



**Thursday, February 8, 2018 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

**United Way of Denton County, Inc. (1314 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76205)**

**Appointees/Ex-Officios Present:** Alice Mankoff, Chasz Parker, Councilman TJ Gilmore, Councilwoman Keely Briggs, Courtney Cross (Ex-Officio), Cynthia Harris, Dani Shaw (Ex-Officio), Gary Henderson (Ex-Officio), Herman Oosterwijk, Isabel Rodriguez, Jessica DeRoche, Mary Jones, Roy Metzler, Sandra Robinson, Terry Widmer, Thomas Muir,

**Appointees Absent:** Barton Duffy, Chief Lee Howell, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Kathy Srokosz, Mayor Chris Watts, Monica Glenn, Sherri McDade, Stephen Coffey, Valerie Foster

**Guests:** Savannah Peeples (representing Monica Glenn), Chris Martin, Alyssa Mostaffa (UWDC Intern), Karina Salas (UWDC Intern), Margaret Reams (UWDC Intern)

### **Welcome & Consideration of December Minutes**

Courtney Cross called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. as the Chair was not in attendance, and the Secretary had not yet arrived due to traffic.

### **Workgroup Updates**

#### *Ad Hoc Committee*

Courtney provided an update on the Ad Hoc Exploratory Committee. The committee met in January to establish goals and a timeline. The short-term action plan is as follows:

- 30 days – backbone support provide research of housing solutions and identify existing resources to execute large-scale housing affordable/permanent supportive housing development in Denton County
- 60-90 days – make necessary visits/connections with key stakeholders to further vet potential housing solutions
- 90-120 days – make recommendations to the DCHLT

#### *Data Workgroup*

Katherine Gonzales provided an update for the Data Workgroup. She presented updated data, and reported that the group is scheduled to begin holding Case Conferencing meetings, wherein they will utilize data from the Housing Priority List to prioritize people for available housing assistance resources. The group now has a working Veteran By-Name List. Current data below (per the Homeless Management Information System):

- Total number of households experiencing homelessness – 635
- Total number of Veterans experiencing homelessness – 45
- Total number of referrals made for housing/shelter – 379
- Total number of people housed – 3



### *Housing Workgroup*

Terry Widmer provided an update for the Housing Workgroup. The Doors for Denton County landlord outreach continues to progress, and the workgroup will continue to finalize the program design with local landlords and property management groups. Members expressed concern piloting the initiative with limited resources in the Barriers Fund and will collaborate with the Denton County Homeless Coalition to promote the fund.

Gary Henderson asked for a projected dollar amount allocation per household under the Doors for Denton County model. Backbone support will get those numbers for the next meeting. Backbone support continues to seek funding to support a Housing Navigator who will act as liaison for between nonprofit housing assistance programs and local landlords.

### *Community Conversations*

Backbone support continues to partner with the Denton County Homeless Coalition to obtain community feedback.

### **Denton County Homeless Coalition Update**

Dr. Mary Jones, the new Chair of the Denton County Homeless Coalition, provided an update. She reported on the 2018 Point-In-Time Count. Ninety-six volunteers canvassed the county from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and there were two count headquarters in Denton and Lewisville.

Dani Shaw informed the group of a data collective opportunity, Built for Zero, led by Community Solutions. Membership will expose Denton County to advanced practices for prioritization of people experiencing homelessness for limited community resources.

### **Backbone Support Update**

Backbone support informed the group that they submitted a letter of support for an affordable housing development in Denton. UWDC also submitted a collaborative grant application to Health and Human Services for increased mental health services in the county.

### **New Business**

Councilman TJ Gilmore requested a motion to approve the December 2017 minutes.

Motion: Terry Widmer

2<sup>nd</sup>: Isabel Rodriguez

Motion was approved.

Councilman Gilmore adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

### **Next Meeting Date:**

**Thursday, April 12, 2018 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. |**

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