

**Thursday, January 21, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

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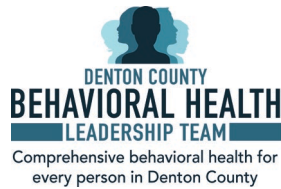
**Agenda**

I.	Welcome	T. Widmer	2 min.
II.	New Intern Introductions	S. Spencer	5 min.
III.	Vote to Approve New Appointee	T. Widmer	2 min.
	a. Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, City of Denton		
IV.	Report on Increased Mental Health Needs	P. Gutierrez	5 min.
V.	HB 13 Update	H. Rodgers	10 min.
VI.	Workgroup Committee Reports		10 min.
	a. Child and Family Systems	L. Prillwitz	
	b. Veterans Workgroup	R. Holder	
	c. Jail Diversion	D. Lee	
VII.	Denton County Veteran Stability Program	E. Baxter	5 min.
	a. Contract with Lyft		
VIII.	Backbone Support Update		15 min.
	a. COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Fund Outcomes – G. Henderson		
	b. Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team Update - E. Lusk		
	c. Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team – O. Williams		
IX.	New Business	T. Widmer	15 min.
	a. Review Role of DCBHLT Appointees & Attendance Expectations		
	b. Renewed Focus on the Strategic Plan		
X.	Public Comment		
XI.	Adjourn	T. Widmer	

**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, March 18, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. | United Way of Denton County**





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| I.   | Welcome<br>Terry Widmer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.  | T. Widmer               | 2 min.  |
| II.  | New Intern Introductions<br>Shanan Spencer introduced Rebecca Champion, Jacob Chamberlain, Ginny Brundeen, and Karina Garcia who are new interns working with Shanan in Health and Mental Health Initiatives.   | S. Spencer              | 5 min.  |
| III. | Vote to Approve New Appointee<br>a. Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, City of Denton<br>Terry Widmer called for a motion to approve the appointment of Mayor Gerard Hudspeth from the City of Denton. That motion was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous for the acceptance of his appointment.   | T. Widmer               | 2 min.  |
| IV.  | Report on Increased Mental Health Needs<br>Pam Gutierrez spoke about the increased mental health needs observed during COVID. She indicated that the programs through MHMR have moved to a virtual platform, so services are continuing. She indicated that the number of suicide related calls have decreased. Adults are expressing satisfaction with the virtual platform. Her team has continued to go into the jails for 16.22 assessments as needed.  | P. Gutierrez            | 5 min.  |
| V.   | HB 13 Update<br>Hope Rodgers from United Way reported on the completion of HB 13 work. By working with the jails, there were 2,344 non-duplicated clients served. The Veteran Community Navigators are continuing to work with justice-involved Veterans who started under the HB 13 work.  | H. Rodgers              | 10 min. |
| VI.  | Workgroup Committee Reports<br>a. Child and Family Systems<br>In response to Pam’s report, Lisa Elliott began by reporting that at Cook Children’s there has been an increase in the number of suicidal kids and teens. They have not responded as positively to telehealth as the adults and have been asking for in-person sessions. She reported that CFS Workgroup has continued to distribute “OK to Say” materials and that she and Laura have been attending the Lake Cities 40 Developmental Assets meetings. Further, she indicated that CFS is continuing to pursue resources for Mental Health Navigators. | L. Prillwitz/L. Elliott | 10 min. |

Laura Prillwitz reported that the OK to Say stories collection has received 8 stories so far. She also reported that in partnership with WATCH, the CFS hosted a full day symposium on Commercial Sex Trafficking. The virtual event was attended by nearly 100 people.





b. Veterans Workgroup

C. Martin

Curtis Martin reported that he has taken a lesser role in co-facilitating the Veterans Workgroup. Raymond Holder has been chairing the workgroup meetings. The Veteran Community Navigators have been meeting with 10-12 veterans on a daily basis to provide case management and other supports to them. Hope Rodgers reported that we have received an additional 15 HUD VASH vouchers, which is a huge help to veterans experiencing homelessness.

c. Jail Diversion

D. Lee

Captain Doug Lee reported that the Jail Diversion group had not met in nearly a year due to COVID, but would be resuming meetings in February.

VII. Denton County Veteran Stability Program

E. Baxter

5 min.

a. Contract with Lyft

In Elishia's absence, Shanan reported that she Elishia has been working with Lyft to contract for transportation services using TVC grant funds.

