



Thursday, January 11th, 2024, | 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting

Agenda

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| I. | Welcome & Approval of Minutes | Bob Troyer- COL |
| II. | Introductions | Bob Troyer- COL |
| III. | Family Child Care Network | Shelby Redondo-UWDC |
| IV. | Backbone Support Updates | |
| | • Child Care | Shelby Redondo- UWDC |
| | • Economic Mobility | Roxanne Del Rio- NCTC |
| | • VITA | Teddy Yan-UWDC |
| | • Family Justice Center | Shelby Redondo- UWDC |
| V. | Leadership Team Updates | |
| | • DCHLT | Olivia Mata Williams- UWDC |
| | • DCBHLT | Shelby Redondo-UWDC |
| VI. | Public Comment | Bob Troyer- COL |
| VII. | New Business | Bob Troyer- COL |
| | • DCWSLT Survey | |
| VIII. | Adjourn | Bob Troyer- COL |

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday February 8th, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Hybrid Meeting

Upcoming Events:

PIT Count: January 25th

United Way of Denton County Tribute: January 27th



Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team
4:00 pm Thursday
November 9th, 2023
Hybrid Meeting

Welcome and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Troyer calls the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. The meeting minutes from October were approved by Dr. Del Rio and seconded by Ms. Williams.

Introduction

Ms. Hinojosa is introduced as a new member from Independent Financial.

City of Lewisville Economic Development

Ms. Williams introduces the event "Unveiling Lewisville." This event is meant to introduce the different departments and resources available for businesses in Lewisville. This will be a come and go event/presentation on November 14th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. The police, fire, library, engineering, sustainability, neighborhood services, and planning departments will be at the event. The goal of this event is to educate businesses on how they can utilize these resources and be involved in the community. Lewisville is hoping to repeat this event in the future.

EM Pathways Implementation

Ms. Redondo shares the Bridge to Self-Sufficiency from EM Pathways as a focus in every area of UWDC. The Bridge to Self-Sufficiency pinpoints a client's current situation in family stability, well-being, financial management, education and training, and employment and career. It is meant to go from bottom to top; the closer to the top a client is, the more self-sufficient they are.

Ms. Redondo shares about progress for the backbone support, Train the Trainer. This will be six one-hour training sessions beginning in January for Denton County Friends of the Family Advocates. Training 1 through 5 will follow the EM Pathways Mobility Mentoring training and will build on one another. Training 6 will be a workforce resource mapping to learn how to navigate and connect the current workforce system.

Ms. Redondo shares an addition to the VITA program called Economic Mobility Ambassadors. United Way of Tarrant County has a similar program and is working with United Way of Denton County. Economic Mobility Ambassadors will be trained to connect families with resources in Denton County, to use the Bridge to Self-Sufficiency to see where the family is and what their next step is, and to connect families with Texas Workforce Commission for upscaling and rescaling through the Workforce & Vocational Rehab referral. There will also be a list of second-chance and non-predatory banking information. Questions were asked about how to engage employers and banks with this long term to promote financial literacy and stability.

Ms. Redondo shares that no staff person will be at the front desk at United Way of Denton County when the eviction prevention program ends. Instead, there will be interns that are trained to identify the needs of the client and use the Bridge to Self-Sufficiency to connect the client with resources and identify the next steps.

Backbone Support Update

Ms. Redondo updates on the child care grant application. The Communities Foundation Grant will announce their winners on December 8th. Family Child Care Network is closing in January. In December, there will be a presentation on what was learned and the impact of the program

Dr. Del Rio updates on economic mobility workgroup. The workgroup is talking about pathways to get to a survivable, minimum wage. They are looking to share the Occupational List to share with partners to get ALICE populations to a livable wage. Dr. Del Rio shares that Independent Financial has joined the economic mobility workgroup. The next meeting will be on November 15th via Zoom.

Ms. Redondo updates on VITA. VITA is looking to add Economic Mobility Ambassadors. The VITA training for the 2024 tax season is not released yet. They are currently on track to reach the goal for volunteers. This year, they are looking to provide self-paced training.

Ms. Redondo updates on Family Justice Center. The Family Justice Center worked with Technical Assistance Providers to map the assets, processes, and systems for domestic violence in Denton County. Their next step is to identify what is missing and involve the sheriffs. The goal of the Family Justice Center is to create a more equitable response to domestic violence calls throughout the county.

Leadership Team Updates

Ms. Mata Williams shares that United Way of Denton County is looking for an entry-level position for a data management specialist and an HMIS administrator. Ms. Mata Williams is meeting with other nonprofits to streamline the housing referral process and is getting positive feedback. They are holding monthly landlord engagement meetings to mentor and onboard more landlords. Ms. Mata Williams shares that a new agency is willing to take on high-barrier clients. DCHLT is currently working on Memorandums of Understanding for agencies. Ms. Mata Williams shares that PIT Planning is on January 25th. The goal is 100 volunteers, and they are including a debrief for new volunteers. United Way of Denton County is applying for the Backbone Support Grant from Lewisville. The barriers fund for Denton is still open, but it is closed for Lewisville. The Senior Assistance Rental Program is officially closed but has received good feedback.

Ms. Spencer reminds the group about the veteran's clinical counseling program. Ms. Spencer shares that she has a preliminary meeting with Texas Health resources to talk about a partnership with Solutions of North Texas for a two-week non-medical detox for women. Ms. Spencer shares that the next DCBHLT meeting is on November 16th, and they are hoping to revitalize the Veterans and Law Enforcement workgroups. Ms. Spencer shares Denton County Public Health's partnership with Credible Mind for non-professional mental health resources.

Public Comment

Ms. Mata Williams introduces Mr. Wood's professional training workshop for ALICE individuals reentering the workforce. This workshop will include training in professional skills, interviewing, and professional writing.

Ms. Shehan shares about Lewisville's open hearing on November 16th at Serve Lewisville for funds for social service programs in the new year.

New Business

None

Adjourn

Councilmember Troyer adjourns the meeting at 5:00pm.

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