



Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

September 19, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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

Agenda

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| I. | Welcome | T. Widmer | 5 min. |
| II. | Consideration of Minutes from July meeting. Minutes attached for review. | T. Widmer | 2 min. |
| III. | Presentation: Office of the Governor’s Child Sex Trafficking Team – Denton County | Dr. T. Grover/M. Boren | 30 min. |
| IV. | Homelessness Leadership Team Update | C. Cross | 15 min. |
| V. | Workgroup Updates
<i>See workgroup meeting minutes</i> | | 15 min. |
| | a. Veterans-Chris Martin | | |
| | b. Jail Diversion/MH Treatment Court-Captain Doug Lee/Tami Russell | | |
| | c. Child and Family Systems-Dr. Lisa Elliott and Laura Prillwitz | | |
| VI. | Backbone Support Updates | | 10 min. |
| | a. HB-13 Update | | |
| | b. Strategic Planning Update | | |
| VII. | New Business | | |
| VIII. | Public Comment | | |
| IX. | Adjourn | T. Widmer | |

Next Meeting: November 21, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

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July 18, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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Minutes

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| I. | Welcome
Terry Widmer called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. | T. Widmer | 5 min. |
| II. | Consideration of Minutes from May meeting. Minutes attached for review.
Terry Widmer called for a motion to approve the May minutes. Dr. Lisa Elliot moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Richardson seconded. May minutes approved. | T. Widmer | 2 min. |
| III. | Vote to Approve New Appointees
New appointees attached for review.
Terry Widmer reviewed slate and called for a motion to approve new appointees. Dr. Lisa Elliot moved to approve new appointments. Councilman TJ Gilmore seconded. New slate of appointees approved. | L. Elliot | 2 min. |
| IV. | Presentation : VA Annex / Dr. Jennifer Adams
Postponed for future meeting. | | 30 min. |
| V. | Strategic Planning Discussion
Convene Strategic Planning Committee
Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations attached for review. | L. Elliot/T. Widmer | 10 min. |
- Terry Widmer provided an update on strategic planning for the DCBHLT. The DCBHLT Chair and Co-Chair met and determined it's time to update our strategic plan. The DCHLT has accomplished most of its strategic goals, and workgroups will meet between now and December to identify new goals. Met and decided its time to update our strategic plan. Accomplished most our strategic goals. The Chair and Co-Chair convened an Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee comprised of the following DCBHLT appointees and workgroup members: Monya Crow, Pam Guterrez, Dr. Matt Richardson, Chris Martin, Captain Douglas Lee, Tami Russell, Laura Prillwitz, Dr. Lisa Elliot, and Terry Widmer.
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| VI. | Homelessness Leadership Team Update
Courtney Cross provided an update on the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team (DCHLT), which started three years ago as and follows the structure of the DCBHLT. A DCHLT update will be a standing DCBHLT agenda item moving forward. | C. Cross | 15 min. |
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The City of Denton and the City of Lewisville are considering budget items for homelessness which will result in increasing accessibility of emergency shelters and resources. UWDC staff traveled to Seattle to



research an Enhanced Shelter Model, which is a housing-focused emergency shelter model that pairs clients with a case manager, is low-barrier and has less entry requirements. The average length of stay in the Seattle model is 120 days, with an exit to permanent housing in 90 days. The Seattle model, along with their local United Way, implemented performance-based funding to set benchmarks, which later transformed into a method of determining housing success. The City of Denton is moving towards this funding model. UWDC brought the Enhanced Shelter Model to the DCHLT Shelter Workgroup along with the Barriers Fund, a fund of last resort for Denton County HMIS service providers. Eligible costs of the Barriers Fund include risk mitigation for hard-to-house clients and general client support. The Barriers Fund provides financial assistance that cannot otherwise be covered by grants, where these flex funds are used quickly by the community.

If funding is approved, MKOC will transition from 3 nights/week volunteer-based operation to 7 night/week paid-staff operation. 90 beds will be available, where 20-40 will be dedicated to Enhanced Shelter Model participants, 10 for persons living with a chronic illness, dedicated beds for women with children, and inclement weather beds. The City of Denton has listed these budget items as Tier 1. The City of Lewisville is also considering donating to the Barriers Fund and UWDC staff support.

