



Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Hybrid Meeting**

Physical – United Way of Denton County, 1314 Teasley Lane Denton TX 76205

Virtual – Zoom Video Conference Link Attached in Email

**Agenda**

I.	Welcome	Chair	2 min.
II.	October Meeting Minutes	Chair	5 min.
	• <b>VOTE – Approval of meeting minutes</b>		
III.	New Appointee for DCHLT	Chair	5 min.
	• <b>VOTE – City of Lewisville Councilmember Ronni Cade replacing Mayor Gilmore</b>		
IV.	New Co-Chair Representative Nominations	Chair	5 min.
	• <b>VOTE – Approval for new co-chair nominee</b>		
V.	Review Current Appointee List for Updates	Chair	10 min.
VI.	COVID-19 Funding Response Update	E. Lusk	10 min.
VII.	Workgroup Updates		30 min.
	• Housing	T. Widmer	
	• Data	M. Fink	
	• Denton County Homeless Coalition Update	D. Adams	
	• CoC Ad Hoc Committee	D. Adams	
VIII.	Backbone Support Update	UWDC	10 min.
	• UWDC Homelessness Initiatives		
	• Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team Update		
	• Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team Update		
IX.	Public Comment	Chair	5 min.
X.	New Business	Chair	5 min.
XI.	Adjourn	Chair	2 min.

**Next Meeting Date:**

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# DCHLT Workgroup Reports

## DCHLT HOUSING WORKGROUP | CHAIR: TERRY WIDMER

### October 2021 – December 2021

The DCHLT Housing Workgroup has convened 6 times between October 15<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup> where 2 meetings were Veteran-specific and 4 were General. During each case conferencing meeting, members discussed clients that each agency is actively working with, including client strengths, barriers and housing-focused next steps, as well as received updates on available homelessness prevention funding and programming in Denton County. Workgroup members are provided an opportunity to report clients who have gained housing during each meeting to maintain quality communitywide data, as well as receive training and guidance on how to document a client's "housed" status in HMIS.

During both the General and Veterans meetings, members discussed barriers, strengths and next steps for households on the HPL, with a focus on new households or households with no recent Case Conferencing notes.

In the first General meeting in November, UWDC Backbone Support sought feedback from workgroup members regarding how to best serve and prioritize clients on the HPL who are not actively seeking housing opportunities or client who may be declining one or more housing opportunities. Additionally, workgroup members reviewed the workgroup's existing Strategic Plan and were informed that Strategic Planning conversations will be integrated into workgroup meetings in the upcoming months.

In the Veteran meeting in November, workgroup members advocated to assign teams of service providers to Veterans on the HPL, the method used during the 100 Day Challenge, where service providers are assigned to each Veteran on the HPL based on their housing needs and existing relationships with agencies and/or providers. This approach allows for increased accountability as a workgroup and mitigates potential confusion amongst providers.

### Short-term action items

- Seek feedback from workgroup members to update Workgroup Strategic Plan
- Reinstate "Treatment Team" approach in Veteran-specific meetings, actively assigning teams of service providers to Veterans experiencing homelessness based on their unique needs
- Continue to discuss standards for clients on HPL who aren't actively seeking housing assistance
- Cancel 12/20/21 and 12/27/21 meetings due to holidays

### Accomplishments

- Increased resource sharing amongst service providers to meet the needs of clients on HPL

### Concerns

- Service provider capacity to conduct follow up on action items identified in Case Conferencing
- Barriers to obtaining critical documents for clients due to continued COVID closures and restrictions (i.e. DPS and SSA offices)

### Next Meeting Dates

December 13<sup>th</sup>, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 17<sup>th</sup>, January 24<sup>th</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>

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## DCHLT DATA WORKGROUP | CHAIR: STEPHEN COFFEY

### October 2021 – December 2021

The data dashboard has been updated with October 2021 data and will be updated with November data in the first half of December. As of October 2021, there are currently 548 households actively experiencing homelessness on our Housing Priority List. This is an increase in households from 504 in September 2021, and 441 households in August 2021. Overall, the number of total households experiencing homelessness has been increasing every month since June 2021. The 548 total number for August breaks down into:

- 49 families
- 499 individuals
- 48 Veteran households
- 175 households who are chronically experiencing homelessness

Denton County school districts' data has also been updated for both June and August 2021 and will be updated with November statistics in the first half of December. The two largest school districts reported the following numbers in the summer:

- Denton ISD: 899 in June, 352 in August
- Lewisville ISD: 795 in June, 267 in August

At the suggestion of the HLT team in November, the dashboard was edited to include each school district's size along with their homelessness numbers.

