

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team Meeting

Thursday, May, 16th, 2024, 8 am – 10 am

UWDC 1314 Teasley Lane, Denton & Zoom



OUR VISION:

Comprehensive behavioral health for every person in Denton County

OUR MISSION:

The Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team will advocate and facilitate a collaborative person-centered behavioral health system to repair and restore lives:

- Ensure behavioral health services are available to meet the needs of all
- Assess data for continuous outcome measurements
- Prioritize data driven recommendations
- Provide a continuum of care

Agenda

1. Call to order Elisa Howell
2. Vote to Approve Minutes Elisa Howell
3. New Participant/Guest Introductions Elisa Howell
4. Report from the Local Mental Health Authority Fonny Wright
5. MHMR School Liaison Presentation Anna Drummond
6. CredibleMind Demonstration Alex Reed
7. Workgroup Committee Reports
 - a. Child and Family Systems Laura Prillwitz
 - b. Substance Use Hope Galloway & Lauren Titsworth
 - c. Suicide Prevention Olivia Mata Williams & Shelby Redodo
 - d. CrossCare Collaborative Megan Ball
8. New Business Elisa Howell
 - a. Strategic Plan Update
9. Backbone Support Updates
 - a. Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team Olivia Williams
 - b. Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team Shelby Redondo
10. Public Comment Elisa Howell
11. Adjourn Elisa Howell

Thursday January 18.2024

8 am – 10 am

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: the meeting was called to order by Lt Elisa Howell and a quorum was declared.

Vote to Approve Minutes: Elisa called for a motion to approve the minutes previously sent out electronically. Motion was made by Terry Widmer and seconded by Diane Hickey. Approved.

Introduction of New Participants/ Guests: Self introductions were made by Matthew Bertagnole, CEO of UBH and Ronnie Cade, City Liaison for the City of Lewisville.

Mental Health Authority report by Pam Gutierrez: Pam presented statistics for MHMR services. She added that they are now doing Saturday intakes and have added intake by Zoom.

Her annual report included the LOSS (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors) Team report with handout providing statistics and services for LOSS.

Mental Health Navigator update: Alex Reed introduced the 3 Mental Health Navigators, Rachel-----, April -----, and Maggie -----. She reported on the success of the bilingual services and the services for the non or under insured client. She also reported that most clients are first time help seekers and they are mostly using text as a method of contact.

Dr Richardson opened a discussion on the underutilization of the Navigators and engaged the BHLT in ways to expand the number of contacts. He offered the contact number 940-349-3000 and urged wide dissemination as a group. It was also noted that Law enforcement needs involvement and awareness. There will be outreach to the county ISD's with an emphasis on the availability of non-crisis services. A marketing program was also discussed.

Alex reported on the launch of Find Help with more than 2000 users so far. 73 programs have been added to the platform. Usership data shows that the most searches are for rent, food, glasses and transportation.

On behalf of Denton County, Dr. Richardson presented Gary Henderson, UWDC, with a check for \$60,000 for their partnership and leadership to support the CredibleMind project.

CredibleMinds Launch: Shanana presented the official launch of the project in partnership with Denton County, UWDC and BHLT. She encouraged everyone to go online to create an account. It is free for all Denton County residents for 1 year. Denton county is looking into sustainability of the project. It was reported that left over funding from the Cook Children's funding will be used for promotion of CredibleMind and Mental Health Navigators. programs.

Workgroup committee reports: Full reports were included with the meeting packet.

Child and Family Systems: Laura reported that, in addition to their included report, they are looking at their strategic plan.

Substance Use: Hope Galloway reported on the partnership of Solutions of North Texas and Texas Health Resources for a women's non-medical detox pilot program for alcohol and drugs.

Suicide Prevention: reported that they are also looking at their strategic plan.

CrossCare Collaborative: Shanana reported that they are continuing their work on System Intercept Model (SIM) mapping.

Veterans: Liz Emerson reported that the Veteran counseling program has been scaled back for lack of participation and a Clinician position was discontinued.

Also, the Art Room project, Arts for Veterans, received a \$6500 grant for Veterans to do art. They must be referred by a counselor and clinicians will be available during the programming.

New Business:

Action Item, New Appointees: Elisa requested a motion to appoint Matthew Bertagnole to represent UBH on the BHLT Board. Motion was made by Scott Dominique, second by Hope Galloway. Approved. He will also serve on the Cross Care Collaborative Workgroup.

Elisa requested a motion to appoint Ronnie Cade to represent the City of Lewisville, replacing TJ Gilmore on the BHLT Board. Motion was made by Lisa Elliot and seconded by Matt Richardson. Approved.

Strategic Plan: Elisa and Shanana reported that the Strategic Plan for the Leadership Team is going to be updated with help from Amy ----- from the City of Denton. They will also be making personal visits to gather information. The strategic plan information is in the packets and everyone was asked to look over this information and be prepared to do some work at the next meeting.

Backbone Support:

Housing and Homelessness Leadership team: Olivia reported that the Point in Time will be next Thursday.

Workforce Success Leadership Team: Shelby Redondo reported that UWDC Vita program is currently running for those ALICE households that need help filing their income tax. She also reported that the Workforce LT is forming a Data workgroup and Senior Workforce workgroup.

Public Comment:

Lindsey Shaffer reported that the Community in Schools of North Texas is having their Gala and Handbag Auction April 27th.

Recovery Resource Council announced they have an overdose response team.

Adjournment: Elisa adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am.

Upcoming Meeting:

DCBHLT Meeting: Thursday March 21, 2024, 8am – 10 am