VIII. Backbone Support Update

15 min.

a. COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Fund Outcomes – G. Henderson

Hope Rodgers reported in Gary's absence that with CARES Act funding, UWDC worked with community partners from March – December to provide 7.2 million dollars of assistance to 2,000 unique households, covering 4,000 months. She also reported that Denton County was approved for the second round of CARES Act funding and UWDC will receive 20.3 million dollars to use beginning in February.

b. Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team Update - E. Lusk

Hope Rodgers reported in Elena's absence that part of the 20.3 million dollar funds would be marked for Rapid Rehousing, which allows for 3-6 months of rental assistance and case management. It will provide funding to UWDC and non-profit partners to increase staffing to fill the case management positions. In addition, UWDC submitted application to Texas Homeless Network for a 50K grant for Barriers Funding. Further, the Point in Time count scheduled for next week will be modified due to COVID. There will be no community volunteers and only unsheltered homeless will be counted. Finally, Denton County Housing Authority opened its waitlist and will be accepting application until January 31.

c. Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team – O. Williams

Olivia reported that there were no updates from her team. The group is meeting tomorrow to reassess their strategic plan.

IX. New Business

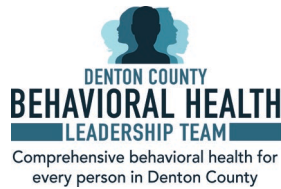
T. Widmer

15 min.

a. Review Role of DCBHLT Appointees & Attendance Expectations

b. Renewed Focus on the Strategic Plan

Terry reminded group members of the team's charge and the attendance expectations of its members. She asked members to read the expectations of group members distributed in the meeting packet. She also indicated that each workgroup will be reviewing its strategic plan and making adjustments and refocusing as necessary.



X. Public Comment

Shanan reported on the start of the “Wellness Wednesday” presentations that will go to UWDC staff and posted on the website each week. She asked that anyone interested in receiving it let her know.

Hope Galloway reported that her agency recently received a grant to provide QPR suicide prevention training to agencies and community members. Anyone interested in receiving the training should contact Hope.

Julie Wright from Texas Health reported that their community impact grant on Resiliency in Youth had gone viral. The Drew Barrymore show recently reported on the grocery store in Linda Tutt high school.

- XI. Adjourn T. Widmer  
Terry adjourned the meeting until March 18 at 8:00 a.m.

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## HHSC House Bill 13 Community Mental Health Grant Report

January 2021

**GRANT OPERATING TERM: OCTOBER 2018 – AUGUST 2020**

**COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS: DENTON COUNTY MHMR CENTER, DENTON COUNTY VETERAN COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM, GIVING HOPE INC. OF DENTON COUNTY, DENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DENTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**

**PURPOSE & OBJECTIVE: COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH GRANT TARGETING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS (VETERANS, INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS) WHO ARE JUSTICE-INVOLVED TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM THROUGH INTEGRATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY**

**TOTAL UNDUPLICATED CLIENTS SERVED: 2,346**

### Program Summary

The HB-13 Grant sought to improve outcomes for justice-involved Veterans, persons experiencing homelessness, and persons living with a mental health condition by offering integrative-service delivery to enrolled clients while in jail and upon release.

