



**Thursday November 14th , 2024
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 | R. Del Rio- NCTC |
| II. | Introductions | R. Del Rio- NCTC |
| III. | Yearly Accomplishments | S. Redondo- UWDC Staff |
| IV. | Workgroup Updates | |
| | • Child Care | S. Redondo- UWDC Staff |
| | • Data | L. Jeng- TWU |
| | • Economic Mobility | R. Del Rio- NCTC |
| V. | Backbone Support Updates | |
| | • DCBHLT | S. Redondo- UWDC Staff |
| | • DCHHLT | O. Williams- UWDC Staff |
| | • TVC Grant | S. Fesenbek- UWDC Staff |
| | • VITA | S. Redondo- UWDC Staff |
| VI. | Public Comment | R. Del Rio- NCTC |
| VII. | New Business | R. Del Rio- NCTC |
| VIII. | Adjourn | R. Del Rio- NCTC |

**Next Meeting Date:
Thursday, January 9th | 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Hybrid Meeting**



Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Meeting

4:00PM Thursday September 12, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Welcome

Meeting called to order by Roxanne Del Rio at 4:03PM. Meeting minutes for July and August were approved.

City of Denton Economic Development

Christina Davis provided updates on the economic development of the city of Denton. The city of Denton is home to over 155,000 people with 53.2% renting their house currently. The largest labor forces in the city of Denton are made up of educational services, healthcare, and retail trade. The jobs with the highest wages are management of companies and enterprises making an average of \$122,435, followed by finance and insurance with an average of \$105,852. The biggest job growth has been seen in educational services with 3,115 jobs created, Health care and social services with 2,092 jobs, and retail trade experiencing 1,092 new jobs.

Through the help of an economic development partnership, an Industrial Round table was hosted for Human Resources managers in the area to gather information on what their top challenges are in Denton. The most common issue identified in Denton was traffic, followed by other concerns with public transportation, homelessness, and infrastructure. Keeping these concerns in mind, the City of Denton is aiming to take a closer look and focus on how to assist in minimizing these issues.

A question is asked to clarify what aspect of homelessness is being referred to when it is identified as a top concern for employers in Denton. Whether because staff are experiencing homelessness or if there is an influx of homeless people around the manufacturing facilities. Christina Davis replies that from her understanding it is the concern of how many homeless people were nearby several of the businesses.

Christina transitions to talking about growth occurring in the city of Denton. There has been a substantial increase in the amount of industrial square footage, from 4 million in 2019 to

18 million this last quarter. Of the total 18 million square feet, 3.4 million are available. Industrial projects being worked on currently are Ariat Distribution Center and Sherwin Williams. For retail, there is 9.6 million square feet that exists with only 5.5 million available and nearly 300,000 square feet being built. Some retail projects happening now are Target Super Store, Home Depot, and Chair King. While Multi family housing units have a total of 24,744 existing units with 12.9% vacant. While single family homes have seen 2,547 new residential permits this year.

Next, Christina addresses the at-risk populations in the city of Denton. At risk populations were identified as those above the age of 65, those who do not own a vehicle, and households with disabilities. These populations were seen to have lower income levels and at more risk for physical barriers.

Lastly, on the economic development website, there is a small business assistance form to help small businesses receive the help they need. They are partnered with TWU, UWDC, Denton Public library and many more. There are not many existing programs to help small business, but they do try and partner with local nonprofits to help create programs to help out small businesses.

Workgroup Updates

- Childcare work group updates are presented by Shelby Redondo. There is a new chair member on the work group named Lennis. The work group is excited to have her and find her job working with Curantis to be a valuable part of the team in order to streamline some data they have as well as help when going out to businesses to discuss childcare.
- Data workgroup updates are given by Shelby Redondo. This workgroup is continuing looking at ALICE data with city economic development. They have heard about recent development from both the city of Lewisville and Denton, and now are looking for a more rural part of the county to give updates on their economic development to help round out their understanding and aid in setting up action items for next year. A question is asked about what sources for data the smaller cities in the county use. Ms. Redondo notes that she is unsure and that is part of why the data work group wants to reach out to city of Sanger to get some of their data. Dr. Jeng reminds the leadership team of the importance of data and personal accounts to help receive funding to improve the community.
- Economic Mobility work group updates are presented by Roxanne Del Rio. Digital Literacy Classes will be held October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Additionally, case

managers from many local nonprofits are working on receiving Empathways training by the end of the year. The goal with this training is to better provide wraparound and educational services to ALICE households. The Economic Mobility workgroup is also working on the publication of the Target Occupation List. The public comment period for the Target Occupation List is officially closed.

Backbone Support Updates

- Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team is continuing to work on their strategic plan. They have completed their goals for their strategic plan and are aiming to complete their strategic plan by the end of the year. Recovery in the Park was postponed, and they are now looking to have this event in April.
- Denton County Housing and Homelessness Leadership Team applied for a Texas Health Resource grant for under half a million dollars for 2 years of partnership with 3 local nonprofits. This relates directly to support transportation and access to care. Relating to workforce, they wrote in for the expansion pack of the economic mobility training to expand the curriculum access to these nonprofits. For their October meeting they are having Denton Housing Authority present on Housing Affordability. Additionally, they are working with Our Daily Bread to get interim support with coordinated entries and intakes starting in the spring.
- For the Texas Veteran Commission grant, they have helped 5 veterans and a surviving spouse so far. While 7 more veterans are currently being assisted.

Public Comment

No public comments were addressed.

New Business

The Workforce Success Team approved new appointees: Susan Reyes with Denton ISD, Brittney Verdell with Denton County Friends of the Family, Jocelyn Wittmeyer with Los Alamos National Laboratory, and April Vaughn with Snelling Staffing Agency.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Del Rio at 5:00PM.