The Enhanced Shelter Model focuses on permanent housing from day 1 with a focus on breaking down financial, emotional, and other barriers to housing. The metric for this model is not sheltering, but rather exiting individuals to permanent housing and maintaining housing for 6 months.

DCBHLT appointees discussed lack of screening for communicable disease at MKOC. TB is typical in emergency shelters. Dr. Matt Richardson stated that MKOC's transition to 7 nights/week could be a solution for people with infectious diseases. This is not a frequent need, but when it does occur, a solution is needed quickly.

Gary Henderson stated that the benefit of MKOC being locally governed within Denton County allows for increased coordination and alignment with the needs of the DCHLT.

UWDC recently connected with the City of The Colony who is interested in engaging in the DCHLT, and the DCBHLT with law enforcement and citizens.

UWDC was awarded the HUD Continuum of Care grant to increase county-wide accessibility of Coordinated Entry (CE) starting on October 1, 2019. This grant will fund an additional CE Specialist to partner to support street outreach, particularly outside of the Denton, and will sustain funding for UWDC's Housing Navigator which is in its first pilot year. The purpose of the Housing Navigator is to centralize housing search and placement, and more efficiently place individuals in permanent housing with an emphasis on building landlord relationships. The Housing Navigator currently has built relationships with 10-15 landlords who are willing to be flexible on eligibility criteria such as past evictions. Referrals are received via HMIS. Hope Galloway stated that the common person isn't aware of these resources.



The DCHLT also has a goal of, and is actively planning for, Ending Veteran Homelessness by 2020, in addition to engaging in a 100 Day Challenge where the DCHLT mobilizes service providers and resources to house 30 Veterans in 100 days. The upcoming Denton County Homeless Veteran Stand Down will be used strategically to identify potential clients. The DCHLT is working with service providers to improve wraparound services prior to housing to ensure successful housing retention.

The City of Denton and the City of Lewisville are considering conducting a housing study and developing a road map to determine future housing needs.

VII. Workgroup Updates

See workgroup meeting minutes

15 min.

a. Veterans-Chris Martin

Hope Rodgers provided a Veterans workgroup update. The Veterans workgroup has begun initial conversations surrounding strategic goals and planning. A recurring theme in this discussion is an increased need for resources for aging and/or isolated Veterans, as well as Veteran-specific cultural competency training for service providers.

b. Jail Diversion/MH Treatment Court-Captain Doug Lee/Tami Russell

Captain Douglas Lee provided a Jail Diversion/MH Treatment Court update. This workgroup will begin strategic planning in at the next meeting. There is a need to target one area to focus the group's time and resources on before moving on, rather than giving limited attention to all goals at once. Strategic communication with Judge David Jahn has been helpful in opening communication between law enforcement and the court system. There is a current focus on pretrial diversion and connecting potential clients to jail staff earlier in the process as a means of diversion.

c. Child and Family Systems-Dr. Lisa Elliott and Laura Prillwitz

Dr. Lisa Elliot and Laura Prillwitz provided a Child and Family Systems (CFS) Workgroup update. The CFS workgroup is seeking to reengage in a local Okay to Say efforts, a campaign intended to reduce stigma surrounding living with a mental health condition by encouraging consumers to talk openly about their experience. The workgroup is also interested in becoming more involved in anti-human trafficking efforts in Denton County, specifically regarding prevention, education, and identifying red flags. Human trafficking is becoming a bigger issue because juvenile trafficking is highly lucrative industry. The CFS workgroup has accomplished much of its current strategic plan and will be identifying new goals in the coming meetings.

