

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team Meeting

Thursday, July 16th, 2026, 8 am – 10 am

UWDC 1314 Teasley Lane, Denton & Zoom



Our Vision:

Comprehensive behavioral health for every person in Denton County

Our Mission:

The Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team will advocate and facilitate a collaborative person-centered behavioral health system to repair and restore lives:

- Ensure behavioral health services are available to meet the needs of all

Agenda

1. Call to order Hope Galloway
2. Vote to Approve Minutes Hope Galloway
3. Report from Local Mental Health Authority MHMR Staff
4. Recovery Resource Council Becky Devine
5. Backbone Support Updates UWDC Staff
6. Workgroup Committee Reports
 - a. Substance Use Lauren Titsworth & Becky Devine
 - b. Suicide Prevention MHMR Staff
 - c. Child and Family Systems Laura Prillwitz & Lisa Elliott
 - d. Data Workgroup Julie Wright & Juan Rodriguez
7. New Business Hope Galloway
8. Public Comment Hope Galloway
9. Adjourn Hope Galloway

BHLT Meeting and Minutes

Thursday May 21, 2026

8 am – 10 am

Call to Order: Hope Galloway called the meeting to order at 8:05 am without a quorum present.

Report from Mental Health Authority: Dallas Hamilton and Keelah _____ presented a report on intakes, services, programs and included service targets and waitlist services for March-April. Dallas reported that case loads are steady but not below capacity so waitlisting for non-emergency cases is still necessary. Keelah presented the highlighted program of the month, MST (multi system therapy). The program has 5 therapists and can only carry 6 patients. A patient stays in the program for 5 months. Working with the schools and law enforcement is part of the program. They are meeting their targets and outcomes for the program. Upcoming events were presented especially the Law Enforcement Summit is September 18th.

Approval of minutes: With a quorum now present, the motion to approve the minutes of March 2026 was made by Scott D. and seconded by Matt R. Approved.

Report from Denton County Public Health: Alex Reed and Rachel Herrera presented for DHPH. Rachel presented on calculating and recalculating happens for help seekers in MHN. They gave a data update on Links. They have already done 30 outreach events this year and have presented at the State capitol. Dr. Richardson thanked the County Commissioners for their support for the program as it works to navigate away from crisis. Alex outlined the Traffic and utilization of Find help and Credible Minds. This information has been shared at state and local meeting presentations. Links is updating and asking for help with Provider Partnership forms. Alex reported that they are requesting funding to WIC (Women, Infants and Children) for maternal mental health screening for equipment support to collect data. They are asking the BHLT for a letter of support for maternal mental health, link to care between WIC and MHN. Motion was made by Scott D. and seconded by Laura P. Approved with Dr. Richardson abstaining from the vote. The Grant is due June 6th and the launch date will be in November if approved. Alex also reported on a “community Listening” tabling event.

PIT Count conclusions: Olivia presented the data result slides for this year’s PIT count. The count was down by 37%. She explained the difference between the PIT numbers and those reflected on the Homelessness dashboard on UWDC website. Discussion around the people that reported mental health symptoms and access to care correlation. Dr. Richardson noted that the rate of decline in homelessness is significant and due to the work the Leadership teams do.

Workgroup reports:

Substance Use: It was reported that they are involved in studying the data collection to guide their next purpose.

Suicide Prevention: Reported on the success of the LOSS music festival held last week. They are currently looking for a new Co-chair.

Child and Family Services: Laura Prillwitz reported that they are working on educational and social media tools. The emphasis is on age group divisions.

Data: Julie Wright requested participation in a 3 question QR code pole for agencies and leadership team members. This will help in deciding what data is needed and why.

Backbone support:

DCHHLT: Data from this year's PIT count has been received and they are looking to schedule the PIT Reveal event.

WFS: Shelby reported that VITA is complete and is now finalizing the numbers and will have a presentation in July. The City of Lewisville is doing an economic mobility pilot for retired folks. A 1 year program that is looking for participants.

Public Comments:

Carlos Hernandez asked for a jail diversion project update. Information provided included that there is a lot of discussion behind the scenes and work being done as well as further delineation of what the needs are.

Julie Wright announced that grant applications for the THR community impact grant are due by Friday. Innovation is the focus.

Casey Smith of NAMI announced the continuing peer support meeting at UWDC.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

Next meeting is July 16 at 8:00 am at UWDC



WORKGROUP NAME: DATA WORKGROUP

Meeting Summary:

- Sent out survey to BHLT members and participants on data needs and wants.
- Reviewed survey results and identified next steps in creating a single resource page with data websites.

Next Meeting Date: 8/11/2026

WORKGROUP NAME: SUBSTANCE USE

Meeting Summary:

- Looking to collect data from all agencies to pinpoint need and availability of resources.
- Discussed current trends.
- Recruiting additional workgroup members.

Next Meeting Date: 8/12/2026

WORKGROUP NAME: SUICIDE PREVENTION

Meeting Summary:

- Focusing on community outreach.

Next Meeting Date: 8/12/2026

WORKGROUP NAME: CHILD & FAMILY SYSTEMS

Meeting Summary:

- Assessing community and family understanding of awareness, prevention, and intervention supports.

Next Meeting Date: 7/24/26