

Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team
Thursday, October 13, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Appointees Present: Alice Mankoff, Barton Duffy, Chasz Parker, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Councilman TJ Gilmore, Councilwoman Keely Briggs, Isabel Rodriguez, Jessica DeRoche, Kathy Srokosz, Mayor Chris Watts, Monica Glenn, Stephen Coffey, Terry Widmer, Valerie Foster

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

Guests Present: Eileen Hall (for Cynthia Harris of Giving Hope, Inc.), Katherine Gonzales, Barbara Ross, John Cabrales

Appointees Absent: Chief Lee Howell, Cynthia Harris, Herman Oosterwijk, Roy Metzler, Sandra Robinson, Sherri McDade, Mayor Thomas Muir

Welcome & Consideration of August Minutes

Mayor Watts welcomed appointees and guests to the meeting at 8:02 a.m.

Mayor Watts requested a motion to accept the August meeting minutes.

Motion: Terry Widmer

2nd: Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell

Motion Approved

DCHLT Homelessness Summit

Courtney Cross reviewed the proposed format and content for the homelessness summit. Appointees were requested to volunteer time or resources.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Update

Dani Shaw provided a brief update on ESG stopgap funding from the City of Denton, City of Lewisville and Denton County. Dani reviewed proposed budget calculations for the funds. Dani and Courtney updated the group on a roundtable meeting hosted by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) in Austin September 19th. They reviewed materials disbursed at the meeting which offered various possibilities for dividing the Balance of State (Bos) into regions, and the effects this would have on Denton County for further grant competitions.

Gary Henderson asked how we the DCHLT might be able to advocate at the state level to ensure Denton County continues to receive funding in light of the possible changes. Dani mentioned that some Continuums of Care (CoCs) receive ESG funding both from the state and the federal government, and this might be something we could challenge at the state level given the fact that many other funding streams do not allow for this type of 'double dip' scenario. It is a possibility that the Texas Homeless

Network (THN) will encourage Denton County to merge with other nearby CoCs (Dallas County, Tarrant County, etc.).

Mayor Watts asked for confirmation that it is unreasonable to expect to receive ESG funding in the same manner in which we have historically moving forward. Dani and Courtney confirmed that it is unlikely.

Workgroup Updates

Terry Widmer updated appointees on the status of the housing workgroup. The group finalized the Denton Supportive Housing Pilot Program Overview, with remaining details to be worked out by backbone support (training case manager and inputting information into ETO case management software) and the Review Team. Insurance and liability remained a challenge for the nonprofit funding the pilot and the property owner, so the workgroup is now collaborating with Denton Affordable Housing Corporation to supply the units for the pilot. Mayor Watts shared his involvement and efforts to assist with providing housing for the pilot, and thanked Terry Widmer and the Housing Workgroup for their efforts to develop the pilot.

The DCBHLT voted to relinquish oversight of the Housing Workgroup, meaning that the workgroup's goals and objectives now come solely from the DCHLT, with the understanding that there will be an open line of communication to the DCBHLT for progress updates, etc. As the group moves on from the housing pilot, they are seeking additional members with backgrounds in real estate to compliment the strong service provider presence in the room.

Courtney provided the data workgroup update. The workgroup continues to review existing data sources and tools for aggregating and analyzing data. At their September meeting, discussed the importance of data-sharing between agencies, and needed buy-in from agencies to adopt the HUD system performance measures in order to consistently track data across the county. A major goal remains to establish baseline measurements for the county.

Courtney updated the group on upcoming listening sessions throughout the Fall intended to gain consumer feedback.

Backbone Support Update

Courtney informed the group that the Denton County Homeless Coalition has yet to determine which steering committee member will serve in the DCHLT ex-officio seat.

Bridging the Gap has been postponed until February/March 2017 in order to allow for more targeted planning.

New Business/Public Comments: No new business or public comments were received.

The meeting was adjourned by consent at 9:00 a.m.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, November 10, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
United Way of Denton County Office

Vision:

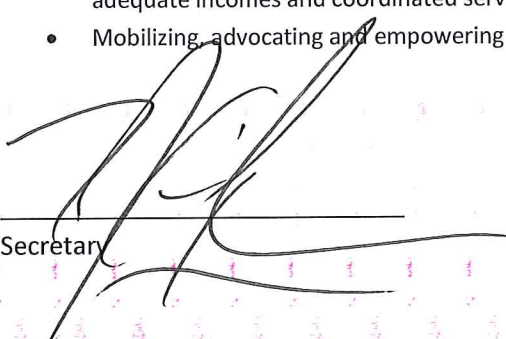
Every person in Denton County has a place to call home that is safe, affordable, accessible and supported by community resources.

Mission:

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

Secretary



Date

12/8/16

