



**Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**United Way of Denton County (1314 Teasley Ln, Denton, TX 76201)**

**Agenda**

I.	Welcome	J. Mulroy	2 min.
II.	Consideration of March Meeting Minutes (approval) (attached)	J. Mulroy	2 min.
III.	Public Relations	L. Howell	5 min.
IV.	THR Behavioral Health	D. Carlton	20 min.
V.	Legislative Advocacy	G. Henderson	10 min.
VI.	Veterans Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Denton County Veterans Center Grand Opening</li> <li>• TV+FA Phase IIB</li> </ul>	A. Reed	10 min.
VII.	Workgroup Reports(attached) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterans - Colonel Chris Martin</li> <li>• Jail Diversion - Interim: Dr. Teresa McKinney</li> <li>• Child and Family Systems - Dr. Lisa Elliott &amp; Laura Prillwitz</li> <li>• Consumer – Elizabeth Ferring</li> <li>• Mental Health Court - Tami Russell</li> </ul>	A. Reed	20 min.
VIII.	Recognition of Term Appointees & Officers	G. Henderson	10 min.
IX.	Officer Slate Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bylaw amendment</li> </ul> (approval)(attached)	M. Richardson	5 min.
X.	Public Comments		
XI.	Adjourn	J. Mulroy	

**Next Meeting: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 8:00 a.m.**

**United Way of Denton County**

## Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

### Meeting Minutes

**Appointees Present:** Captain Douglas Lee, Chief Lee Howell, Chief Russ Kerbow, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Craig Daugherty, Dr. Bill Giese, Dr. Derrell Bulls, Dr. Lisa Elliott, Dr. Matt Richardson, Dr. Roxanne Del-Rio, Dr. Timothy Harris, Elizabeth Ferring, Gary Seguin, Joe Mulroy, Juan Rodriguez, Judge Coby Waddill, Louise Baldwin, Melinda Galler

**Ex officios present:** Gary Henderson, Alex Reed

**Appointees Absent:** Bryan Langley, Cindy “Sanden” Daughtee, Councilman TJ Gilmore, Dr. Kathryn Stream, Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Dr. Nicki Roderman, Dr. Richard Valenta, Dr. Teresa McKinney, Gary Fullerton, Judge Barbara Gailey, Mayor Chris Watts, Monya Crow, Prudence Sanchez

Meeting called to order at 8:03 a.m.

#### **Welcome & Introductions:**

Joe Mulroy provided the welcome and recognized guests.

#### **Consideration of January meeting minutes:**

The January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting minutes of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team were reviewed and approved.

Motion: Dr. Derrell Bulls

Second: Chief Russ Kerbow

Minutes approved as written.

#### **Public Relations:**

Chief Lee Howell provided overview of recent Speakers Bureau presentations, including presentations to Champions Rotary and Councilwoman Keely Briggs District 2 meeting. Phyllis Finley of Denton County MHMR co-presented with Chief Howell for the District 2 meeting. Chief Howell reported that the meeting was well attended with diverse information. Chief Howell highlighted the value of the clinical expertise coupled with law enforcement perspective. Mr. Mulroy urged additional districts to host similar informational meeting to generate awareness and combat stigma.

Chief Howell relayed a presentation was provided to Denton County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> surrounding the Veteran Community Navigator program of the DCBHLT. The DCBHLT 2016 Annual Report will be provided to Denton County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Specialty Court Funding:**

Mr. Joe Mulroy indicated an article in the Denton Record Chronical surrounding Denton County Specialty Courts generated recognition of the need for pilot funds to generate court metrics. Mr. Mulroy donated \$30,000 to be eligible for grant applications by Denton County Specialty Courts. Three applications were received for eligible funding – Drug Court, Family Drug Court, and Mental Health Treatment Court. Each of the courts applied for \$10,000 in funding. Veterans Court, Juvenile Mental Health Court, and DWI Court currently funded through varying funding streams.

Judge Coby Waddill indicated that the Specialty Court judges collaborated on the needs across the domains. Judge Waddill relayed that the applicants agreed to apply for even division of the funds across Drug Court, Family Drug Court, and Mental Health Treatment Court. Judge Waddill indicated that the Governor’s Grant opened for filing in February 2017; however, courts that did not receive funding in the previous two years are ineligible for application.

Attendees reviewed funding applications from the applying courts. UWDC to assist as backbone support in developing and tracking court metrics. Grant recipients will report quarterly on identified metrics to the DCBHLT.

The DCBHLT appointees indicated approval of funding awards in the amount of \$10,000 to Drug Court, Family Drug Court, and Mental Health Treatment Court.

Motion: Dr. Derrell Bulls

Second: Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell

Abstain: Judge Coby Waddill

Funding allocation in the amount of \$10,000 to each of the court applicants approved unanimously by attending appointees.

### **1115 Waiver & Psychiatric Triage**

Pam Gutierrez of Denton County MHMR provided an overview of the services supported by the 1115 Waiver funding, including Integrated Care, Psychiatric Triage, and the Crisis Residential Unit. Pam relayed that there are multiple categories for reporting metrics. Currently, the 1115 Waiver funding is set to expire in December 2017; however, there is a potential for 21-month extension based on unknown metrics. Pam relayed that Denton County MHMR requested the Department of Health and Human Services fund Psychiatric Triage and Crisis Residential Unit, HHS refused.

Dr. Matt Richardson provided an overview of the 1115 Waiver funding, indicating the initial allocation of the 5-year funding awards for innovative projects.

Mr. Joe Mulroy indicated his concerns surrounding dependence on the federal government to address local needs. Pam relayed the cost diversion for local law enforcement and within the Denton County Jail. Pam indicated the annual budget for Psychiatric Triage is \$840,000 and Crisis Residential Unit is \$900,000. Dr. Richardson relayed that the cost for providing mental health care is expensive, with medication and cost of care being very expensive in the jail setting. Dr. Richardson indicated the cost for mental health medications within Denton County Jail could reach \$50,000 per month this year. The current Denton County Jail census is 1100, with 450 mental health evaluations completed in the previous two weeks.

