



**Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Hybrid Meeting**

**1314 Teasley Lane, Denton, Texas 76205**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

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| I. Welcome & Approval of Minutes            | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville |
| II. City of Lewisville Economic Development | C. Williams- City of Lewisville    |
| III. Workgroup Updates                      | S. Redondo- UWDC Staff             |
| • Child Care                                | L. Jeng- Texas Women’s University  |
| • Data                                      | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville |
| • Seniors                                   | R. Del Rio- NCTC                   |
| • Economic Mobility                         |                                    |
| IV. Backbone Support Updates                | S. Redondo- UWDC Staff             |
| • DCBHLT                                    | O. Williams- UWDC Staff            |
| • DCHHLT                                    | T. Yan- UWDC Staff                 |
| • VITA                                      |                                    |
| V. Public Comment                           | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville |
| VI. New Business                            | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville |
| VII. Adjourn                                | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville |

**Next Meeting Date:**

**Thursday, July 11th | 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Hybrid Meeting**



Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team  
4:00 pm Thursday  
March 14th, 2024  
Hybrid Meeting

### **Welcome and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Councilmember Troyer calls the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

### **Introduction**

**Mr. Jack Bliman**, a member of Heart of the City in Lewisville, is introduced.

### **Rainwater Charitable Foundation**

Dr. Jeng and Ms. Redondo share about Rainwater Charitable Foundation, which is a backbone support funding opportunity. Ms. Redondo requests assistance in looking for other backbone support funding for VITA expansion and Economic Mobility Pathways. Dr. Jeng shares that Rainwater Charitable Foundation is an extremely large, flexible grant that can be used in different areas of collective impact, such as childcare, seniors, economic mobility, or VITA. Dr. Jeng requests help in creating innovative approaches to use this grant. Ms. Redondo stresses the need to find new grant opportunities.

### **Backbone Support Update**

Ms. Redondo updates on child care. There are currently around 7554 children on the waitlist for child care subsidies, and there are 7556 children that are being cared for right now. The percentage of Texas Rising Star (TRS) status centers has dropped to 34%. TRS centers are the only ones able to accept child care subsidies. Ms. Redondo asks for a new childcare workgroup chair or a co-chair.

Ms. Redondo updates on the economic mobility workgroup. The workgroup had a good meeting with Cumberland. Ms. Redondo shares that the workgroup is working on getting certified in mobility mentoring so that they can host train the trainers for case managers and local nonprofit staff. Ms. Redondo shares a HUD Tiered Careers list for clients in need of an occupation to obtain housing. This list will be shared on the United Way website, with housing managers, and other nonprofits.

Councilmember Troyer updates on the seniors workgroup. The senior workgroup is looking for supplemental income opportunities for seniors. This workgroup also met with foster grandparents, which is only in Lewisville ISD schools right now.

Dr. Jeng updates on the data workgroup. Dr. Jeng shares that they met with Ms. Williams and Ms. Davis from Economic Mobility in Lewisville and Denton. They are already collecting local data. This data is important for writing grants, other leadership teams, and advocacy.

Mr. Yan updates on VITA. VITA has been doing very well and is on track. The 38 volunteers have contributed 927 hours of volunteering this tax season, which is equal to how many hours were

contributed last tax season. VITA has prepared 879 returns for taxpayers and has brought \$1.1 million in returns. VITA has published a schedule, which runs until April 16<sup>th</sup>. VITA submitted a \$20,000 grant request to Lewisville's Social Service Fund.

### **Leadership Team Updates**

Ms. Redondo shares updates on the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team. The PIT Count reveal will hopefully be occurring in May. The Data Dashboard is now up to date on the United Way website. The Barriers Fund is nearly completed

Ms. Redondo shares updates on the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team. Ms. Redondo shares about Credible Mind, a website that the city funded. This website connects citizens with free mental health resources and mental health navigators. DCBHLT is looking to spread flyers in the community to increase interaction with Credible Minds. The Texas Veterans Commission grant was submitted, and United Way got notice that they defended. They defended that this would bring \$300,000 to Denton County for veterans and their immediate family for financial stability, utilities, transportation, and some dental repairs.

### **Public Comments**

**Ms. Dani** is in Leadership Denton. They are looking to conduct a small survey for nonprofits and the leadership teams to gauge interest in a large-scale childcare project.

Ms. Shehan shares that there is the quarterly non-profit roundtable on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. City of Lewisville has a first-time homebuyer lunch and learn on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Learn Lewisville is on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Redondo shares that there is another job skills workshop training on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

Councilmember Troyer presents changing the March meeting date for the first Thursday in March. He shares that he would like more people involved in workgroups. He shares that Mary Worthington is a new member from DCTA. These items will be discussed at the next meeting, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjourn**

Councilmember Troyer adjourns the meeting at 4:56 pm.

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DCWSLT Secretary