

Thursday, September 16, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting

Agenda

I.	Welcome	T. Widmer	2 min.
II.	Vote to Approve Minutes	T. Widmer	2 min.
III.	Vote to Approve Bylaw Amendment	T. Widmer	2 min
IV.	New Participant/Guest Introductions	T. Widmer	5 min.
V.	Report from MHA	P. Gutierrez	5 min.
VI.	Report from MHMR - Suicide Numbers	B. Waymack	5 min.
VII.	Report from City of Denton – ARP Funds	C. Cross	5 min.
VIII.	Report on UNT Research	K. Partin	5 min.
IX.	Report on Overdose Response Team	B. Tinney	10 min.
X.	Report on First Mental Health Matters Panel Discussion	S. Spencer, L. Elliott, R. Del Rio M. Crow, P. Gutierrez	5 min.
XI.	Workgroup Committee Reports a. Child and Family Systems b. Substance Use	L. Elliott/L. Prillwitz H. Galloway	10 min.
XII.	Denton County Veteran Stability Program	E. Baxter	5 min.
XIII.	New Business a. Volunteers for Nominating Committee	T. Widmer/S. Spencer	15 min
XIV.	Public Comment		
XV.	Adjourn	T. Widmer	

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | United Way Denton County





Thursday, July 15, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome:

The Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team meeting was called to order by Co-chair Lisa Elliott at 8:00 a.m. In attendance were:

Lisa Elliott	Matt Richardson	Dianne Hickey
Emily Taylor	Juan Rodriguez	Olivia Williams
Linda Holloway	Chris McGinn	Jon Lasell
Brad Lahart	Scott Domingue	Brittany Waymack
T.J. Gilmore	Courtney Cross	Dani Shaw
Elishia Baxter	Elizabeth Ferring	Erin Williams
Hope Galloway	Jerry Garner	Julie Wright
Kyle Infante	Michelle Rinehart	Monya Crow
Shanan Spencer	Stephanie Brown	Tamara Knapp-Grosz
Alisa Quimby	Ginny Brundeen	Kelly Partin

II. Vote to Approve Minutes:

Lisa called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Roxanne Del Rio moved and Dianne Hickey seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous and the minutes were accepted.

III. New Participant Introductions:

Jon Lasell was introduced as the CEO of University Behavioral Health Denton.
Dr. Marquis Nuby was introduced as a guest of today's meeting.

IV. Report from Dr. Nuby:

Dr. Marquis Nuby discussed the increased need of mental health services among his patients in his pediatric practice. He reported a waiting list of 85-100 patients waiting for mental health care. He is working to expand his practice to include licensed counselors/social workers to provide the needed mental health services. Lisa expressed gratitude for Dr. Nuby's efforts as Cook Children's has a wait list of 150 children and clinicians' caseloads are maxed. Mayor Hudspeth explained to Dr. Nuby that municipalities have funds available to non-profits for service needs. He provided information to Dr. Nuby on how to meet with the City Council to present information and request funds.

V. Report from MHMR:

Brittany Waymack provided a report to the group on risk of harm assessment and suicide numbers for Denton County. She pointed out the increase in all numbers over the past two years. The largest numbers came from the 15-24 year old age group. The BHLT discussed their concerns about the upward trend in suicide numbers. A few members of the team will meet at a later date to begin discussing strategies to address the suicide numbers. Monya Crow spoke to the unique needs of students returning to school.





