



**Friday, June 16th, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting**

**Agenda**

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| I.    | Welcome & Approval of Minutes             | Bob Troyer- City Council Lewisville              |
| II.   | Approve Strategic Plan                    | Bob Troyer- City Council Lewisville              |
| III.  | Goodwill North Central Texas Presentation | Jacquelyn McClendon and Reginald Titus- Goodwill |
| IV.   | Advocacy Update                           | Shelby Redondo- UWDC Staff                       |
| V.    | Workgroup Updates                         |  |
|       | • Child Care & FCCN                       | Belinda Orduna-UWDC Staff                        |
| VI.   | Denton County Leadership Teams Update     |  |
|       | • DCHLT                                   | Olivia Mata Williams- UWDC Staff                 |
|       | • DCBHLT                                  | Shanan Spencer-UWDC Staff                        |
| VII.  | Backbone Support Update                   |  |
|       | • Child Care Subsidy Information Session  | Shelby Redondo- UWDC Staff                       |
|       | • Child Care Task Force                   | Chris Watts- City Council Denton                 |
| VIII. | Public Comment                            | Bob Troyer- City Council Lewisville              |
| IX.   | New Business                              | Bob Troyer- City Council Lewisville              |
|       | • New meeting time poll                   |  |
| X.    | Adjourn                                   | Bob Troyer- City Council Lewisville              |

**Next Meeting Date:  
Friday, July 21st, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. | Virtual Meeting**



Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team

8:30 am Friday

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Virtual Meeting Over Zoom

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Councilmember Troyer calls the meeting to order at 8:30 am and due to not meeting quorum the group was unable to approve April's meeting minutes.

### **Strategic Plans**

Ms. Redondo presents on the Workforce Success Leadership team's strategic plan along with the child care workgroup's strategic plan. Due to not meeting quorum voting of approval will move to June's meeting.

### **Trellis Foundation and Cumberland**

Ms. Redondo introduced the Trellis Foundation grant that Cumberland will be pursuing. The grant will allow for a new staff person and cover the costs of higher education for Cumberland's clients. Due to not meeting quorum voting for a support letter will be collected electronically.

### **Advocacy Overview**

Ms. Redondo updates the group that bills have been moving fast as the legislative session closes. Bills that she has been tracking are HB 1979, SB 1145, and HB 2127. HB 2127 will lift all predatory lending ordinances, as a community she states we will have to make more of an effort to prevent ALICE families from taking out loans with predatory lenders. Mr. Henderson states that the school districts would be a great partner for this information. He also includes that the ordinance in Denton specifically caps interest rates at 300%, a decrease from previous interest rates that may be above 600%. He also clarifies that HB 2127 wasn't specifically targeting predatory lending, but it was a broad bill sweeping local control. Ms. Redondo says that they have been able to build relationships this session that will lead to many initiatives in this interim session.

### **Childcare Workgroup Updates**

Ms. Redondo goes over the Childcare Workgroup strategic plan that has been previously shared. Ms. Orduna shares with the group that UWDC's annual child care summer conference is at the end of the month. They will be offering 6 free hours of training for early childhood providers. For the first time UWDC will be adding a conference that will be hosted in December and provide 4 hours of training.

### **Economic Mobility Workgroup Updates**

Dr. Del Rio goes over the Economic Mobility Workgroup's strategic plan. The workgroup has determined their 3 key objectives:

1. Expand Economic Mobility through Empathways to assist with capacity building in Denton County services.
2. Expand partnerships and secure revenue support to deploy economic mobility.
3. Prevent the usage of predatory products and practices by increasing access to Bank on National Account Standard accounts.

Dr. Del Rio goes on to say that the workgroup will be networking to look for new strategic members in the group.

### **Homelessness Leadership Team Updates**



Mr. Henderson provides the update on behalf of Ms. Mata-Williams. He shares some new ALICE data points. In Denton County ALICE households jumped from 94,000 to 102,000 households, an 8% increase. As far as households in poverty there was an increase of around 10,000. Mr. Henderson points out that for the first time in a while the city of Flower Mound is seeing an increase in ALICE households. Mr. Henderson moves on to ERA2 information stating that for April they are expected to spend \$600,000. United Way of Denton County is waiting to see how the County Commissioners allocate the 25% of ERA funds they held back. The backlog for applications is around 1400 households. HUD released PIT data and United Way of Denton County will be going out to conduct presentations over the data. An extension request was sent to the city of Lewisville for the Covid Mortgage Assistance program while they wait for approval over the Senior Rental Assistance program.

Mr. Emerson asks how household income is calculated in the ALICE data. Mr. Henderson shares household income varies on household size. Ranging from \$35,000 to \$80,000. Ms. Shaw asks for clarification over how this income data is found whether it's based off MIT's (MIT; the Massachusetts Institution of Technology) calculation of United Way's calculation.

### **Backbone Support Updates**

#### **FJC:**

Ms. Redondo gives update on the Family Justice Center's progress. Denton County Friends of The Family is the lead agency while United Way of Denton County, Denton County District Attorney's office, and City of Denton Police Department have supportive roles in the grant. The group is called the Coordinated Community Response team. Right now, United Way of Denton County is working to expand this team by diversifying who is in the room. The overall goal of this four-year grant is to build a Family Justice Center building. Denton County Friends of the Family is looking to Denton County Commissioners for ARPA funding to assist in building the Family Justice Center.

### **Child Care Subsidy Information Session:**

Ms. Redondo shares with the group that one of the continuous biggest barriers for ALICE returning to work is child care availability and accessibility. Since child care subsidies have a new contractor they are hosting a child care listening session June 21<sup>st</sup>. At this listening session they will walk through the process of applying, communicate best practices, and hear feedback from the community. This listening session is for case managers, non-profit staff, and community leaders.

### **New Business**

Ms. Redondo will be sending out an online poll for a new meeting time. She states that they are hoping to move to a meeting time that will allow for more attendance and an in-person meeting. Ms. Redondo shares the link in the chat and will follow up via email.

### **Adjourn**

No new business was reported. The meeting is adjourned at 9:15 am. If you have something you would like on the agenda for our next meeting, please contact Shelby Redondo, [shelby@unitedwaydenton.org](mailto:shelby@unitedwaydenton.org).

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