



Date: April 14th, 2022 - 8 to 9:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting

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

Virtual – Zoom Video Conference Link Attached in Email

Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Chair Mayor Thomas Muir stated that the meeting began at 8:04 AM.

April Meeting Minutes

Chair Mayor Thomas Muir stated that the Leadership Team skipped meeting minutes. Elena Lusk will send recording, PowerPoint, and a vote for meeting minutes.

Meeting minutes were approved via email poll following the meeting.

Appointee 2022 - 2024

Nominating Committee Selection

Chair Mayor Thomas Muir and Elena Lusk began discussion on selecting a Co-Chair to replace Mayor Gilmore leaving DCHLT. Discussion from appointees was had on reviewing current gaps in appointees. Select appointees volunteered to convene in a nominating committee in order to continue conversation and select new Co-Chair for DCHLT.

Workgroup Updates:

Housing - Denton County Initiatives Recap Workshops

Terry Widmer and Elena Lusk discussed the housing workgroup updates. Terry Widmer reported updates on the new process of case conferencing meetings which now allots time to discuss new clients on the housing priority list, clients who are stagnant within the program, agencies to discuss difficult client cases, and client successes. The group will continue to meet weekly with two general case conferences and two veteran case conferences. Terry Widmer also expressed concern of the difficulty of communicating the updates and purpose of case conferencing to the greatly expanded staff who attend case conferences as a result of COVID-19 related funding.

Elena Lusk added that the work group had workshops with the direct agencies in March because there was a lack of participation and understanding of why there was case conferencing. Elena briefly presented on the Housing Crisis Response system workshop PowerPoint shared to providers in workshops and opened the floor to questions. No questions were asked, but discussion reviewing the Housing Updates took place.

Data Workgroup

Elena Lusk reported that the Data Workgroup last met in January and that the staff person taking on that role after the departure of previous staff person is still receiving training. Elena walked through the dashboard for Feb. 2022. Team discussed possible causes for increase in homelessness reports.

Denton County Homeless Coalition

Elena Lusk discussed the PIT count that occurred in January. PIT data to be confirmed. Elena also discussed the success of the first annual Homelessness Memorial from March.

Backbone Support Updates:

UWDC Homelessness Initiatives

Elena Lusk reported that the grant supporting the Rapid Rehousing Team and Homeless Prevention Team has been extended until the end of Sept. Eviction Prevention's remains in operation after shutting down for a month due to transitioning to using the Neighborly app. The following discussion addressed funding, ERA-1 remaining funds, the plan to use ERA-2 funds when the ERA-1 funds run out, and ERA-2 funds are expected to last mid to late 2023.

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team Update

Shanan Spencer discussed the team is preparing for May which is Mental Health Awareness Month, reported the team is working with municipalities to make mental health proclamations in April, work groups are progressing, mental health navigators are gathering data.

Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team Update

Olivia Mata-Williams reported that she has been meeting with county businesses that match the top 25 Texas labor analysis for North Central Texas to discuss how those businesses are struggling. Olivia Mata-Williams reported United Way of Houston utilizing the US Chamber of Commerce model and UWDC's plan to implement it. Olivia and an Our Daily Bread plan to discuss their Ready To Work Plan.

Public Comment

Dani Shaw reported that the City of Denton issued a RFI for a tiny home project and the feedback requesting for information from submissions to City Council on April 19th.

Michelle Connor reported that Grace Like Rain and Giving Hope are hosting a community forum on homelessness in the City Council Chambers next Thursday night. Additionally, that the land in McKinney and Mayhill for the Love First Community passed planning and zoning with City Council last week

New Business - No new business was introduced.

Meeting Adjourned – Chair Mayor Thomas Muir declared the meeting adjourned at 9:16 AM