



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

**Agenda**

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| I. Welcome                                       | B. Troyer   |
| II. Approval of Minutes                          | B. Troyer   |
| III. Economic Development City of Denton         | J. Rogers   |
| IV. Economic Development Denton County           | M. Talley   |
| V. Workgroup Committee Updates                   |             |
| • Child Care                                     | S. Redondo  |
| • Working Family Success – Financial Empowerment | A. McElroy  |
| • Denton County Works Steering Committee         | R. Del Rio  |
| • Strategic Planning Committee                   | L.H. Jeng   |
| VI. Denton County Leadership Teams Update        |             |
| • DCBHLT   | S. Spencer  |
| • DCHLT  | E. Lusk     |
| VII. Backbone Support Update                     |             |
| • EdFarm   | O. Williams |
| • TWC  | O. Williams |
| VIII. Public Comment                             |             |
| IX. New Business                                 |             |
| • Hybrid meetings                                | B. Troyer   |
| X. Adjourn                                       |             |
|  | B. Troyer   |

**Next Meeting Date:  
Friday, September 17, 2021 | 8:30 a.m. to 10:00  
a.m. | Hybrid Meeting**



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

8:30 am Fri, July 16, 2021

Virtual Meeting Over Zoom

### **Welcome and Introduction**

Mr. Bob Troyer calls the meeting to order and welcomes everyone. Mr. David Koontz motions to approve minutes, Dr. Roxanne Del Rio seconds the motion for approval. No calls for changes, minutes approved.

### **Denton County Works Website**

Ms. Olivia Mata-Williams presents on the new Denton County Works website. Data reflects that the website was in the top three pages visited from our internal metrics. Updates to the website include a feedback form to capture success stories and improvements

### **Workforce Navigator**

Dr. Del Rio, seeks clarification to update name change of workgroup to better describe what the group is aiming to accomplish. Discussion to clarify the inclusion of "Denton County" to speak to the county level. Denton County Works Steering Committee is approved by appointees. Ms. Williams updated that geographic data from the Eviction Prevention program is being worked on to disseminate to the committee. Ms. Williams invited the appointees to the Community Needs Assessment listening sessions and Dr. Del Rio defines the impact to the leadership team for future planning. Dr. Del Rio prompts Ms. Jessica Rogers about the unemployment rate for the county at 4% and for Denton to be near 3.5% [which is considered to equal zero]. Discussion continues about ALICE population and focuses on underemployment and while the unemployment rate is low, the underemployment will be an ongoing population we evaluate alongside the unemployment. Discussion about psychosocial aspect of ALICE and finances commences, Ms. Alicia McElroy speaks to financial coaching clients taking an average of six months before a change is seen in clients.

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

Dr. Jeng shared the goal to update the language and review the goals of the overall strategic plan and noted the committee will reconvene on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Childcare Workgroup**

Ms. Shelby Redondo shared their conference was a success with over 90 participants and 18 learning tracks. They will plan the next conference to include an in-person option and continued virtual presence. There are an additional six new participants added to the Family Child Care Network. Lastly, the grant was a candidate for renewal and we will find out approval by mid-August.

## **Financial Empowerment**

Ms. Alicia McElroy updated the Lewisville CDBG funds were not awarded and are pending results from the Schwab grant. The financial coaching clients are meeting in-person for the first time. First United Bank presented on financial management, second chance banking, best practices, and financial coaching. NCTC continues their education outreach as well. New partner update, Salvation Army is now connected to our financial coaching services, and will track how the new demographic is progressing. Also, seeking out their rapid rehousing population as they are in high need. Expanding to City of Lewisville libraries for outreach, starting in the Fall. The Denton County Works website now includes an online scheduler to access financial coaches.

## **Behavioral Health Team**

Ms. Shanan Spencer informs the team about Brittany Waymack's [MHMR] presentation on the updated data on psychiatric triage and suicide rates in Denton County. In 2020, there were 81 deaths by suicide and in the first six months of 2021, there have been 53 deaths by suicide. Additionally, the 15 to 24-year age range is the population age most impacted, we are exploring the correlation of COVID-19 and the intersection of returning to school. We are looking to implement programs in schools, trainings at United Way, disperse information throughout the county as well. Dr. Del Rio is partnering to address re-entry back to school and training for faculty and staff to prepare for the students in-person return. Ms. Spencer is also awaiting results from the City of Lewisville CDBG awarding to fund the mental health navigators. Dr. Del Rio recommends extending Ms. Waymack's presentation to the Workforce Leadership Team meeting.

## **Housing**

Ms. Elena Lusk, was celebrating their 100-day challenge of housing 65% of the veterans in the county. No further updates.

## **Backbone Support**

Ms. Williams updates the Back-to-School information and notes that Denton ISD is not hosting a fair, but plan to next school year.

Ms. Williams updates the team about the EdFarm grant, UWDC's executive committee approved the EdFarm MOU and officially entered the collaboration. UWDC will meet with EdFarm and Apple in August to present ideas. Dr. Del Rio asks about the funding if Governor Abbott does not sign on the infrastructure, Ms. Williams specifies the public/private aspect of the grant and the possibility to move forward with Apple funding only; the budget would be significantly reduced.

## **Public Comments**

Councilman Troyer adds his conversations with passengers about their workforce efforts and notes that several of his passengers are employed by multiple businesses simultaneously.



**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourns at 10:08am.

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)



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