Dr. Richardson expressed that the county jail is not the optimal environment for facilitating recovery. Dr. Richardson indicated that the challenge for funding services such as Psychiatric Triage lies in quantifying diversion. Mr. Mulroy reiterated the necessity for the local community to take ownership of behavioral health needs.

Pam Gutierrez to provide a single-page indicating individuals served through Psychiatric Triage, budget, and programmatic metrics for review by the DCBHLT.

**Denton County Veterans Center:**

Alex announced the Grand Opening of the Denton County Veterans Center is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with Congressman Burgess provided keynote. Alex relayed that the initiative has been spearheaded by Bob and Terry Widmer. Terry indicated her desire that the Veterans Center be a model for behavioral health intervention in various demographic domains in Denton County. Mr. Mulroy communicated that the support of the Veterans Center by the Widmers continues the narrative surrounding community engagement in Denton County.

**Backbone Support Update:**

Gary Henderson updated the DCBHLT on expiring appointee terms in June 2016. Gary relayed to the DCBHLT appointees that each would receive a letter from Alex indicated expiring or continuation of term. Gary also highlighted the advocacy efforts of Denton County Days at the Capitol. Gary relayed that the legislature is aligning with the design of the community collaborative for funding opportunities, as collaboratives promote optimized resource leverage.

Gary indicated that a single-page overview of the TV+FA Phase IIB project was included in the agenda packet for review.

**Workgroup Reports:**

Workgroup updates and highlights of individual workgroups were provided by the Chair (or workgroup representative) of each group. A formal written report and workgroup strategic goal was provided in the DCBHLT agenda packet.

A list of workgroup chairs is as follows:

- Veterans: Colonel Chris Martin
- Consumer: Elizabeth Ferring
- Housing: Terry Widmer
- Jail Diversion: Interim Dr. Teresa McKinney
- Mental Health Court: Tami Russell
- Child & Family Systems: Dr. Lisa Elliott and Laura Prillwitz, Co-chairs

Colonel Chris Martin provided an overview of the Veterans Workgroup, with emphasis on the 2017 PIT results surrounding Veteran homelessness. Chris relayed 13 Veterans reported as experiencing homelessness in the 2017 PIT. Chris relayed that the next steps for the Veterans Workgroup include

exploring physical therapy for wounded Veterans, expansion of VA Mental Health services, and generating a housing crisis response system to reach functional zero for Veteran homelessness.

Chris indicated that 5 of the 140 Veterans in his son's company attempted suicide. Dr. Matt Richardson indicated 87 individuals died by suicide in Denton County in 2016. Dr. Richardson stated Veteran status is not identified upon suicide response; however, estimates indicated 5 -10 of the 87 deaths by suicide were Veterans.

Dr. Lisa Elliott and Laura Prillwitz announced the Child and Family Systems Workgroup will host a Flight to Freedom – Children's Mental Health Awareness Art Exhibit on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 2PM at the Denton Public Safety Training Center. This event will be hosted in partnership with the WATCH Coalition. The workgroup in collaboration with Denton County MHMR and the WATCH Coalition is also organizing proclamations throughout Denton County for Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

**Public Comments:**

Judge Dave Jahn indicated that a Mental Health First Aid training will be hosted on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Denton County Probate Court. Registration remains open for individuals interested in attending.

Gary Henderson communicated an urge to local non-profit board members to recognize the impact of less funds available through federal and state level. Gary relayed the necessity for non-profit organizations to begin assessing the programmatic adjustments necessary for optimal functioning and service delivery.

**New Business:**

Mr. Mulroy closed the meeting by recognizing the prioritization of mental health throughout the county, indicated that the Denton Chamber of Commerce adopted mental health as a priority area for advocacy.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:24 a.m.

**Next Meeting: May 18, 2017 @ 8:00 a.m.  
United Way of Denton County**

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Secretary

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Date



### DCBHLT Speakers Bureau Presentations

Date	Audience	Speaker
12/8/2015	NAMI Denton County	Lacrica Olson
12/10/2015	Ponder ISD SHAC Committee	Gary Henderson
2/26/2016	Denton Regional Suicide Coalition	Lacrica Olson
3/2/2016	Lewisville Noon Rotary	Tj Gilmore & Chief Russ Kerbow
3/9/2016	Champions Rotary (Justin)	Chris Martin
3/18/2016	WATCH Coalition	Monya Crow & Chief Lee Howell
3/24/2016	Lewisville Morning Rotary	Tj Gilmore
4/6/2016	Denton County Homeless Coalition	Roxanne Del-Rio
4/20/2016	Aubrey 380 Chamber of Commerce	Lacrica Olson
4/22/2016	Cross Timbers Rotary	TJ Gilmore and Chief Russ Kerbow
4/28/2016	Health Communities Coaliton (joint partner presentation)	Lacrica Olson with MHMR and WATCH
5/5/2016	Denton Noon Rotary	Chief Lee Howell
5/19/2016	Flower Mound Noon Rotary	Tj Gilmore & Chief Russ Kerbow
5/31/2016	Denton Morning Rotary	Chief Lee Howell
6/14/2016	Texas Health Resources- Denton Clergy Unit	Lacrica Olson and Chief Lee Howell
6/21/2016	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Dr. Roxanne Del Rio
8/19/2016	Veteran Community Navigator Launch	Gary Henderson
9/15/2016	Veterans Summit	Alex Reed
9/22/2016	Leadership Denton	Alex Reed
10/20/2016	St. David's Episcopal Church	Chief Lee Howell
10/12/2016	Project Blueprint	Gary Henderson
10/28/2016	Denton Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon	Dr. Teresa McKinney
11/4/2016	WATCH Coalition	Dr. Teresa McKinney
12/8/2016	Sheriff's Office Training	Alex Reed
1/19/2017	DCBHLT Annual Report	Dr. Teresa McKinney
2/8/2017	Champions Rotary (Justin)	Chief Lee Howell
2/19/25017	District 2 Community Presentation	Chief Lee Howell and Phyllis Finley
4/19/2017	Denton County Veterans Center Grand Opening	Mr. Joe Mulroy, Gary Henderson, Chris Martin, and Paul Bastaich
4/21/2017	Texas Library Association	Gary Henderson and Alex Reed

4/25/2017	Denton County Commissioners Court	Mr. Joe Mulroy, Dr. Teresa McKinney, Gary Henderson, and Alex Reed
5/11/2017	Corinth City Council Work Session	Gary Henderson, Councilman TJ Gilmore, Roxanne DelRio, and Alex Reed

# United Way of Denton County

## Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

United Way of Denton County and the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team advocates for adequate funding for coordinated mental health services that are planned, cohesive and monitored for effectiveness at the community level.

