative

Appointees are expected to remain actively engaged and report to the appointing agency/organization on an ongoing basis to ensure accurate communication. In the event an appointee is not fulfilling their role, the DCHLT will request a new appointee from the appointing agency/organization.

#### Section 6.3 Officers

Officers of the DCHLT are eligible for two consecutive one (1) year terms. Elections will be held during the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in May. DCHLT shall call for a nominating committee to be formed to present a slate of officers annually.

#### Section 6.4: Chair

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the DCHLT and shall exercise leadership to ensure the goals and objectives of the DCHLT are carried out. He/She shall have the powers and duties of supervision and management as it pertains to the office of Chair. The Chair shall serve a one year term and be elected each year.

The Chair shall:

1. Convene and manage meetings;
2. Set the agenda;
3. Represent the DCHLT at meetings;
4. Assure compliance with Roberts Rules of Orders

#### Section 6.5: Co-Chair

The Co-Chair shall assist the Chair in the leadership of the DCHLT. The Co-Chair shall serve a one year term and be elected each year. The duties of the Co-Chair include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Perform all duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair, and when so shall have all of the powers and duties of Chair.
2. Prepare to succeed to the office of the Chair in the event of the Chairs resignation or vacancy.

#### Section 6.6: DCHLT Secretary

The secretary shall be an elected member of the DCHLT, and shall be responsible for the written minutes of the DCHLT, including the authority to be the representative signatory on all board approved documents. The Secretary shall serve a one year term and be elected each year.

#### Section 6.7 Past Chair

The past chair shall be an elected member of the DCHLT and will serve in an advisory capacity to ensure continuity of operations.

#### Section 6.8 DCHLT Ex-Officios

The DCHLT shall appoint ex-officio members as appropriate. Ex-officios will offer input, but will abstain from voting on matters of the DCHLT.

#### Section 6.9: DCHLT Work Group/Sub-Committee Chairs

Work groups/Sub-committees shall provide ongoing reports and recommendations to the DCHLT to ensure ongoing communication and leadership as it relates to the overall goals and objectives of the DCHLT.

**Section 6.10: Resignation of DCHLT Appointees**

Any member of the DCHLT may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chair at least 30 days in advance, and by notifying the appointing authority.

**Section 6.11: DCHLT Vacancies**

Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing agency/organization within 30 days of the vacancy and approved during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Section 6.12: Compensation of Officers/DCHLT Appointees**

The officers/appointees shall not receive a salary or compensation.

**Section 6.13: DCHLT Work Groups/Subcommittees**

The work groups/subcommittees of the DCHLT are defined by the DCHLT as deemed appropriate and necessary. Additional work groups may be added and disbanded as needed.

- Housing
- Data
- Consumer

**ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS**

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the DCHLT members present at any regular or special meeting. Recommendations shall be submitted to the DCHLT at least thirty (30) days prior to consideration.

**ARTICLE VIII NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The members, officers, directors, committee members, employees and persons served by DCHLT shall be selected entirely on a non-discriminatory basis with respect to national origin, race, religion, color, sex, marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, people with disabilities, age or veterans status.

**ARTICLE XI CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Any appointee who benefits financially, directly or indirectly as a result of an action/vote must abstain from the action/vote. A "benefit" shall include the possibility, or appearance, of personal financial gain to the appointee. A benefit occurs when the member or a person in the member's immediate family, and/or a partner or other business associate, and or their employer stand to gain financially from the action/vote.

**ARTICLE XII Confidentiality**

It is the policy of the DCHLT and workgroup members to annually review the conflict of interest and confidentiality form. A copy of this form will be distributed to all DCHLT appointees and workgroup members for signature.

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DCHLT Secretary

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Date

# DCHLT Workgroup Reports

August 2019

## DCHLT DATA WORKGROUP | CHAIR: STEPHEN COFFEY

### August 2019

UWDC has hired Elena Lusk as the new Coordinated Entry Specialist/HMIS Support. Elena joins UWDC after a year as a Coordinated Entry VISTA at the Texas Homeless Network, where she assisted multiple regions throughout the state implement a Coordinated Entry System.

The DCHLT Data Workgroup will reconvene in the coming weeks to discuss next steps to automate updates to the Denton County Housing Priority List and Homelessness Data Dashboard. The workgroup will also reconvene efforts to track and report on System Performance Measures.

### Short-term action items

Identify a data specialist to assist with data management improvements

### Accomplishments

Hired Coordinated Entry Specialist/HMIS Support

### Concerns

Ability to build reports and accurately pull and analyze data from the HMIS

### Next Meeting Dates

August 2019

# DCHLT Workgroup Reports

## DCHLT HOUSING WORKGROUP | CHAIR: TERRY WIDMER

### June 2019 –August 2019

The Housing Workgroup has convened 4 times between June 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Housing Workgroup meets bi-weekly, every other meeting is veterans focused to help meet Denton County's Goal to End Veteran Homelessness by 2020.

The remainder of the Housing Workgroup continues to meet monthly to prioritize households on the Housing Priority List. At the start of every meeting, group reviews vacancies in local housing programs along with available rental units through the Doors for Denton County Housing Navigation program. Both groups review HMIS data and discuss the CE process and make recommendations for improvement.

UWDC's Homelessness Coordinator conducts weekly phone check-ins with providers to touch base on outflows and reassessments. The Housing Navigator has joined these calls to review available units and discuss how they can support each programs housing search and placement needs.

In July, the veteran workgroup heard a presentation on skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). The presentation covered what SNFs do, how to refer and other relevant information on working with clients who need SNFs services.

In August, the workgroup participated in a sensitivity training delivered by Murphy Hardinger from REACH of Denton, on working with people with disabilities. The training touched on how get people connected with benefits and how to report abuse and neglect. The workgroup also heard from Cumberland Children's Home representative, Kendal Palmer, about recent changes to their transitional housing program and how to refer potential participants.

### Short-term action items

Continued program-specific training based on Standards of Excellence

Highlight guest speakers to address gaps in services

### Accomplishments

Attendance and collaboration of providers

Training on SNFs, referrals, working with people with disabilities, reporting and getting connected with benefits.

### Concerns

Access to wrap-around services for households with severe service needs

Understanding of program-specific processes and flexibility of funds to assist households for extended periods as needed

### Next Meeting Dates

Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

# **DCHLT Workgroup Reports**

## **ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS**

### August 2019

UWDC staff have collaborated with the Denton County Homeless Coalition to connect with the Denton County Veterans Coalition. The collaboration of these groups will allow for improved leveraging of resources in the work to end Veteran homelessness.

An Ending Veteran Homelessness sub-committee is scheduled to meeting 8/23/19 to discuss and plan for upcoming milestones such as the 2019 Denton County Homeless Veteran Stand Down and the 100-day challenge planned for January 2020.

The DCHLT Housing Workgroup continues to meet for Veteran-specific case conferencing to work towards this goal. There is still work to be done to prepare for a 100-day challenge, including the establishment of the necessary lines of communication and housing-focused and sustainability training for case managers assisting Veterans moving from homeless to housed.

### Short-term action items

- Convene partners to track progress and set goals
- Connect with United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

### Accomplishments

- Achieved balanced Veteran homelessness data
- Established partnership with the Denton County Veterans Coalition

### Concerns

- Timely implementation and consistent tracking of progress towards goal

### Next Meeting Dates

August 23<sup>rd</sup>

# DENTON COUNTY HOMELESSNESS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Quasi-governmental, policy-influencing, strategic planning body of 17-33 appointed county leaders

