



Denton County Housing & Homelessness Leadership Team
8:00 AM Thursday, August 14th, 2025
Hybrid Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Terry Widmer opens the meeting at 8:04 AM. A new member, Julia Alessandra, introduces herself as the new City of Denton Homeless Programs manager.

Approvals: Meeting Minutes, Support for Coalition non-profit status, New Appointments

There is a quorum to approve 2 sets of minutes from April and June. All members approve. The second vote is to endorse support for Denton County Homeless Coalition becoming a 501c3 non-profit organization. Motion is approved. New appointments for Allison Stamey with CCA, Jesse Kent, the director of Community Services with the City of Denton, and Sgt. Chris Riley with the DPD is approved.

Denton Community Shelter: Our Daily Bread

Jenna Edwards is the Development Director at Our Daily Bread. She discusses the recent transition of a low-barrier emergency shelter model to a housing-focused shelter model. She discusses challenges, solutions, partnering agencies, and services offered.

Data Dashboard

Evelyn Sutton discusses the data of the housing crisis response system. They also touched on upcoming changes to how data will be collected. She concluded by announcing an upcoming line dancing fundraiser event on September 6th to support the Barriers Fund.

Workgroup Report Highlights

Workgroup reports are provided inside the meeting packet. Alina notes that the Texas Homeless Networks modernization efforts and HUD funding have no current plans to split the balance of funding, but there will be a meeting in a couple of weeks.

Backbone Support

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The Homelessness Responses 101 training for non-profit organization staff and other related professionals continues to expand. They are working to expedite SSI/SDSDI applications for shelter guests, improving the wait time from 12 months to an estimated 6 months.

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

Shelby discussed the update to the original needs assessment from 2015. The Suicide Prevention work group and the Suicide Task Force are now meeting together.

Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team

Shelby shared the Job Skills Workshop in August assisted with resume building and interviewing skills. The next Economic Mobility Mentoring Training will be in Lewisville in September, hosted by Sami. The Texas State Technical College will be presenting at the September 11th Workforce Success Leadership Team meeting.

Public Comment

Denton County Friends of the Family is going to do the groundbreaking for the Family Justice Center on October 27th @10 AM. PSH project is needing help for their gap funding.

New Business

No new business is discussed.

Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 AM

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 9th | 8 AM 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 and calendar notification.

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Det. Michelle Horridge
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