### Indication of the Need:

Estimates indicate that approximately 131,767 residents of Denton County experience any mental illness annually.<sup>1 2</sup>

- According to a data snapshot for Denton County MHMR, 2,156 clients were authorized for services across all levels of care in July 2016.
- In 2015, Health Services of North Texas, the local Federally Qualified Health Center provided 97 behavioral health practitioner visits, an increase from 52 visits in 2014.

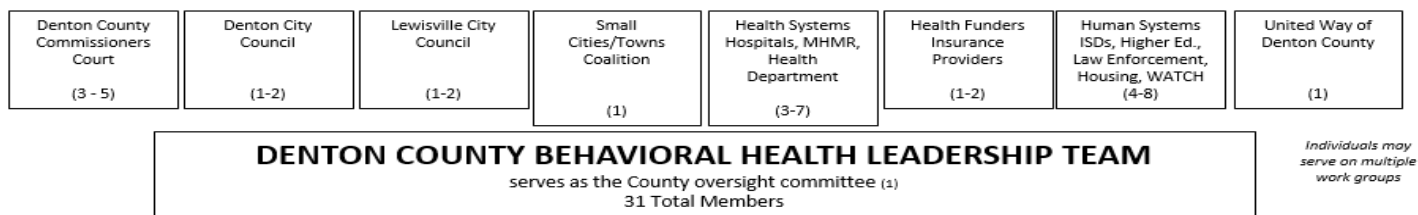
Mental Health America State of Mental Health report indicates that 59.7% of individuals with any mental illness in Texas did not receive treatment.<sup>3</sup>

- If statewide data were assumed locally, this would indicate approximately, 78,500 Denton County residents with any mental illness did not receive treatment within the last year.

Mental Health America reports “six out of 10 of the states with the least access to mental health care also have the highest rates of incarceration”, with Texas being one of those.

- In 2015, Lewisville Police Department spent 323 hours responding suicidal ideation and attempted suicide reports.
  - Law Enforcement spent an average of 3.75 hours at each call, equating to over \$11,000 in fiscal cost associated merely for law enforcement salaries.
- In 2014, Denton Police Department spent 2,325 hours responding to behavioral health calls including death by suicide, suicidal ideations or reported behaviors related to mental instability.
  - Of the 642 calls that make-up the 2,325 hours, 18 resulted in an arrest.

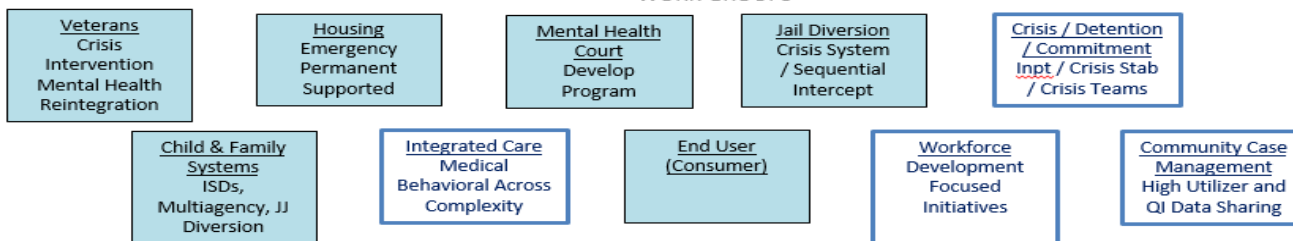
### Denton County Collaborative Structure:



### COLLABORATIVE STRUCTURE

Denton County Citizen's Council on Mental Health  
Co-Chairs/Executive Director (2)

#### WORK GROUPS



<sup>1</sup> (United States Census Bureau, 2015)

<sup>2</sup> (Nguyen & Davis, 2016) *The State of Mental Health in America 2017*

<sup>3</sup> (Nguyen & Davis, 2016)



## Related Legislation:

**SB 292:** Relating to the creation of a grant program to reduce recidivism, arrest, and incarceration of individuals with mental illness

**HB 12:** Relating to individuals who are or may be persons with a mental illness or an intellectual disability and who are or have been involved with the court system

## **Local Implications:**

- Historically, Denton County Jail has been the largest provider of behavioral health services in the county.
- Generates funding for Crisis Stabilization and proactive intervention leading to decreased criminalization due to mental health needs, reducing law enforcement time spent on mental health calls, and streamlining processes for individuals with mental health needs to receive care in a recovery-centered environment.
- Supports “Familiar Faces” programing, a proactive intervention model for super-utilizers most often encountered by law enforcement, probate court and the local mental health authority.
- Allows for expansion of recidivism reduction practices, such as mental health discharge planners within the local jails.
- Aligns Jail Diversion Workgroup and Mental Health Treatment Court Strategic Goals of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team.

**HB 13:** Relating to the creation of a matching grant program to support community mental health programs for individuals experiencing mental illness

## Current Interventions:

### **84<sup>th</sup> Legislature: SB 55 – Texas Veterans and Family Alliance**

- The Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team is executing the TV+FA Pilot Program under SB 55 grant funds.
  - In the 6 months of the program’s operation, 136 Veterans or their family members have received services through the TV+FA Pilot Program operated in Denton County.
    - The program has sent 385 referrals to community providers.
  - Through collaborative efforts, the team will establish the Denton County Veterans Center in March 2017 - centrally locating Veteran-specific providers ranging from housing services to peer-to-peer to mental health intervention.