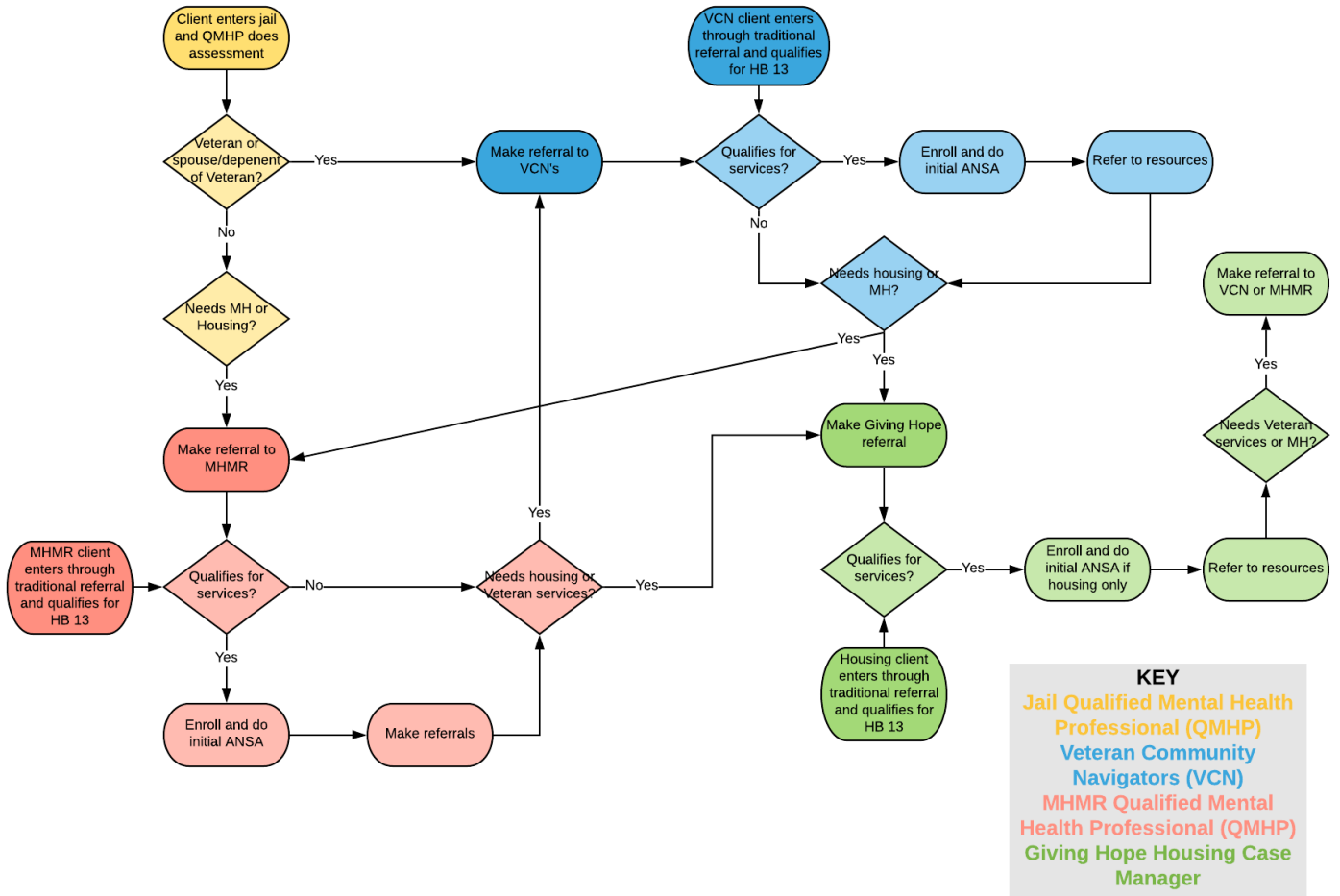
#### Grant-Funded Components:

- 3 Qualified Mental Health Professionals (employed by Denton County MHMR Center)
- 1 Veteran Outreach Coordinator (employed by UWDC)
- 1 Housing Case Manager (employed by Giving Hope, Inc)
- Flex Funding for Supportive Services
  - Eligible expenses included: Critical documents (ID, birth certificate, etc), transportation assistance, counseling services, medical treatment, prescriptions, and other supports

#### Process Overview

- Upon jail entry, Jail Health QMHP completes assessment with client and makes referrals as appropriate to MHMR or VCNs
  - If MHMR or VCNs determine client has unmet housing need, client is also referred to GHI
- MHMR QMHPs, VCNs, and GHI Case Manager conduct client outreach at jail weekly:
  - Assess client needs utilizing the Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment
  - Treatment plan development
  - Resource navigation and referrals
- MHMR QMHPs, VCNs, and GHI Case Manager connect with client upon release from jail to ensure continuity of care

# HB 13 Grant Process Chart





## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

January 2021

### **WORKGROUP NAME: CHILD & FAMILY SYSTEMS**

### **CHAIR NAME: DR. LISA ELLIOTT AND LAURA PRILLWITZ**

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### Meeting Summary (provide meeting date and items discussed during meeting)

The group last met on September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup> to review progress towards its 2020-2022 strategic plan; to plan for and implement a local Denton County Okay to Say campaign; to discuss and plan for a collaborative workshop with WATCH; to discuss funding opportunities to support strategic goals, and to explore opportunities to partner with Lake Cities to carry out the Search Institute's 40 Development Assets Framework.