VIII. Backbone Support Updates

10 min.

a. New Hire – Hope Rodgers

Courtney Cross introduced Hope Rodgers, UWDC's new Community Impact Coordinator who will support DCBHLT and DCHLT programs and workgroups. Courtney will be transitioning to Director of Mental Health & Homelessness Initiatives on October 1, 2019.



b. HB-13 Update

Leah Jordan provided an HB-13 update. The purpose of the grant is to increase access to mental health services for Veterans and Veteran dependents, those with housing needs, and justice-involved individuals, which is the largest component. Giving Hope, Denton County MHMR, and the Veteran Community Navigators (VCN) are currently receiving referrals. Barriers to program implementation include a delay in funding from the State, as well as the VCN program being transferred to Denton County. UWDC has submitted requests to amend the current grant, including a 6-month extension and using the funds differently within the grant. UWDC is awaiting a response during this pilot process.

c. New Appointee Orientation

Hope Rodgers provided information on a DCBHLT orientation for new appointees. Interested appointees can contact Hope directly or sign up during this meeting to learn more about an upcoming orientation.

IX. New Business

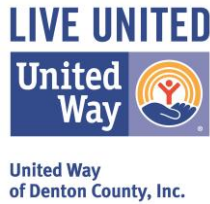
X. Public Comment

Mayhill Hospital hired new CEO Loren Fouch on June 1, 2019.

XI. Adjourn

T. Widmer

**Next Meeting: September 19, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
United Way of Denton County**



DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

September 2019

WORKGROUP NAME: VETERANS WORKGROUP

CHAIR NAME: CHRIS MARTIN

CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): C2W2MARTIN@AOL.COM

Meeting Summary (provide meeting date and items discussed during meeting)

The group met on August 22, 2019 to discuss its strategic goals. Workgroup members: Chris Martin, Liz Emerson, Nikki Perez Melanie Torres, Terri Donsbach, Michael Hunn, Richard Godoy, Jessica Caskey, Mira Brown, Roy Davenport, Louise Ferrill, Raymond Holder, David Garcia, Airaj Wheed, Paul Jurek, John Czapko

Short Term Action Items

- Identify and build relationships with collaborative partners that could enhance outcomes of strategic goals.
- Identify existing resources for aging Veterans and create a one-pager of resources for Veterans and service providers alike.
- Identify community need for adaptive physical training and home adaptations for Veterans.

Accomplishments

- The Workgroup has completed a first draft of its new strategic plan. Members will refine and prioritize goals in the October meeting, and will prioritize discussion surrounding establishing holistic programs to increase well-being for Veterans and their families in Denton County.
 - Primary areas of interest include resources for aging and/or isolated Veterans, military cultural competency training for service providers, supporting ongoing needs of Veterans experiencing homelessness, and resources to increase financial literacy and well-being for Veterans and their families.

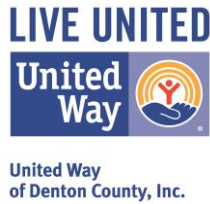
Concerns

- Lack of accessible substance misuse and mental health treatment options in Denton County.
- Lack of incentive for Denton County Veterans to participate in Peer to Peer Support programs and lack of clear programmatic expectations and outcomes. The workgroup is exploring prioritizing substance misuse as a priority subpopulation for Peer to Peer Support programs.

Next Meeting Dates

October 10, 2019 (Denton County Veterans Center)

November 14, 2019 (Denton County Veterans Center)



DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

August 2019

WORKGROUP NAME: JAIL DIVERSION/MENTAL HEALTH COURT WORKGROUP

CHAIR NAME: CAPTAIN DOUGLAS LEE AND TAMI RUSSELL

CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE): DOUGLAS.LEE@DENTONCOUNTY.COM AND TAMI.RUSSELL@DENTONCOUNTY.COM

Meeting Summary (provide meeting date and items discussed during meeting)

The Workgroup met on September 17, 2019. Workgroup members: Captain Douglas Lee, Tami Russell, Judge Robin Ramsay, Yvette Crain, Troy Manning, Judge Dave Jahn, Brittney Nolan, Pam Gutierrez, Barry Caver, Chief Daniel Carolla, April McDonough, Cheryl Rayl, Richard Godoy, Dr. Roxanne Del Rio, Daniel Folmer, Armand Hill, Tammy Terrell, Mira Brown, Airaj Waheed, Judge Coby Waddill, Paige Smith, Lieutenant Chris Summitt, Loren Fouch

