



**Friday, July 16, 2021 | 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting**

**Agenda**

- |  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| I. Welcome                                       | B. Troyer        |
| II. Approval of Minutes                          | B. Troyer        |
| III. Denton County Works                         | O. Mata Williams |
| IV. Workgroup Committee Updates                  |                  |
| • Child Care                                     | S. Redondo       |
| • Working Family Success – Financial Empowerment | A. McElroy       |
| • Workforce Navigator                            | R. Del Rio       |
| • Strategic Plan Workgroup                       | L. Jeng          |
| V. Denton County Leadership Teams Update         |                  |
| • DCBHLT   | S. Spencer       |
| • DCHLT  | E. Lusk          |
| VI. Backbone Support Update                      |                  |
| • Denton ISD Back to School                      | O. Mata Williams |
| VII. Public Comment                              | B. Troyer        |
| VIII. New Business                               | B. Troyer        |
| IX. Adjourn                                      | B. Troyer        |

**Next Meeting Date:  
Friday, Aug 20, 2021 | 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. | Virtual Meeting**





## **Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team**

8:30 am Fri, June 18, 2021

Virtual Meeting Over Zoom

### **Welcome and Introduction**

Mr. Bob Troyer calls the meeting to order and welcomes everyone.

### **Denton County Works Website**

Ms. Olivia Mata-Williams presents on the new Denton County Works website. Eviction prevention funds have been dispersed but the next step is to help individuals get back into the workforce. This website provides job links but also resources for resumes, interviewing, and other tips. Dr. Del Rio and Mr. Gary Henderson discuss how to track users with google analytics. Mr. Henderson also shared information about eviction assistance data and UW has helped 1700 households. 50% were unemployed and seeking work, 25% underemployed, 15% unemployed. We will use this to measure success with the website. Dr. Jeng suggested ideas for a feedback from on the website to get personalized success stories. Mr. Henderson shared the flier that will be sent out about website. Mr. Bob Troyer suggested flyers be sent to Lewisville area.

### **Workforce Navigator**

Dr. Del Rio discusses the navigator position. This will be someone to provide wrap around services to individuals looking for a job. Dr. Del Rio suggested revisiting the strategic plan to make sure they are aligned with goals. Dr. Jeng discussed the "community conversations" that Ms. Leah Jordan and the Needs Assessment Team are doing and tagging along with these to get the community involved in helping shape the navigator program. Ms. Olivia suggested connecting with librarians in the community.

### **Childcare Workgroup**

Ms. Shelby Redondo shared about the upcoming conference with 65 registered. Ms. Shelby also shared that they were awarded a PN3 grant from Texas protect that will include parent cafes and certifications for childcare providers in our county. The workgroup is also planning a stakeholder conference in the future. Lastly, Ms. Shelby is going to be a speaker at Campaign for grade level reading. Ms. Del Rio congratulated them on the \$50,000 grant.

### **Financial Empowerment**

Ms. Alicia McElroy said she is waiting to hear about grant proposals. They were able to have an intern come in and help with expansion of services in the Lewisville area. CCA was not ready to have them yet and public libraries will be doing them in the fall. Heart of the City is also another possibility. Salvation Army of Denton will soon have sessions. Cumberland and NCTC are starting soon as well. They are also working on adding to the Denton County Works website a link for financial coaching.



## **Behavioral Health Team**

Ms. Shanan Spencer discusses post-covid issues, specifically mental health. She recently started a monthly substance abuse support group. They are also gathering data about resources and barriers to these resources. Education campaigns in the community are also being planned. They are also partnering with Lewisville ISD to allow students to work on art projects depicting how covid affected them. In addition, a grant proposal for a mental health navigator is pending as well as veteran mental health grant funding. Dr. Jeng shared about the prevalence about anxiety around returning to work and the importance of the work of the behavioral team. Dr. Del Rio emphasized the need to share further ideas and discussion around mental health on social media networks to get the word out on important resources.

## **Housing**

Ms. Elean Lusk shared they are working on a strategic plan for the next two years. Denton County Homeless Coalition has two events coming up, veteran homeless celebration to acknowledge the 100 day challenge and all the work that has been done. And also the data reveal on September 1<sup>st</sup>. They also had a week long fundraiser selling t-shirts and raised \$600. They are also updating coordinated entry policies and procedures for new staff. Data dashboard is also being updated to be more streamlined and better reflect data more clearly. Partnerships with hospitals are also being worked on to better communicate about those leaving the hospital needing services.

## **Back to School program**

Ms. Olivia Mata-Williams shared about the DISD back to school program. The supply drive will be done through the school counselors. The goal is late July/early august.

## **Public Comments**

Ms. Olivia Mata-Williams introduced Jennifer Lozano-Yohn (video was not working) who is the HR director for Texas Health Resources hospital and welcomed her to the team.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourns at 9:34am.

If you have something you would like on the agenda for our next meeting, please contact Olivia Mata-Williams: [Olivia@unitedwaydenton.org](mailto:Olivia@unitedwaydenton.org)

*Ling H. Jeng*

Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng  
Secretary of DCWSLT