VI. Workgroup Committee Reports:

- a. Child and Family Systems: Lisa reported that the CFS workgroup did not meet in June due to many participants being unavailable. She reported on the success of Mental Health Awareness Month including proclamation readings, social media campaigns, etc. Shanana prepared and presented an application for grant funds through the City of Lewisville to pilot a mental health navigator program. We are waiting to hear about the funds. Shanana reported on the Lake Cities Focus progress. They have collected data and there is a meeting next month to review the data.
- b. Veterans Workgroup: Shanana reported that the Veterans Workgroup did not meet in June due to lack of participation.
- c. Jail Diversion: Shanana reported that the Jail Diversion Workgroup had not met because they are now meeting quarterly.
- d. Substance Use: Hope Galloway reported on the work of the Substance Use Workgroup. The group has broken into two sub-groups, Data and Resources. The groups are collecting data on substance use issues throughout the county and writing goals to address needs surrounding available resources, access to resources, and education of community members. The SU workgroup is partnering with MHMR to provide SU prevention training to Lewisville ISD. Linda Holloway reported on partnership with Recovery Resource Council to obtain information about available beds for detox and treatment. The group is hoping to create an intake tool used as a decision tree for treatment as well as a data dashboard for SU numbers.

VII. Denton County Veteran Stability Program:

Elishia Baxter reported that the TVC grant was renewed for the 2021-2022 year to provide financial assistance to Denton County veterans for housing/rental assistance, utilities, and dental care.

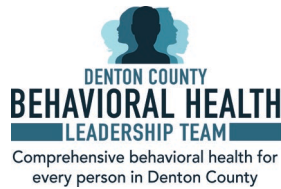
VIII. Backbone Support Update

- a. COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Fund Outcomes: Shanana reported that Gary did not have any information to report on Recovery Fund Outcomes.
- b. Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team Update: Elena Lusk reported that the DCHLT is working to revise its strategic plan. All of the workgroups are meeting to further assess and address housing needs. The Veterans 100 Day Challenge ended with 11 veterans housed in 90 days. Elena also reported on UWDC COVID-19 Relief numbers.
- c. Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team: Olivia Williams reported on the efforts of the DCWSLT. The team is exploring a Workforce Navigator role to address those trying to re-enter the workforce post pandemic. There is a resource website linked to the UWDC website that lists all job opportunities provided by UWDC partner agencies as well as information for additional resources for those seeking work. The WSLT is also working to revise its strategic plan. She also reported on renewal of grants for Childcare Networks and Parent Cafes.

IX. New Business

- a. Renewal of appointments: Shanana indicated that appointments will be renewed with an extension to allow for time lag due to COVID.
- b. Election of Officers: Shanana indicated that officer elections are postponed due to COVID.





- c. Future meetings (virtual, hybrid, in-person): Shanan reported on the availability of hybrid meetings beginning with our September meeting. The group expressed interest in the hybrid option, allowing flexibility for members.

X. Public Comment:

- Shanan pointed members to the articles that were added to the meeting packet and encouraged people to read them.
- Pam Gutierrez reported that the Loss Team event will be held at Red Yard on Saturday from 1-4. All proceeds go to the Loss Team.

XI. Adjourn:

Lisa called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Domingue moved and Dianne Hickey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

