



Thursday, April 11, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
United Way of Denton County, Inc. (1314 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76205)

### Meeting Summary

**Appointees/Ex-Officios Present:** Alice Mankoff, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Councilman TJ Gilmore, Councilwoman Keely Briggs, Courtney Cross, Dale Tampke, Dani Shaw, Emily Taylor, Mary Jones, Mayor Thomas Muir, Nicole Recker, Roy Metzler, Sheryl English, Stephen Coffey, Terry Widmer, Valerie Foster

**Appointees Absent:** Ashleigh Feryan (regrets), Cynthia Harris (regrets), Deputy Chief Frank Padgett, Gary Henderson, Isabel Rodriguez, Jessica DeRoche (regrets), Leroy Schuetts (regrets), Herman Oosterwijk, Josh Ashford (regrets), Kathy Srokosz (regrets), Mayor Chris Watts

**Guests:** Sarah Kuechler (City of Denton), Katherine Gonzales (United Way of Denton County), Alyssa Mostaffa (United Way of Denton County), Eileen Hall (Giving Hope)

### Welcome & Consideration of February 2019 Minutes

Chair Councilperson TJ Gilmore called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Chair requested a motion to approve February 2019 minutes.

Motion: Terry Widmer  
2nd: Dr. Mary Jones  
Motion was approved.

Giving Hope board member Eileen Hall informed the group she was attending in DCHLT Appointee Cindy Harris's place.

### Welcome New Appointees

Chair welcomed two new appointees and invited them to share their background. Dale Tampke is the new appointee for Health Services of North Texas; he has been in Denton since 2008, and also serves on the board of Our Daily Bread. Ashleigh Feryan is the new appointee for the City of Lewisville; she could not be at the meeting due to scheduling conflicts; the Chair assured the group that Ashleigh is a 'bucket of awesome'.

### Homelessness Data Report/Point-In-Time Count Report

Courtney presented a draft of the report. Appointees provided feedback and made suggestions for improvement. Courtney will share the final draft of the report when it is complete.

### Workgroup Updates

*Data Workgroup*



Katherine provided an update of the Denton County Homelessness Data Dashboard. As of March 31, 2019 there were 528 actively homeless households in Denton County's Coordinated Entry System. There were 29 Veteran households, 119 households experiencing chronic homelessness and 16 households experiencing homelessness as a result of fleeing domestic violence. Further details can be found online: <https://www.unitedwaydenton.org/homelessness-data-denton-county>.

The workgroup continues to make improvements to the dashboard and has identified a timeline for rolling out the addition of System Performance Measure updates over the summer.

### *Housing Workgroup*

Terry Widmer provided an update on the Housing Workgroup, stating that the addition of the Homelessness Initiatives Coordinator and Housing Navigator has helped to open doors. The workgroup meets biweekly for case conferencing to prioritize the top households on the Housing Priority List. The group reviews households categorized by priority population (chronic, Veteran and domestic violence survivors), and assigns action steps. Substance Use treatment is still a frequent and unmet service need.

### *Ad Hoc Committee*

UWDC backbone support has engaged a student group at UNT to assist in the aggregation and analysis of housing affordability data. Additionally, UWDC staff is participating in a City of Denton Affordable Housing Workgroup. The workgroup will meet before the June DCHLT meeting.

### *Shelter Planning Workgroup*

UWDC staff is working with City of Denton staff to identify funding options for recommendations made by the Shelter Planning Workgroup in their Fall Summary Report. The Workgroup will meet in early May to review a menu of funding options for recommendation to Denton City Council May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### *Ending Veteran Homelessness*

UWDC Backbone support continues to collaborate with Community Solutions' Built For Zero data collaborative to improve local homeless data and work towards the goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness by 2020. Additionally, the Denton County Homeless Coalition is exploring the possibility of a 100-day challenge early next year, to house 25-30 Veterans over the course of 100 days.

The next step towards these goals includes a Veteran-specific case conferencing meeting (scheduled for April 17th) during which Veteran service providers will identify barriers, housing needs and supportive service needs of all the Veteran households currently identified. This will allow us to identify common problem areas to focus on as a community, develop opportunities to enhance service provision and advocate for increased community resources.

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

Dr. Mary Jones provided an update on the Denton County Homeless Coalition. The coalition is planning a 100-day challenge to house 30 Veterans early next year. Mary informed the group that the coalition will be bringing bold, audacious asks back to the DCHLT and to local governments in June.



## Backbone Support Update

Courtney provided an update on Barriers Fund activity and on Denton County Days advocacy trip to the Texas Legislature in February.

## New Business

Chair requested any new business from the group. Councilperson Keely Briggs requested a presentation from a women's Veteran housing project in Lewisville. Sheryl English shared about a recent trip to Washington D.C. as a Denton Housing Authority Board Member; she shared that affordable housing is projected to be a hot topic during the 2020 election.

## Adjournment

Chair requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Motion: Councilperson Keely Briggs

2nd: Dr. Mary Jones

Meeting was adjourned.

### Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 13, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | United Way of Denton County, Inc.  
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