

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team Meeting

Thursday, November 20th , 2025, 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 Pam Gutierrez
4. Report from Denton County Public Health Alex Reed
5. Workgroup Committee Reports
 - a. CrossCare Collaborative Alessia Dal Monte
 - b. Substance Use Lauren Titsworth
 - c. Suicide Prevention Emily Daniel
 - d. Child and Family Systems Laura Prillwitz & Lisa Elliott
 - e. Data Workgroup Juan Rodriguez & Julie Wright
6. New Business Hope Galloway
7. Backbone Support Updates
 - a. Denton County Housing & Homelessness Leadership Team Olivia Mata-Williams
 - b. Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team Shelby Redondo
8. Public Comment Hope Galloway
9. Adjourn Hope Galloway



DCBHLT Workgroup Reports

October - November 2025

WORKGROUP NAME: CROSS CARE COLLABORATIVE

Meeting Summary:

- Collected data from the Denton County Courts for 16.22.
- Working towards multi-agency MOU
- Moving forward with building out legislative ask for behavioral health crisis center funding.

Next Meeting Date: 12/4/2025

WORKGROUP NAME: DATA WORKGROUP

Meeting Summary:

- Updating the 2015 Behavioral Health Needs Assessment for Denton County.
- Creating a one-page snapshot of behavioral health data in Denton County.

Next Meeting Date: 12/9/2025

WORKGROUP NAME: SUBSTANCE USE

Meeting Summary:

- City of Lewisville has presented a plan for the opioid settlement dollars they are receiving.
- Drafting a toolkit to guide municipalities for their opioid settlement dollars.

Next Meeting Date: 12/10/2025

WORKGROUP NAME: SUICIDE PREVENTION

Meeting Summary:

- Has joined the Zero Suicide Task Force with MHMR.
- Possible collaboration with other workgroups in regards to youth and suicide prevention.
- Did not meet in November

Next Meeting Date: 12/10/2025

WORKGROUP NAME: CHILD & FAMILY SYSTEMS

Meeting Summary:

- Mapped most of a sequential intercept map for juvenile and adolescents in Denton County.
- Hosted listening sessions with ISD counselors on impacts of SB 11 and SB 12, drafting advocacy plan.

Next Meeting Date: 11/21/2025

BHLT Meeting and Minutes
Thursday September 18, 2025
8 am – 10 am

Call to Order: Hope Galloway called the meeting to order at 8:05. Guest were welcomed: Veronica Armendariz, a new member from MHMR to the Data Workgroup, and Christine Shipley, a UNT student.

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting by Diane Hickey, seconded by Scott Dominique. Approved

Local Mental Health Authority report: Pam Gutierrez presented the report of intakes, services and programs for MHMR since July. She included, as requested, the Time to Service statistic – approximately 3 days for 2025. She highlighted the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) program. This is a \$15 million, 5-year grant from HHS. The goal is to show decreased jail and hospital Emergency Department visits. She introduced Emily Daniels as the new LOSS program coordinator. She outlined several fundraising events for the various programs. She was asked to report in the future about what services are on going in the jail for MHMR.

Denton County Public Health report: Alex reported that the MHN program has been operating for 2 years now. She compared the MHN program to the need for help navigating around Denton. They have been mapping the mobilization of navigating. There are over 600 resources available and they studied the sliding scale fee requirements for services along with mapping reduced fee providers. They are looking into the Emergency response flow for Credible Mind resources.

She then announced that Commissioner’s Court had decided to fund Credible minds for the 2026 year – applause.

She was asked for data on follow up statistics from MHN program. Dr Richardson added that capacity is preserved with use. There was discussion in the room about how to market these online services, what are the social media choices?

Workgroup committee reports:

Cross Care Collaborative – reported that they are working through Chair turnover. Elisia Delmonte has accepted chair. Their work centers on data collection. Currently they are collecting data from City of Denton and City of Lewisville.

Substance Use – reported they are in conversation with City of Lewisville about their plan for their Opioid Settlement dollars and would like to suggest collaborating with City of Denton on that use.

Suicide Prevention - Dallas Hamilton reported that they had a very successful event on the Square. They are pushing education and follow up with survivors.

Child and Family Systems - Laura and Lisa reported that they are working their way through the juvenile SIMS. They are pivoting off the social media campaign and discussing how to get the word to parents in the ISD's. They hope to collaborate with Community in Schools and PTAs.

Data – Juan reported that they are collaborating to get internet the data available through the partnerships on BHLT. Their effort is to present a snapshot of the Denton County mental health landscape.

New Business:

The 4th Annual Mental Health & Judicial/Law Enforcement Summit is tomorrow. A warning that the Bonnie Brae exit off I35 is closed.

Backbone Support:

Staff updates: Evelyn Sutton has been promoted to CE & Diversion Manager and Kelly Parton has been hired to be the Data Integration Manager.

HHLT – the Health Care Workgroup is working on a resource navigation tool and mapping in support of the need for an Extended Observation Unit.

Workforce Success – is reshaping the website to better navigate folks to employment pathways. They are working with economic development to survey employees and talking workforce mobility.

Public Comment:

Lauren Titsworth announced Cumberland has initiated \$5 counseling sessions at their Lewisville site. They have 100 clients enrolled in the Denton program.

Shana Hazzard with Lena Pope counseling in Roanoke announced they would go live October 13th. They will have bilingual and play therapy available.

Communities in Schools has expanded to 3 new sites.

City of Denton announced that their Mental Health responders would be moving from the Police Department to the Community Services Department.

Oak Point United Against Suicide exists to recognize signs and reduce stigma. They are looking to collaborate. A flyer will follow.

UBH has incorporated geriatric beds since Mayhill closed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

Next meeting : November 20, 2025 at 8:00 am – 9:30 am