## **Mental Health Court**

- Denton County operates specialty courts including Juvenile Mental Health and Mental Health Court.
  - Denton County Juvenile Justice was awarded the Discretionary State Aid Grant to begin a Juvenile Mental Health Court in 2016.
    - The co-chair of the Child and Family Systems Workgroup of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team provides oversight and intervention for the Juvenile Mental Health Court.
  - Denton County Mental Health Court graduated the first of many court participants in December 2016.
    - The Mental Health Court Workgroup of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team provides backbone and administrative support to the Mental Health Court.

## **Mental Health Law Enforcement Training Video**

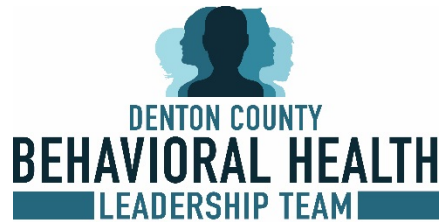
- The Jail Diversion Workgroup of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team generated a Mental Health Law Enforcement Training Video to demonstrate appropriate response practices for mental health crises calls.

A Collective Impact Initiative of:



Backbone support provided by



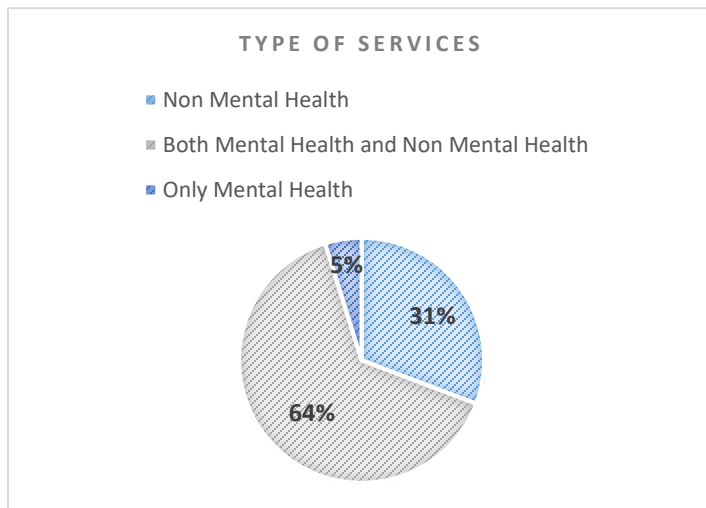


Comprehensive behavioral health for every person in Denton County

**TV+FA Pilot Program  
Veteran Community Navigator  
Outcome Measures**

An outcome measure of the TV+FA Pilot Program includes the benchmark to see 200 unique veterans or their family members over the course of the grant term. Since the Veteran Community Navigator (VCN) program launch in Denton County, the navigators have enrolled 188 clients. This equates to 94% of the benchmark met.

**Referrals and Enrolled Clients since Program Launch**



Target Number to be Served in 12 months: 200

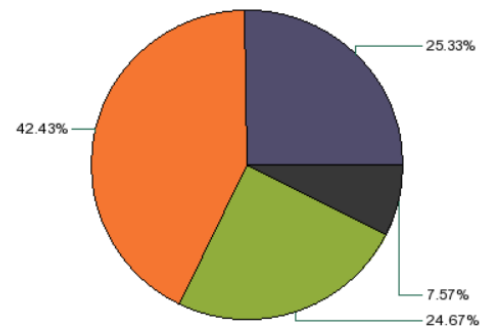
- 9 months of service provided to date
- Number of Veterans and family members served to date: **188**
- 80% Veterans
- 20% Family Members
- Successfully completed program: 87%

The VCN program utilizes the Adults Strengths and Needs Assessment (ANSA) for evaluation of clients functioning across life domains. This assessment reviews behavioral health, risk behaviors, functionality and strengths. Results from the assessment tool since program launch can be reviewed below.

**Adults Needs and Strengths Assessment: Depression Levels**

*Overall levels of Depression since Program Launch*

Level of Depression	Percentage
No evidence of depression	24.67%
Mild levels of depression	42.43%
Moderate levels of depression	25.33%
Severe levels of depression – disabled by depressive symptoms	7.57%



	Depression	Residential Stability	Adjustment to Trauma
Initial Assessment	1.45	1.24	1.67
30 Day Assessment	1.08	0.80	1.58
90 Day Assessment	1.02	0.51	1.11
Discharge Assessment	0.83	0.42	0.83

**Adult Strengths and Needs Assessment: Residential Stability**

*Change over Time*

The ANSA is a rating scale in which 3.0 indicates the highest level of need and 0.0 indicates no need in this domain. The graph depicts the reduction of ANSA scores for residential stability, indicating increase stability for VCN clients.

**Referrals**

Since the program launched, 548 referrals have been sent to service providers by the navigators. Below is a breakdown of referrals made.

*Type of Referral*

Housing Assistance	85	Mental Health	65
Emergency Crisis	74	Job Training	45
VA Benefits	47	Financial Planning	37

# Denton County Veterans Center

## Veteran Community Navigator Program

Link Veterans and their family members with resources that meet physical and mental health needs.

## Denton County Veterans Coalition

Advocates and assists Veterans as they attempt to secure benefits through four programs, Claims Representation and Counseling, Veterans Employment Services, Veterans Education Program, and Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

## Texas Veterans Commission

Advocates for the expansion of Veterans-oriented resources and programs, provides emergency financial assistance, and collaborates with the Veteran Community Navigators to holistically resolve individual Veteran issues.

## Catholic Charities of Fort Worth

Links Veterans to public and Veteran's Assistance benefits, providing short-term assistance to set up long-term stability among Veteran households.