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Sal.	First Name	Last Name	Organization	Sector	Appointed By:	Appointment Year (3 Year Term)
	David	Becker	Denton Fire Department	Government	City of Denton	2019-2022
Ms.	Monya	Crow, M.Ed. LPC-S	Lewisville ISD	Education	Dr. Rogers- Lewisville ISD Superintendent	2019-2022
	Vacant		Beacon Health Options			2019-2022
Mr.	Scott	Dominique	Texas Health Resources	Health Care		2019-2022
Dr.	Lisa	Elliott, Ph. D	Cook Children's (WATCH)	WATCH	Denton County Citizens Council on Mental Health	2019-2022
Ms.	Hope	Galloway	Texas Health Resources	Health Care		2019-2022
Mr.	TJ	Gilmore	City of Lewisville	Government	Lewisville City Council	2019-2022
Ms.	Brooke	Hambrick	Office of Senator Jane Nelson			
Dr.	Timothy	Harris, M.D.	Texas Health Resources	Health Care	Stan Morton	2019-2022
Chief	Kenneth	Hedges	Denton Fire Department			2019-2022
Dr.	Tamara	Knapp-Grosz	UNT	Education		2019-2022
Captain	Douglas	Lee	Denton County Sheriffs Office	Law Enforcement	Denton County Commissioners Court	2019-2022
Dr.	Matt	Richardson	Denton County Health Department	Public Health	Denton County Commissioners Court	2019-2022
Mr.	Juan	Rodriguez, MPH	Denton County Health Department	Public Health	Denton County Health Department	2019-2022
Dr.	Kathryn	Stream, Ph.D		Community Member	Denton County Commissioners Court	2019-2022
Lt.	Chris	Summit	Denton Police Department	Law Enforcement	Denton PD	2019-2022
Ms.	Emily	Taylor	Our Daily Bread	Nonprofit		
Judge	Coby	Waddill	Denton County Criminal Court # 5	Judicial	Denton County Commissioners Court	2019-2022
	Vacant		Denton ISD	Education	Dr. Jamie Wilson	2019-2022
Dr.	Stephanie	Brown	Texas Woman's University	Higher Education	Dr. Carine Feyten	2021-2023
Chief	Kevin	Deaver	City of Lewsiville Police Department	Law Enforcement	City fo Lewisville	2021-2023
Dr.	Roxanne	Del-Rio, Ph.D	North Central Texas College	Higher Education	Dr. Roy Culberson	2021-2023
Ms.	Elizabeth	Ferring		Health Care	James C. Bays, Board Chairman	2021-2023
Chief	Jerry	Garner	City of Corinth Police Department	Law Enforcement		2021-2023
Ms.	Dianne	Hickey	Denton County MHMR	Health Care	Denton County MHMR	2021-2023
Dr.	Linda	Holloway	United Way of Denton County			2021-2023
Sgt.	Elisa	Howell	Denton Police Department	Government		2021-2023
Mr.	Gerard	Hudspeth	City of Denton	Government	Denton City Council	2021-2023
Mr.	Chris	McGinn	City of Lewisville	Government	Lewisville City Council	2021-2023

Honorable	Bobbie	Mitchell	Denton County	Government	Denton County Commissioners Court	2021-2023
Mrs.	Terry	Widmer	Denton County Commissioners' Court			2021-2023
Ms.	Suzann	Woodard	Texas District 64-Lynn Stucky			2021-2023

Proposed Amendment to Bylaws

Section 6.3 Officers

Officers of the DCBHLT are eligible for two consecutive one (1) year terms. Elections will be held during the ~~1st meeting in June.~~ November meeting with new officers taking their seats the following January.

~~At the September meeting,~~ DCBHLT shall call for a nominating committee to be formed to present a slate of officers ~~annually.~~ at the November meeting for vote.



DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

September 2021

WORKGROUP NAME: CHILD AND FAMILY SYSTEMS WORKGROUP

CHAIR NAME: LISA ELLIOTT AND LAURA PRILLWITZ

CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): LISA.ELLIOTT@COOKCHILDRENS.ORG (940) 484-4311 AND LAURA.PRILLWITZ@DENTONCOUNTY.COM (940) 349-2455

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

The group last met: August 27, 2021.

Workgroup members: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Judge Kimberly McCary, Monya Crow, Amy Lawrence, Lisa Pierce, Sadaf Meckfessal, Trish Robinson, Craig Daugherty, Suzy Gange, Suzann Woodward, Alisa Quimby, Tasha Moore, Pallavi Baisyat, Scott Domingue, Erica McKinnie, Lisa Settle, Ann Hughes, Ruth Pope

Attending: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Judge Kimberly McCary, Rebekah de Peo-Christner (for Amy Lawrence), Lisa Pierce, Sadaf Meckfessel, Alisa Quimby, Scott Domingue, Erica McKinnie, Terrence Staton (for Lisa Settle), Jennifer Ware (for Ruth Pope) and Shanan Spencer.

Short Term Action Items

- Reviewed Collaborative Workshops with the WATCH group
- Reviewed City of Corinth 40 Development Assets Framework
- Updated Mental Health Navigator grant and possible funding.
- Updated Sequential Intercept Meeting
- Reviewed Okay to Say campaign.
- Reviewed service gaps and needs in the community.

