



**Thursday September 12th, 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 | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville |
| II. Introductions | |
| III. City of Denton Economic Development | C. Davis- City of Denton |
| IV. Workgroup Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Care• Data• Economic Mobility | S. Redondo- UWDC Staff
L. Jeng- TWU
R. Del Rio- NCTC |
| V. Backbone Support Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DCBHLT• DCHHLT• TVC Grant | S. Redondo- UWDC Staff
O. Williams- UWDC Staff
S. Fesenbek- UWDC Staff |
| VI. Public Comment | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville |
| VII. New Business | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville |
| VIII. Adjourn | B. Troyer- City Council Lewisville |

**Next Meeting Date:
Thursday, November 14th | 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Hybrid Meeting**



Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team Meeting

4:00 PM Thursday July 11th, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Welcome

Meeting called to order by Councilmember Troyer at 4:03PM. Quorum was not met.

City of Denton Economic Mobility

Courtney Douangdara from City of Denton shares the city was chosen for a cohort to complete an economic mobility project. Denton was one of fifteen cities chosen. Ms. Douangdara shared herself and assistant city manager Christine Taylor attended a conference. Some of their takeaways were looking at data around opportunities and ALICE households. Ms. Douangdara walked through the Urban Institute's upward mobility framework that includes economic success, power and autonomy, and dignity and belonging. In addition to this framework, there are five pillars of opportunity rich & inclusive neighborhoods, high quality education, rewarding work, healthy environment & access to good health care, and responsive and just governance that ensure equitable access to all. The Urban Institute for upward mobility also includes a variety of solutions such as access to childcare, affordable housing, and employment opportunities. Ms. Douangdara lists her goals for this grant as education for city employees and the DCWSLT along with layering an equity assessment over the City of Denton's various plans and data.

Ms. Mata-Williams with United Way of Denton County asks to clarify if the scope of the grant for the City of Denton or county wide. Ms. Douangdara shares the education portion of the grant will be county wide but the equity assessment will be specific to the city.

ALICE Data

Dr. Jeng gave an update on the 2022 ALICE data. In America, households below the ALICE threshold made up 42% of total households. Of this percentage, 13% were below poverty and 29% are considered ALICE households. In Texas, 43% of households were below the ALICE threshold. This consisted of 14% of households in poverty and 29% ALICE.

Displaying that Texas has similar data to the nation in terms of ALICE and poverty households. interesting demographic highlights are that households under 25 years old experienced higher rates of poverty and ALICE compared to any other age group. Some groups at higher risk of falling into ALICE or poverty were POC and single female led households. Denton County experiences less households compared to Texas and the nation who fall into the ALICE and poverty categories. 31% fall below the ALICE threshold with 9% experiencing poverty and 23% are ALICE. In terms of being able to sustainably live, a single adult needs to make \$18.55 in Denton County. While 2 adults with two preschool aged children need to make a combined \$45.98 to have a sustainable income. The data also shows that the price of living is higher in Denton County compared to Texas itself and surrounding counties: Dallas and Tarrant. Another takeaway from the ALICE data is that Texas and Denton County has a high percentage of hourly wage jobs.

Backbone Support Updates

Beginning with childcare, Ms. Redondo gives an overview of the last fiscal year for childcare subsidies. Workforce Solutions of North Central Texas has invested over \$14 million into childcare. Denton County has 59 Texas Rising Star providers, and 131 centers are in the onboarding process. In Denton County there are 4200 children in subsidized care with 100 children on the waitlist and an average of 7 being added every day. There are still five childcare desert zip codes in Denton County.

Dr. Jeng updates the next date workgroup meeting is July 31st.

Ms. Redondo gives the Economic Mobility workgroup on behalf of Dr. Del Rio. This workgroup hosted another successful job skills workshop and had 20 individuals complete a job skills workshop donated by Scott Wood and IFI Training. Ms. Redondo also shares that a new Target Occupation List will be released in September which will guide the group to update pathways to employment.

Leadership Team Updates

Ms. Redondo shares updates for the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team. The DCBHLT has had their first few meetings and began with a SWOT analysis then developed goal. The leadership team is still working on promoting CredibleMind and there are promotional materials available to anyone interested.

Ms. Mata-Williams shares updates for the Denton County Housing & Homelessness Leadership team. The DCHHLT will be hosting the next Homelessness 101 training which is scheduled for July 25th. Members of the DCHHLT will be sharing their PIT presentation

around groups in Denton County. The Barriers Fund fundraising led by the Denton County Homelessness Coalition raised \$2000. Last December, UWDC applied for a Texas Veterans Commission grant and was awarded. Ms. Mata Williams introduces Sadie the new veteran services coordinator. This grant will cover financial stability.

Public Comment

Ms. Worthington shares that DCTA is rolling out a new service plan. There will now be sixteen bus stops in City of Denton. DCTA is on track to have provided 3 million rides in their fiscal year that ends in September.

City of Lewisville shared that public comment is open for their Consolidation Plan which includes plans for HOME funds and CDBG funds.

New Business

No new business

Meeting Adjourned

Councilmember Troyer Adjourns the meeting at 5:03PM.



Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng
Secretary