## Military Veteran Peer Network

Offers free Basic Training for Peers, peer groups for support among Veterans, resource connection, and camaraderie events.

## Recovery Resource Council

Provides outpatient counseling and support services for returning military veterans and their family members at no cost.

## Youth and Family Counseling

Offers professional counseling on a sliding scale fee

## Denton County MHMR

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

## HUD-VASH Case Management

**400 S. Carroll - Denton, Texas**



**TV+FA Pilot Program  
 Project Camo**

Recently we requested funding to start Project Camo in Denton County through the TV+FA Phase IIB grant. We are proud to announce that we have executed the contract with Health and Human Services!

The proposed project, entitled Project Camo, will provide Veterans and dependents of Veterans in Denton County proactive and stabilization sustainability education and training to deter from mental health and life domain crises, such as homelessness, justice involvement and unemployment. These services are designed to increase stabilization of Veterans and dependents experiencing behavioral health needs. Project Camo is an educational, informative course pertaining to mental health crisis response, available resources and goal setting for sustainability in the Veteran and dependent population.

**Community Needs Assessment and Project Camo Initiatives**

Project Camo is in direct response to the three weaknesses found in the Community Needs Assessment.

Identified Weaknesses	Limited Resources	Lack of Preventative Services	Lack of Coordination of Care
Project Camo's Action	Secure Phase IIB Grant	Provide expanded Military Mental Health First Aid Training	Provide educational modules that expand awareness of existing services to Veterans
	Hire a Program Coordinator	Provide educational modules to improve prevention and sustainability	Creating a formal structure of leadership and delegation of efforts

**Educational Modules**

Educational modules include Military Mental Health First Aid (MMHFA), finances and benefits, goal setting and life domain functioning, and extension modules.

**The MMHFA Module** seeks to destigmatize mental health issues, create an understanding of services provided in Denton County, teach mental health crisis response steps and the ability recognize mental health needs.



**The Financial and Benefits Module** includes information about VA medical and financial benefits, navigation to accessing VA benefits, budgeting review, and review of available financial coaching and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance programs.

**The Goal Setting and Life Domain Functioning Module** includes an existing Veteran and family services review, Veteran Resource Directory handout, goal setting to align with financial planning, educational opportunities explored, professional portfolio building, and life domain functioning addressed.

**The Extension Modules** will include a female veteran, male veteran and female spouse specific groups.

**TV+FA Phase IIB – Expenditure Proposal**

<b>Table</b>	<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>State Request +</b>	<b>Match =</b>	<b>Total Project</b>
<b>DIRECT COSTS</b>				
<b>A</b>	Personnel	\$30,000	\$50,562	\$80,562
<b>B</b>	Fringe Benefits	\$2,895	\$9,898	\$12,793
<b>C</b>	Travel	\$2,201	\$268	\$1,419
<b>D</b>	Equipment	\$0	\$2,427	\$2,427
<b>E</b>	Supplies	\$1,920	\$2,050	\$3,970
<b>F</b>	Contractual	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
<b>G</b>	Construction			
<b>H</b>	Other Direct Costs	\$10,000	\$11,700	\$22,700
<b>I</b>	<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	\$51,016	\$78,905	\$129,921
<b>INDIRECT COSTS</b>				
<b>J</b>	Indirect Costs	\$5,101	\$0	\$5,101
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>		\$5,101	\$0	\$5,101
<b>Total Grant Amount</b>		\$56,117	\$78,905	\$135,022



## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

May 2017

### VETERANS WORKGROUP

**CHAIR NAME: CHRIS MARTIN**

**CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION: C2W2MARTIN@AOL.COM; 678-877-6267**

#### Workgroup Summary

The group last met May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Workgroup meeting schedule is once per month.

Workgroup members: Chris Martin (Chair,) Roy Davenport, Melanie Torres, Sarah Banis, Paul Jurek, Michael Hunn, Kathy Eubanks, Raymond Holder, Chris Mays, Juan Rodriguez, Judge David Garcia, Ed Morales, Louise Weston-Ferrill, Mira Brown, Dr. Airaj Waheed, Terri Donsbach and Bonnie Rinn

Attending: Chris Martin, Melanie Torres, Terri Donsbach, Liz Emerson, Ashley Beverly, Paul Jurek, Kathy Eubanks, Ron Davis, Raymond Holder – Guests: Craig Combs of Texas Veterans Commission

The workgroup met on April 13<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>. At the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the workgroup received a presentation from Dr. Ron Davis of Texas Woman's University pertaining to Project INVEST. Project INVEST is a program that targets providing opportunities for adaptive sports to wounded Veterans.

At the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the workgroup received a presentation from Craig Combs, Community Partner Coordinator for the Texas Veterans Commission pertaining to Military Informed Care and the prevalence of moral injury. The Veterans Workgroup would like to pursue incorporation of faith-based agencies in to Veteran care, potentially partnering with Bridging the Gap.

The workgroup also reviewed the TV+FA Phase IIB funding allocation to generate Veteran reintegration course. The Veterans Workgroup has received notification of funding award with anticipated initial disbursement June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Interviews currently being conducted for Veteran Education Coordinator.

#### Short Term Action Items

- Continued collaboration with VAMC for expansion of Denton County behavioral health services
- Review of Veterans Workgroup Strategic Goal for assessment of continued alignment and next steps
- Explore potential partnership with Bridging the Gap to incorporate faith-based agencies and church community into Veteran Care
  - Administer Military Informed Care training to local church communities
- Sustainability of VCN program

#### Accomplishments

- The VCN program has provided services to 190 Veterans and their family members
- Homeless Veteran Collaboration Meeting takes place once per month to address Point-in-Time Veterans identified experiencing homelessness
- Denton County Veterans Center opened April 19<sup>th</sup>, housing 10 Veteran-specific service providers
- Military Cultural Competency Training hosted on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Concerns

- Timely expansion of VAMC Behavioral Health services in Denton County



## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

May 2017

### JAIL DIVERSION WORKGROUP

**CHAIR NAME: DR. TERESA MCKINNEY**

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#### Workgroup Summary

The group last met April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Workgroup meeting schedule is once every other month.