Rapid Re-Housing continues to be the highest need regarding housing program types for our community currently with 52.4% of households on the Housing Priority List as of October 2021 scoring in that housing intervention range. Permanent Supportive Housing need is continuously increasing and is following closely behind with 41.4% scoring in the PSH housing intervention range. Housing intervention prioritization breakdown for October 2021 is:

- Diversion Services – 34 households (6.2%)
- Rapid Rehousing Intervention – 287 households (52.4%)
- Permanent Supportive Housing Intervention – 227 households (41.4%)

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During the months of August, September, October, and November 2021, Homelessness Data Management Specialist Madeline Fink held a total of 4 monthly HMIS Training meetings over Zoom, open to all agency employees and service providers. Topics reviewed during these meetings include:

- Coordinated Entry procedure, entering and exiting clients
- Making, checking, and acknowledging referrals
- Checking enrollments
- Accessing paused workflows
- Updating client services
- Using "Share Intake Globally"
- The HPL and prioritization

The next HMIS Training meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021. It will be a comprehensive review of all topics covered in the past four meetings.

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The data workgroup met in November to review ongoing data projects, discuss preparation for the upcoming Point in Time Count (PIT Count), and suggest plans for future data workgroup projects. Madeline reviewed the new additions to the HPL for the month of September to determine how many clients had accessed services in Denton County before but were new to the Coordinated Entry process and HPL, versus how many were brand new to homelessness services in Denton County during that month. It was determined that out of 124 new households added to the HPL in September, 67 (54%) of households were

brand new to services, and 57 (46%) of households had accessed services before or were classified as reassessments/returns. Based on this information and other data, Madeline and other members of the HLT and workgroup have theorized that both the homelessness need and the level of outreach of homelessness service providers are increasing in Denton County. More data is needed. With the guidance of the data workgroup, Madeline will perform this same analysis for data from the other months of 2021 and review this in future meetings.

In addition, the workgroup continued to review SPMs and Racial Equity information from the previous months. The SPM length of time experiencing homelessness for currently active households, as determined by reports from HMIS, was presented to the HLT alongside the usual length of time reported on the dashboard for housed clients. All basic measures and chart formats have been determined for future Racial Equity charts to be included in a Racial Equity dashboard for UWDC that is in the planning stages. The latest data for these charts will need to be compiled and the charts will need to be edited for formatting and appearance before the final product can be displayed. Madeline and the data workgroup will continue working on this project into 2022.

#### Short-term action items

- Update Data Dashboard for November 2021
- Plan next workgroup meeting for December 8, 2021.
- UWDC Homelessness Initiatives staff will compile latest Racial Equity data and continue working with other UWDC departments on the upcoming Racial Equity dashboard

#### Accomplishments

- Changes in school district data display have been made to the dashboard
- Monthly HMIS trainings have been held from August through November, with a final training planned for December 2021

#### Concerns

- The overall rise in numbers on the HPL since June 2021, especially among Veterans and those chronically experiencing homelessness, is continuing to cause concern among homelessness service providers and advocates in Denton County. UWDC staff and the data workgroup will continue to examine these trends to find more information and brainstorm potential solutions with providers.

#### Next Meeting Dates

December 8, 2021

# DCHLT Workgroup Reports

## DENTON COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION | CHAIR: DAPHNE ADAMS

### October 2021 – December 2021

The Denton County Homeless Coalition met in October and November 2021. The group discussed:

- Data from the data dashboard was presented and discussed.
- The Coalition was updated on current funding for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness in Denton County; including funding for ESG CV1, ESG CV2, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and THN's Barriers Fund.
- The Barriers Fund has assisted 339 households since its inception. Average cost per request as of November 2021 is \$451.37. The Barriers Fund is open to Denton residents, Lewisville residents, and Atmos Customers in need.
- The DCHC meetings have continue to incorporate agenda spots to discuss volunteer and/or donation opportunities in the community for community knowledge on how to get involved.
- 2021 Service Provider award process began. The nomination form was released, 11 people were nominated amongst both categories and each nominee will be shared on Facebook at the beginning of December. Winner will be announced following those posts on Facebook as well. A committee of Denton County peers met and selected winners for both categories.
- Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week occurred 11/13-11/21. DCHC had a social media campaign that shared videos from 5 different agencies focused on hunger and homelessness during the week as well as local data for both needs.
- PIT Count Planning is still in progress. UWDC staff is acting as PIT Lead for 2022 PIT as well. Volunteer registration is being released early December and trainings for volunteers will occur in January. The 2022 PIT will be 1/27/2022.
- 2022 Dates and Locations were confirmed for DCHC meetings.

### Short-term action items

Finalize planning for 2022 PIT Count.

Announce winner of 2021 Service Provider Awards.

### Accomplishments

Hunger and Homelessness Social Media Campaign for 2022 was a success.

Barriers Fund reopened for City of Denton Residents.

### Concerns

Donations to the Barriers Fund for household outside of the City of Denton and City of Lewisville.

### Next Meeting Dates

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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## CONTINUUM OF CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE | CHAIR: DAPHNE ADAMS

October 2021 – December 2021

The Ad Hoc Committee formed to review Denton County’s place in the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care. The committee met in October and November 2021. The purpose of the group was to explore the potential benefits and drawbacks of Denton County separating from the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC). Considerations include establishing a new Continuum of Care or joining a neighboring Continuum of Care.

