

Thursday May 15, 2025

8 am – 10 am

BHLT Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Hope Galloway called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM and welcomed all present live and online.

Approval of Minutes: There being no quorum present, the Minutes from March 2025 meeting were not approved at this meeting.

Report from Local Mental Health Authority: Dallas Hamilton, COO for MHMR gave an update presentation of the Intake, Services, and Programs, for MHMR for the last quarter. She reported that capacity was reached and reported the overserves. There was discussion regarding walk-ins. There was also discussion regarding the effects on Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) intakes since the closing of Solutions of North Texas.

Denton Public Health Department: Alex Reed reported on the monthly usage of Credible Minds (200-300 per month). Sustainability for funding is non-existent. Cost of the platform is \$48,000/year. The company has granted Denton County a no cost extension through the end of the year 2025 because they believe in the work of this community. We have established that the application succeeds in reducing the stigma of Mental Health. Dr Richardson commented that the platforms are an access point to the system and serve as an opportunity for education. Users can self-identify their own entry point be it: People who are safe, people who don't know what they need or people in crisis. He also stressed the importance of the data for system evaluation. Gary made 2 suggestions for the BHLT as a team: 1. To help turn over rocks looking for partners for funding and 2. Making precise decisions about what we can hold onto and what we can let go of. He presented that this group's wisdom would be critical. It will also take some support around marketing. Alex will get out some talking points to the group based on the data to date. Included in that will be a quarterly report of the metrics from Find Help.

Workgroup Committee reports:

Cross Care Collaborative: Olivia reported that the group is in the process of in boarding new co-chairs. The group is continuing to update the SIM map and gathering data points to support the EOU (extended observation unit) planning. Keeping a watchful eye on the legislature.

Substance Use: Lauren Titsworth reported that they are looking to expand the group membership and identify their next system level project based on the recommendations of Kelly Partin's project as presented to the BHLT in March.

Suicide Prevention: Chair Dallas Hamilton reported that National Suicide Prevention Day is September 10th and there will be an outreach effort May- September collaboration opportunities.

Child and Family Systems: Laura reported that Emily Roden presented Frankly, which is a digital platform designed to help parents of tweens and teens navigate behavior challenges together. The group will be updating the junior Sim model and working on a social media project.

Data Workgroup: Juan Rodriguez announced that the workgroup has relaunched and is looking at long- and short-term goals that can be established based on the data that they currently have and are able to collect. They are looking for data/funding connections. Also, considering presenting Credible Mind data on the UWDC website.

Backbone support Updates:

Housing and Homelessness Leadership Team: Olivia reported that the data on this year's PIT count will be revealed May 28th at the Denton County Courthouse 2020 room at 9 am. All are encouraged to attend as this data drives a lot of funding for the county homelessness programming. She also talked about the impact of the use of the dashboard and its use as solution focused. Announced that Homelessness 101 is scheduled for Thursday, July 24 at United Way offices.

Workforce Success Leadership Team: Shelby reported that VITA (volunteer Income Tax Assistance) wrapped up April 15th. They filed 2,010 income tax returns for as many ALICE households which translates to about \$1.2 million returned to these ALICE households. This required over 1000 volunteer hours.

Advocacy: Shelby reported that SB 2623 the School Safety Zone bill which prevents “homelessness” within 1500 feet of a school failed but will be revisited in May. This could affect several Denton County nonprofits.

Public Comment:

Lauren Titsworth announced that Cumberland’s \$5 counseling program is now in Lewisville.

Adjourned: Next meeting is May 15, 2025, 8am – 10am.