Workgroup members: Dr. Teresa McKinney (Chair), Judge Coby Waddill, Judge Doug Robison, Judge Bonnie Robison, Judge David Jahn, Pam Gutierrez, Lt. Chris Summit, Captain Douglas Lee, Sgt. Cari Coker, Troy Manning, Captain Dan Rochelle, Scott Wisenbaker, Danielle Shaw, Dana Wagner, Maria Ortiz, Paige Smith, Brittney Nolan and Edie Gracia.

Attending: Dr. Teresa McKinney, Judge David Jahn, Lt. Chris Summit, Troy Manning, Pam Gutierrez, Captain Douglas Lee, Scott Wisenbaker, Sgt. Cari Coker, Captain Dan Rochelle, Judge Bonnie Robison, Edie Gracia, Brittney Nolan

The workgroup met on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Denton Public Safety Training Center. The workgroup reviewed the Law Enforcement Training Video surrounding mental health response. The workgroup elected to have the video transferred to a secure site and strategically shared with local, smaller agencies. The video has initially been released to Denton PD, Lewisville PD and Denton County Sheriffs Office. Scheduled to facilitate North Texas Police Chiefs Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The workgroup review the Strategic Plan and made recommended revisions. The Strategic Plan remains in progress for the Jail Diversion Workgroup. The workgroup continues to iterate the necessity of a Crisis Stabilization Unit with capacity to provide safe detox services to reduce law enforcement time and allow access to the appropriate level of care for individuals in crisis.

#### Short Term Action Items

- Disbursement of LE Training Video – North Texas Chiefs Meeting June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Funding and logistics for Sobering Unit/Crisis Stabilization
- Finalization of Jail Diversion Workgroup Strategic Goal
- Advocacy for SB 292 and diversionary measures for justice involved individuals with MH needs

#### Accomplishments

- Finalization of the LE Training Video
- Development of proposed framework for “Familiar Faces” proactive intervention model
- Private donation to Denton County Specialty Courts

#### Concerns

- Funding for development of Sobering Unit and Crisis Stabilization Unit





## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

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### CHILD AND FAMILY SYSTEMS WORKGROUP

**CHAIR NAME: LISA ELLIOTT AND LAURA PRILLWITZ**

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#### Workgroup Summary

The group last met April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Workgroup meeting schedule is once per month.

Workgroup members: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Judge Kimberly McCary, Judge Tiffany Haertling, Amy Lawrence, Monya Crow, Rev. Richard Brown, Dr. Lisa Pierce, Sadaf Meckessel, Trish Robinson, Cheryl Aldridge, Sara Walterscheid, Edie Garcia, Terri Donsbach, Michelle Fox, Craig Daughtery and Ashley Buckles.

Attending: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Cheryl Aldridge, Edie Gracia, Terri Donsbach, Richard Brown, Michelle Fox, Sadaf Meckessel, Lisa Pierce, and Shion Neyestanki

The workgroup met on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>. The workgroup rededicated efforts to Texas Systems of Care Asset Mapping. The team divided categories of community assets and began entering data pertaining to resources through an online portal. The workgroup also discussed final logistics for the Flight to Freedom – Children's Mental Health Awareness Art Exhibit and Event. Proclamations through Denton County secured for Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in collaboration with the WATCH Coalition and Denton County MHMR.

#### Short Term Action Items

- Continuing Mental Health First Aid trainings throughout Denton County
- Pursuit of Texas System of Care certification
  - Divide Asset Mapping tool and compare against available resource directories
- Continue progress with Okay to Say Movement and generation of roadway banner
  - Pursue additional statewide partnership within Denton County
  - Strategic dissemination of printed Okay to Say materials

#### Accomplishments

- Children's Mental Health Awareness Event – May 6<sup>th</sup> from 11AM – 2PM at Denton Public Safety Training Center with approximately 70 individuals in attendance
  - Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell provided comments and announced My Feelings are a Work of Art contest winners
  - Public release of Okay to Say media campaign
- Okay to Say media campaign materials printed to include single page flyers, bookmarks, table tents, and three retractable banners with Denton County and child-specific data
- Mental Health First Aid training has been provided to 92 individuals in 2017 through the DCBHLT
  - Denton Police Department hosted training on April 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Medical City Denton hosted training May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Community wide training scheduled for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8AM – 5PM

#### Concerns

- Continued progress on Asset Mapping and Texas Systems of Care certification



## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

May 2017

### COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WORKGROUP

**CHAIR NAME: ELIZABETH FERRING**

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#### Workgroup Summary

Workgroup members engaged in Community Conversations are not identified for confidentiality purposes. The workgroup attendees remain fluid as representatives of the DCHLT and DCBHLT attend local, established groups.

The workgroup hosted Community Conversations through the Denton County community in the month of April and May. Community Conversations have been hosted at Vision Ministries, Our Daily Bread, Denton County MHMR – Lewisville, and the PRIDE Alliance at University of North Texas.

One of the primary desires of the individuals surveyed was a method for consistent community feedback. The conceptualization of an online portal to accept feedback from community members was generated in response to inquiries surrounding streamlined feedback at point of service or concern. Shion Neyestanki, UWDC intern, working alongside Elizabeth Ferring and Alex Reed to generate survey tool to implement for consistent community feedback.

Workgroup leadership also attended JED Campus visit alongside University of North Texas Mental Health Taskforce. Discussed community engagement on campus and increasing communal flow of information between university and outside providers. UNT working to strategically address mental health needs of students, with a focus on suicide and substance dependence reduction.