Workgroup members: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Kimberly McCary, Amy Lawrence, Monya Crow, Dr. Lisa Pierce, Sadaf Meckfessel, Trish Robinson, Lishawa Jackson, Craig Daugherty, Suzy Gange, Suzann Woodward, Ocean Anombem, Alisa Quimby, Ann Pape, Tasha Moore, Marquis Nuby, Pallavi Baisyat, Erica McKinnie, Regina deLeon, Scott Domingue

Attending: Dr. Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Alisa Quimby, Regina deLeon, Erica McKinnie, Amy Lawrence, Dr. Lisa Pierce, Sadaf Meckfessel, Pallavi Baisya, Monya Crow, Suzy Gange, Scott Domingue, Hope Rodgers

### Short Term Action Items

- Distribute Okay to Say materials (bookmarks and stickers) at businesses and service providers throughout Denton County
- Identifying funding opportunities to support Mental Health Navigators
- UWDC Backbone Support and CFS Chairs attendance of Lake Cities 40 Development Assets Framework monthly planning meetings

### Accomplishments

- The CFS workgroup has received 8 submissions to its Denton County Okay to Say campaign which collects stories via a GoogleForm from community leaders and service providers using the prompt, "In Denton County, It's Okay To Say..." to encourage community members to reduce the stigma associated with mental health. Submissions will featured on DCBHLT social media throughout 2021.
- Progress towards 2020-2022 Strategic Plan

### Concerns

- Inability to carry out certain strategies and metrics identified on current strategic plan due to COVID-19 limitations and restrictions, in particular: Conducting focus groups with ISDs and administering a community needs and barriers to behavioral health care assessment in

partnership with ISDs, due to increased demands on ISDs, parents and youth in a virtual learning setting.

#### Next Meeting Dates

January 22, February 26, March 26 (Virtual via Zoom)





## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

January 2021

**WORKGROUP NAME: VETERANS WORKGROUP**

**CHAIR NAME: CHRIS MARTIN AND RAYMOND HOLDER**

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### Meeting Summary (provide meeting date and items discussed during meeting)

The group last met on November 11<sup>th</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup> and January 14<sup>th</sup> to review progress towards its 2020-2022 strategic plan; to identify training opportunities for workgroup members through guest presentations; to review outcomes of the Denton County Veteran Stability Program (DCVSP) funded by the Texas Veterans Commission; to identify accomplishments and areas for growth regarding the Veteran Outreach Day (November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2020); to review progress towards Ending Veteran Homelessness; and to discuss opportunities to support isolate Veterans.

Workgroup members: Chris Martin, Raymond Holder, Liz Emerson, Nikki Perez Melanie Torres, Cierra Stanko, Terri Donsbach, Michael Hunn, Richard Godoy, Elishia Baxter, Mira Brown, Roy Davenport, Louise Ferrill, Raymond Holder, Airaj Wheed, Paul Jurek, John Czapko, Paul Flannagan, Dr. Mary Jones, Terry Widmer, Dani Shaw, Courtney Cross, Artie Williams, Elena Lusk

Attending: Raymond Holder, Liz Emerson, Nikki Perez, Magdalena Banda (VCN Intern, guest) Dr. Mary Jones, Terry Widmer, Cierra Stanko, Courtney Cross, Elena Lusk, Elishia Baxter, Hope Rodgers, Shanan Spencer

### Short Term Action Items

- Coordinate workgroup guest speakers as identified by workgroup members
- Distribute donation of cell phones and minutes to Veterans experiencing barriers to communication
- Coordinate with DCHLT Veteran Case Conferencing Workgroup as needed to ensure prioritization of HUD VASH Vouchers
- Identify best practices for volunteers that could conduct social support outreach to isolated Veterans

### Accomplishments

- Quality of data surrounding Veteran homelessness which led to the award of 15 additional HUD VASH Vouchers in January 2021
- Secured donation of 10 track phones and phone minutes for Veterans with communication barriers to increase access to behavioral health, health, and other supportive services
- Progress towards 2020-2022 Strategic Plan

### Concerns

## Next Meeting Dates

February 11<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, (Virtual via Zoom)