Accomplishments

Recommitment of the workgroup to being more task oriented again.

Concerns

Mental Health Navigator funding.

Next Meeting Dates

September 17: WATCH Coalition Meeting

October 22: CFS Workgroup Meeting



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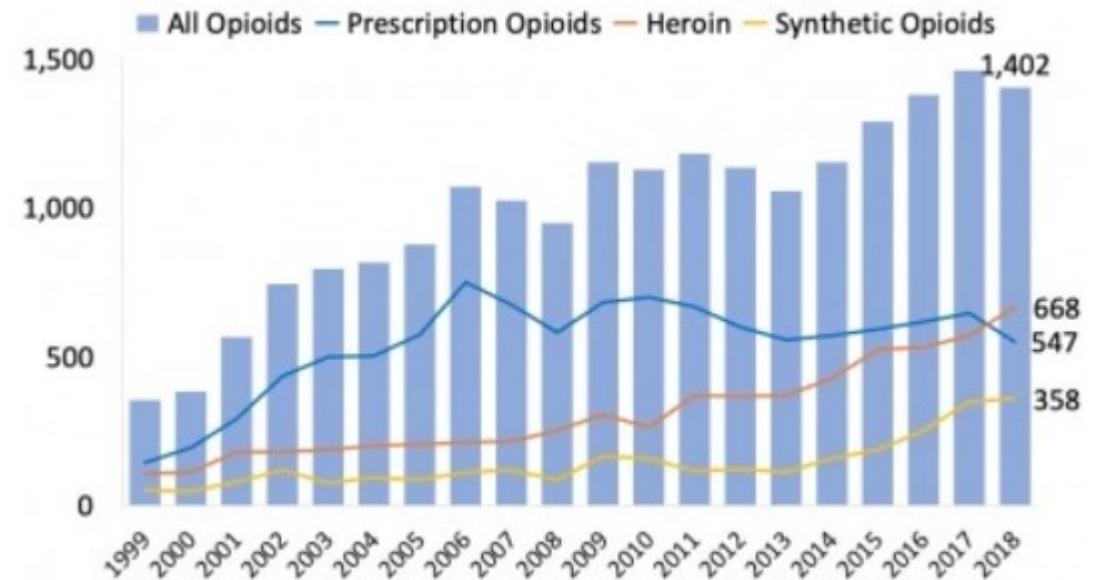
Denton County Overdose Response Team

Becky Tinney
Director of Community Engagement

What is the problem?

- The opioid epidemic is closing in on Texas:
 - New Mexico had an overdose rate of 25 per 100,000 people.
 - Oklahoma had a rate of 20 per 100,000 people.
 - 1,254 miles of our southern border is shared with Mexico, which remains the greatest criminal drug threat to the United States.
 - The overdose rate has steadily increased for 5 years, until 2018 (COVID)

Number of overdose deaths involving opioids in Texas



National Institute on Drug Abuse

What is an Overdose Response Team?

What will the team do?

- Conduct face-to-face follow up visits with individuals who have overdosed, and their families.
 - Assess needs
 - Discuss potential barriers
 - Educate and focus on harm reduction (Narcan)
- How will the team generate leads?
- Contact information will be exchanged for follow-up assistance
- Connect to Peer Recovery Specialist and Licensed Social Worker
- What if they aren't ready?



Goals

Short Term Goals:

- Perform face-to-face outreach with individuals who overdose in Denton, Dallas, Collin, Tarrant counties
- Collect data about these individuals and use it to reduce risk of repeat overdoses and death

Long Term Goals:

- Reduce the number of overdoses and deaths
- Reduce over-utilization of emergency personnel and hospital systems
- Increase public awareness
- Increase the number of individuals entering treatment
- Reduce gaps in services/barriers to treatment

“In the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed.”

-Charles Darwin



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