#### Short Term Action Items

- Develop and implement streamlined feedback portal
- Develop quantitative and qualitative metric tools
- Develop Strategic Goal for Community Conversation Workgroup

#### Accomplishments

- Establishment of workgroup leadership to support and guide strategic planning for Community Conversations
- Community Conversation hosted at Road to Recovery in Lewisville through Denton County MHMR, the University of North Texas PRIDE Alliance, Our Daily Bread, and Vision Ministries

#### Concerns

- Effectively scheduling diverse conversations
- Capturing and synthesizing collected feedback



## DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

May 2017

### MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT WORKGROUP

**CHAIR NAME: TAMI RUSSELL**

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#### Workgroup Summary

The group last met March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Workgroup meeting schedule is once every other month.

Workgroup members: Tami Russell (chair), Sgt. Cari Coker, Judge Doug Robinson, Katheryn Masten, Mira Brown, Yvonne Broach, Jeremy Hardy, Daniel Folmer, Judge Coby Waddill, Airaj Waheed, April McDonough, Dr. Roxanne Del-Rio, Armand Hill, Richard Godoy, Cheryl Ray, and Kathy Eubanks.

Attending: Tami Russell, Judge Coby Waddill, Jeremy Hardy, Roxanne DelRio, Kathy Eubanks, Mira Brown, Kathryn Masten, Jim Hurley, Richard Godoy, Judge Kimberly McCary, Laura Prillwitz, Prudence Sanchez, Shion Neyestanki, Megan Freed, Karen Anders, Shannon Ward, James Jones

The workgroup met on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Denton County Courthouse – Criminal Court #4. Tami relayed that the court has 5 graduates to date, with 8 individuals currently in court. There were 9 individuals in the screen process to be admitted to court. The workgroup discussed the marketing framework for Mental Health Treatment Court, including production of a Speakers Bureau and video.

A presentation was also provided by SOAR Juvenile Mental Health Court surrounding the implementation of Juvenile Mental Health Court. Each of the treatment team individuals highlight their expertise in working with the children and families engaged in SOAR. Reviewed logic model and phase of treatment for SOAR participants. Children receive a minimum of weekly counseling and parents attend weekly parenting courses. Laura Prillwitz indicated 75% of children involved with Denton County Juvenile Justice have a mental health need.

#### Short Term Action Items

- Generation of marketing and outreach materials for awareness and potential donors
  - Speakers Bureau presentation
- Webpage development for inclusion of donation option
- Outreach to large employers for potential partnerships and Mental Health First Aid offerings

#### Accomplishments

- Five graduates with successful completion of MHTC
- Public presentations with increased awareness through media coverage
- Court graduates expressed interest in serving a court mentors
- Award for \$10,000 grant funding through private donation to UWDC

#### Concerns

- Continued sustainability funding for participant costs, discretionary funds
- Timely strategic outreach to large employers

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**DENTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP TEAM  
BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team, "DCBHLT".

**ARTICLE II MISSION/VISION**

To significantly increase mental health access, services, and cohesive and complete treatments in Denton County. (A permanent vision/mission will be developed under the guidance of the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee and adopted by the DCBHLT).

**ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION**

**Section 3.1: Existence**

The period of existence of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team shall be perpetual beginning June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Section 3.2: Purpose**

The purpose of the Denton County Behavioral Leadership Team (DCBHLT) is to convene as a policy making team tasked with improving the planning, coordination, oversight, and implementation required to create systems change, for behavioral health services in Denton County.

**Section 3.3: Fiscal Agent/Backbone Organization**

The name of the agent and address of the DCBHLT is:

United Way of Denton County Inc.  
1314 Teasley Lane  
Denton, TX 76205

United Way of Denton County Inc. (UWDC) will serve as the fiscal agent and backbone organization of the DCBHLT to provide staff, guide vision and strategy, support aligned activities, establish shared measurement practices, build public will, advance policy and mobilize funding. DCBHLT shall serve under the auspices of UWDC. The fiscal year shall follow UWDC and commence on April 1<sup>st</sup> and end on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ARTICLE IV Appointments**

**Section 4.1: Appointment**

Appointment to DCBHLT is available to eligible entities as set forth below. The membership should represent the geographic, demographic and cultural diversity of Denton County, and to better serve the behavioral health needs of Denton County.

The members of the DCBHLT shall consist of the following entities:

- Denton County Commissioners Court
- Denton City Council
- Lewisville City Council
- Small Cities/Towns
- Health Systems, Hospitals, MHMR, Health Department
- Health Insurance Providers
- Human Systems, ISD's, Higher Education, Law Enforcement, WATCH
- United Way of Denton County

**Section 4.2: Terms of Appointment**

Initial appointments of the DCBHLT shall serve a two (2) year term to ensure consistency and maintain a working knowledge of the DCBHLT. Subsequent appointment terms will be developed by the DCBHLT consisting of two (2) and three (3) year terms.

**Section 4.3: Duties of Appointees**

To ensure members are actively engaged members are expected to attend 75% of the meetings.

## ARTICLE V MEETINGS

**Section 5.1: General Meetings**

Meetings of the DCBHLT will be held monthly for a period of six (6) months. DCBHLT members will review the scheduling needs to determine meeting frequency after the initial six (6) months. Meetings of the DCBHLT shall be held at the United Way of Denton County Inc. office. All meetings of the DCBHLT will be open to the public. Meeting agendas and minutes will be made available through the DCBHLT/UWDC website.

**Section 5.2: Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the DCBHLT may be called by an executive officer.

**Section 5.3: Notice of Meetings**

Notice of meetings shall be provided at least 3 days prior on the UWDC/DCBHLT website, and notification delivered by phone, mail, or email.

**Section 5.4: Chairperson/Co-Chairperson**

The DCBHLT shall elect a chair and co-chair to preside over meetings. In the absence of the chair, the co-chair shall preside.

**Section 5.5: Secretary**

The secretary shall be an elected member of the DCBHLT, and shall be responsible for the written minutes of the DCBHLT.

**Section 5.6: Workgroup Meetings**

Workgroup meetings will be held monthly or as needed to conduct the business of the DCBHLT. Additional meetings maybe convened as necessary to meet the goals and objectives of the DCBHLT.