The Ad Hoc Committee was formed from a group of representatives from each Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funded agency as well as representation from the City of Denton, City of Lewisville, Denton County and the Leadership Team. The group met twice during this time and discussed the overarching purpose of the committee, and some main questions or concerns currently. The focus following the first meeting was to determine if the funding in the community would drastically change before moving into more of the topics.

UWDC staff provided backbone support and did preliminary research on funding currently in the community and funding that would be available if Denton County was separated out of the TX BoS CoC. Preliminary data listed below in report was presented to the committee.

### CoC Funding:

Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN)    Amount available to the coverage area  
[https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-GeoCodes-with-PPRN\\_Final.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-GeoCodes-with-PPRN_Final.pdf)

Denton County		Dallas and Collin County CoC		Tarrant and Parker County CoC	
City/Town	PPRN Amount	City/Town	PPRN Amount	City/Town	PPRN Amount
Carrollton	\$89,737	Dallas	\$13,040,974	Arlington	\$2,936,508
Flower Mound	\$67,125	Allen	\$138,185	Euless	\$141,986
Lewisville	\$243,693	Carrollton	\$271,930	North Richland Hills	121,987
Denton	\$333,363	Frisco	\$201,699	Parker County	\$251,072
Denton County	\$439,238	Garland	\$1,957,251	Tarrant County	\$2,441,698
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,173,156</b>	Mckinney	\$269,630	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,893,251</b>
		Plano	\$446,430		
		Collin County	\$369,624		
		Dallas County	\$1,982,890		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,678,613</b>		
Cooke County		Grayson County		Fannin County	
City/Town	PPRN Amount	City/Town	PPRN Amount	City/Town	PPRN Amount
Cooke County	\$133,562	Denison	\$93,569	Fannin County	\$146,222
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$133,562</b>	Sherman	\$116,255	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$146,222</b>
		Grayson County	\$169,960		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$379,784</b>		

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)    Amount the coverage area already has funded/is spending  
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/2021/GIW/FY%202021%20TX-607%20GIW.xlsx>

Denton County		
Agency	Type of Project	Funding Amount
Giving HOPE, Inc.	PSH	\$448,600
Denton County MHMF	PSH	\$714,112
United Way of Denton	SSO	\$123,926
Christian Community /	RRH	\$415,924
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,702,562</b>

## ESG Funding:

### 2019 Allocation Explanation

<https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/home-division/esgp/docs/19-ESG-AllocFormula.pdf>

TX BoS CoC	Dallas and Collin County CoC	Tarrant and Parker County CoC
2019 PIT Numbers	8072	4538
2020 Allocation	\$ 3,643,643.00	\$ 1,296,412.00
2020 PIT Numbers	9198	4471
2021 Allocation		
# of Counties	215	2
Total Population of Coverage		
Waco/McLennan County	Bryan/College Station Brazos Valley	Wichita Falls/Wise, Palo Pinto, Wichita, Archer Counti
2019 PIT Numbers	193	123
2020 Allocation	\$ 143,048.00	\$ 189,009.00
2020 PIT Numbers	234	109
2021 Allocation		
# of Counties	6	7
Total Population of Coverage		

### TDHCA 2020 ESG Recipients

<https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/home-division/esgp/docs/20-ESG-Awards.pdf>

Denton County Non-Profits w/ ESG			
Agency	Program Type	Amount (THN Capped Agencies at \$300,000)	
Christian Community Action	HP / RRH	\$	269,000.00
Denton County Friends of the Family	ES / RRH	\$	245,655.00
Salvation Army of Denton	ES / HP / RRH	\$	299,783.00
	Total	\$	814,438.00

PIT Numbers	2019	2020	2021 (COVID)
Denton County	194	258	176
Cooke / Grayson / Fannin	179 84 (Grayson Only)		55 (Grayson/Fannin Only)

Staff walked through preliminary data with the committee during the second meeting and major points presented were:

- Dallas/Collin County and Tarrant/Parker County CoC's were both funding more projects than funding available to them, so Denton County would not be able to expand much by joining either Continuum of Care.
- Similar sized CoC's to what Denton County would be independently; Waco/McLennan County, Bryan/College Station Brazos Valley, and Wichita Falls area, all bring in less funding than Denton County currently does through the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care for their area. Meaning independently we would not have much room to grow from current programs.
- Neighboring communities that are in the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care; Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, are all underdeveloped in homelessness services in comparison to Denton County. Joining with them would not provide enough support or funding cause.
- Denton County would either be at risk of losing renewable grants already in the community or not be able to produce more grants or programs in the future if Denton County were to be independent.

With this presentation, staff for backbone support gave the recommendation that Denton County stay in the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care for the foreseeable future. The committee discussed and determined this was the best route.

Determination was made that Daphne Adam's, representing the Denton County Homeless Coalition and Christian Community Action (a CoC and ESG funded agency), would provide this update to the Leadership Team and the Ad Hoc Committee would close at this time. It was agreed that if in a couple of years, we believe our funding should be looked at again backbone support would research and provide insight if the committee should regroup at that time.