Attending: Captain Douglas Lee, Judge Dave Jahn, Pam Gutierrez, Brooke Walker, Scott Wisenbaker, Jessica Caskey, Leah Jordan, Hope Rodgers, Adriana Langlais (UWDC Intern)

Short Term Action Items

- Identifying processes to streamline teleassessments, including compatibility amongst assessing and receiving entities, procedures, and use of information collected.
- Identify options for diversion to substance use and/or mental health treatment in emergency shelters.
- A subset of the workgroup will convene in early October to formulate a draft updated strategic plan.
 - The focus of the workgroup may shift to allow for intentional and consistent alignment with the Sequential Intercept Model.

Accomplishments

- HHSC and Collin County are interested in pursuing a different collaborative with Denton County MHMR for their Crisis Stabilization Unit.
- UWDC's requested HB-13 grant amendments were approved.
- The Crisis Intervention Team will be spending more time out in the community engaging with community members as method of diversion.

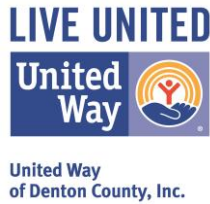
Concerns

- 1) HHSC Grant Collaboration fell through due to transitions in key leadership at collaborative agencies.
- 2) Lack of substance misuse rehabilitation and treatment options for unfunded patients in Denton County. The Mental Health Court is on track to receive 850 applications for inpatient treatment this year.

- 3) Mental Health Court budget does not align with legislative sessions, making it difficult to appropriately plan for changes in legislation at the local level.

Next Meeting Dates

October 15, 2019



DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

September 2019

WORKGROUP NAME: CHILD AND FAMILY SYSTEMS WORKGROUP

CHAIR NAME: LISA ELLIOTT AND LAURA PRILLWITZ

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Meeting Summary (provide meeting date and items discussed during meeting)

The group last met on August 23, 2019. Workgroup members: Lisa Elliott, Laura Prillwitz, Kimberly McCary, Amy Lawrence, Monya Crow, Lisa Pierce, Sadaf Meckfessel, Trish Robinson, Lishawa Jackson, Craig Daugherty, Suzy Gange, Suzann Woodward, Terri Donsbach, Ocean Anombem, Alisa Quimby, Ann Pape, Tasha Moore, Marquis Nuby, Pallavi Baisyat, Dameyon Landrum

Attending: Laura Prillwitz, Dr. Lisa Elliott, Judge Kimberly McCary, Tasha Moore, Monya Crow, Dr. Lisa Pierce, Alisa Quimby and Hope Rodgers.

Short Term Action Items

- Workgroup members voted to move forward with incorporating Okay To Say (O2S) as a strategic goal. Members reviewed Okay to Say's annual Partner Survey to understand expectations. The content of the survey collects information on the participating agency's experience, rather than performance. As noted previously, O2S is now targeting person's 35 years old and younger, specifically focusing on their inner circle (i.e. family, friends, social supports) with the goal of providing individuals with necessary tools needed to recognize when someone is struggling and how to approach them. Meadows Mental Health Institute will send out quarterly O2S newsletters to participating agencies, is updating their website, and will be starting a focus group in the fall.
- Prior to the August meeting, a CFS Interest Survey was sent in an effort to jump start the Strategic Planning process. Considerable progress was made; members identified their top three behavioral health priorities, which are to 1) educate, embrace and empower parents; 2) accessibility of resources for self-care, trauma, and acute needs; and 3) prevention and education delivered by people with lived impact. Group members also discussed existing activities they want to continue to support as well as other areas of strategic planning interest.
- Discussed human trafficking in Denton County. Laura Prillwitz is coordinating a free training for the CSE-IT screening tool for Human Trafficking, provided by Tomi Grover from the Office of the Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team. Workgroup members can email Laura directly to sign-up.

Accomplishments

Concerns

Next Meeting Dates

September 27 (United Way of Denton County)

October 25 (United Way of Denton County)

November 22 (United Way of Denton County)