**Section 5.7: Quorum**

A simple majority shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of DCBHLT business.

**Section 5.8: Voting**

Each appointee of the DCBHLT shall be entitled to vote in person or electronically if deemed necessary for the transaction of business. In the event of an electronic vote, members will vote accordingly and sufficient documentation will be kept and provided at the next official meeting. Only appointees to the DCBHLT shall have voting rights. Ex-officios and alternates attending meetings on behalf of an absent appointee may not vote.

**Section 5.9: Parliamentary Authority**

The meetings of the DCBHLT shall be governed by the parliamentary rules and usages contained in the current edition of the "Roberts Rules of Order" unless otherwise directed within these bylaws.

**ARTICLE VI Officers/BHLT Appointees**

**Section 6.1: DCBHLT Appointees**

The DCBHLT shall consist of no less than fifteen (15) and no more than thirty (33) members. Such number may be increased or decreased by amendment to these Bylaws and the DCBHLT structure. The DCBHLT shall be composed of appointees from the following entities.

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| (3-5) Denton County Commissioners Court                  | (1-2) Health Insurance Providers                                     |
| (1-2) Denton City Council                                | (4-8) Human Systems, ISD's, Higher Education, Law Enforcement, WATCH |
| (1-2) Lewisville City Council                            | (1) United Way of Denton County                                      |
| (1) Small Cities/Towns                                   |  |
| (3-7) Health Systems, Hospitals, MHMR, Health Department |  |

**Section 6.2: Eligibility**

To be eligible a person must be appointed by one of the above name entities as outlined in **Article 6 Section 6.1** and possess strong business, policy, or health background.

With regards to appointments:

- Cities/Towns should identify a council member, senior staff, executive, or community member;
- Non-profit organizations should identify a board member;
- Higher Education should identify a senior level representative;
- All others should identify a board member, or senior level representative

Appointees are expected to remain actively engaged and report to the appointing agency/organization on an ongoing basis to ensure accurate communication. In the event an appointee is not fulfilling their role, the DCBHLT will request a new appointee from the appointing agency/organization.

**Section 6.3 Officers**

Officers of the DCBHLT are eligible for two consecutive one (1) year terms. Elections will be held during the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in June.

DCBHLT shall call for a nominating committee to be formed to present a slate of officers annually.

Section 6.4: Chair

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the DCBHLT and shall exercise leadership to ensure the goals and objectives of the DCBHLT are carried out. He/She shall have the powers and duties of supervision and management as it pertains to the office of Chair. The Chair shall serve a one year term and be elected each year.

1. The Chair shall convene and manage meetings;
2. The Chair shall set the agenda;
3. Represent the DCBHLT at meetings;
4. Assure compliance with Roberts Rules of Orders

Section 6.5: Co-Chair

The Co-Chair shall assist the Chair in the leadership of the DCBHLT. The Co-Chair shall serve a one year term and be elected each year. The duties of the Co-Chair include, but not limited to the following:

1. Perform all duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair, and when so shall have all of the powers and duties of Chair.
2. Prepare to succeed to the office of the Chair in the event of the Chairs resignation or vacancy.

Section 6.6: DCBHLT Secretary

The secretary shall be an elected member of the DCBHLT, and shall be responsible for the written minutes of the DCBHLT. The Secretary shall serve a one year term and be elected each year.

Section 6.7 Past Chair

The past chair, shall be an elected member of the DCBHLT, and will serve in an advisory capacity to ensure continuity of operations.

Section 6.8 DCBHLT Ex-Officios

The DCBHLT shall appoint ex-officio members as appropriate. Ex-officios will offer input, but will abstain from voting on matters of the DCBHLT.

Section 6.9: DCBHLT Workgroup/Sub-Committee Chairs

Workgroups/Sub-committees shall provide ongoing reports and recommendations to the DCBHLT to ensure ongoing communication and leadership as it relates to the overall goals and objectives of the DCBHLT.

Section 6.10: Resignation of DCBHLT Appointees

Any member of the DCBHLT may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chair at least 30 days in advance, and by notifying the appointing authority.

Section 6.11: DCBHLT Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing agency/organization within 30 days of the vacancy and approved during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 6.12: Compensation of Officers/BHLT Appointees

The officers/appointees shall not receive a salary or compensation.

Section 6.13: DCBHLT Workgroups/Subcommittees

The workgroups/subcommittees of the DCBHLT are defined by the DCBHLT as deemed appropriate and necessary. Additional workgroups may be added and disbanded as needed.

- Veterans
- Housing
- Mental Health Court
- Jail Diversion
- Crisis/Detention/Commitment
- Child and Family Systems
- Integrated Care
- Workforce
- Community Case Management

#### ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the DCBHLT members present at any regular or special meeting. Recommendations shall be submitted to the DCBHLT at least thirty (30) days prior to consideration.

#### ARTICLE VIII NON-DISCRIMINATION


The members, officers, directors, committee members, employees and persons served by DCBHLT shall be selected entirely on a non-discriminatory basis with respect to national origin, race, religion, color, sex, marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, people with disabilities, age or veterans status.

#### ARTICLE XI CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Any appointee who benefits financially, directly or indirectly as a result of an action/vote must abstain from the action/vote. A "benefit" shall include the possibility, or appearance, of personal financial gain to the appointee. A benefit occurs when the member or a person in the member's immediate family, and/or a partner or other business associate, and or their employer stand to gain financially from the action/vote.

#### ARTICLE XII Confidentiality

It is the policy of the DCBHLT and workgroup members to annually review the conflict of interest and confidentiality form. A copy of this form will be distributed to all DCBHLT appointees and workgroup members for signature.

  
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DCBHLT Secretary

8-25-15  
Date



## 2017-2018 Officer Slate Nominations

- Past Chair: Judge Barbara Gailey
- Chair: Dr. Teresa McKinney
- Co-Chair: Chief Russell Kerbow
- Secretary: Dr. Lisa Elliott