



Thursday, February 12, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Physical –UWDC Community Room: 1314 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76205

Virtual – Zoom Video Conference Link Attached in Email

Agenda:

I.	Welcome & Introductions	Chair	3 min.
II.	Votes	Chair	10 min.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VOTE – Approval of Meeting Minutes December 		
III.	Point in Time Count Recap	Elena Shehan and Olivia Williams	15 min.
IV.	Workgroup Report Highlights		30 min.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare • CrossCare Collaborative • Diversion • Housing • Data • Strategic Planning Committee • Ad hoc CoC Planning Committee 	Isabel R. & Lisa B. Alessia D. & Carlos H. Daphne H. Terry W. Stephen C. Jesse K. Elena S.	
V.	Backbone Support Highlights (inside packet)	UWDC	10 min.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denton County Housing & Homelessness Leadership Team • Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team • Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team 	Olivia Williams Shelby Redondo-Macon Shelby Redondo-Macon	
VI.	Public Comment	Chair	5 min.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD Update 		
VII.	New Business	Chair	3 min.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair update, call for Nominating committee 		
VIII.	Adjourn	Chair	1 min.

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, April 9, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | Hybrid Meeting

Physical – United Way of Denton County, 1314 Teasley Lane Denton TX 76205

Virtual – Zoom Video Conference Link Attached in Email





Denton County Housing & Homelessness Leadership Meeting

8:00AM December 11, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

Welcome

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Terry Widmer.

Votes

Terry Widmer called for a vote on the meeting minutes for October and the special session in December, which were approved. A vote was called to appoint Peter Mungiguerra, board member for Interfaith Denton.

Strategic Planning Committee

Jesse Kent and Olivia Mata-Williams shared the draft strategic plan presentation. The leadership team provided feedback to minimize the number of recommended new committees and voted to include the ad hoc Continuum of Care Exploratory Committee, which will be chaired by The Path Home (formerly DCHC) appointee, Elena Shehan. The committee is tasked with evaluating the financial impacts of multiple scenarios: becoming an independent CoC, combining with Dallas & Collin, Tarrant & Parker, or combining with smaller North Texas counties. The committee will present findings at the April DCHHLT meeting.

Workgroup Updates

Data Workgroup: The workgroup continues to analyze criminal trespass data and explore additional cross-sector datasets. Work is ongoing to strengthen data-sharing agreements and improve data integration across systems.

Housing Workgroup: The workgroup highlighted the 340 people housed this year and discussed the importance of diversion strategies to reduce system strain and allow case workers to focus more resources on housing placements.

Cross Care Collaborative: At the recommendation from DCMHMR, the group will explore diversion center models and longer-stay options. Planning is underway for site visits, cost-benefit assessments, and review of diversion center budgets across Texas.

Denton County Homeless Coalition: Preparations for the Point-in-Time Count are underway, marking the 21st year of implementing the survey. The call for volunteers and items from the Amazon Wish List is still vital to make PIT 2026 a success.

Leadership team updates

Behavioral Health Leadership Team: DCMHMR was awarded a grant to cover the remaining six-month contract for CredibleMind.

Workforce Success Leadership Team: Economic mobility funding from Charles Schwab has been sustained, and a new Papa John's grant will expand economic mobility work with WIC families. The organization also received an IRS award for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Eight VITA sites will operate Monday through Thursday and on Saturdays, with a goal of recruiting 70 volunteers. Training for volunteers is available and accessible.

Public Comment

Since the special session, HUD rescinded the NOFO and Olivia encouraged the HUD funded agencies to work towards a plan to adapt to the new funding priorities that are likely to change with the next HUD funding cycle.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30AM

Carlos Henderson

DCHHLT Secretary



Housing: February 2026

CHAIR: TERRY WIDMER

OBJECTIVE & GOALS 2023-2025:

- *Improve housing outcomes for those on the HPL*
- *Identify and plan trainings to support best practices in case managers i.e., motivational interviewing and stages of change*

Meeting Summary (provide meeting date and items discussed during meeting)

Weekly meetings with front door agencies are held to collaboratively address barriers and develop solutions that support individuals and families progressing toward stable housing. Discussions focus on systems coordination, resource alignment, and continuous process improvement.

Short Term Action Items

- Analyze housing data to determine average time to placement and assess how individual and systemic factors influence outcomes

Accomplishments

- Housing crisis response system has housed 58 people since October 1, 2025
- Held 7 meetings in December 2025 and November 2026.
- Total YTD housed: 19

Concerns

- There is an ongoing need to identify and secure training resources that support frontline agency staff in delivering effective, evidence-based case management services

Next Meeting Dates

Weekly on Mondays, 3 PM- 4 PM (excludes holidays)

Hybrid; UWDC and Zoom



Healthcare: January 2026

CHAIR: ISABEL RODRIGUEZ & LISA BENTON

OBJECTIVE & GOALS 2026-2028:

- Increase access to healthcare services for people experiencing homelessness
- Increase community resources for healthcare workers
- Identify data points from participating organizations and agencies in Denton County

Meeting Summary

The workgroup convened to outline the next steps in planning for a medical respite program. Discussions centered on establishing a foundational set of goals to be achieved by the end of 2026, aligning efforts with community healthcare needs and system capacity.

Short Term Action Items

- Continue stakeholder outreach and expand membership across sectors
- Define and prioritize 2026 healthcare objectives using data from hospitals and community-based agencies

Accomplishments

- Drafted healthcare, substance use, and behavioral health rubric to roll out to agencies to divert from the shelter.
- Adding Baylor Scott & White to roster, they have 2 Denton County Heart Hospitals (Corinth & Denton), with a shared goal of system level improvement for the unhoused.

Concerns

- Agencies report an increasing gap in available healthcare services and persistently unmet medical needs among the unhoused population, highlighting the urgency for coordinated intervention and resource development.

Next Meeting Dates

First Tuesdays of the month, 12 PM – 1 PM



CROSS CARE COLLABORATION: December 2025

CHAIR(S): ALESSIA DAL MONTE

OBJECTIVE & GOALS 2023-2025:

- ✓ *Update local Sequential Intercept Model map*
- *Educate key stakeholders on system processes*

Meeting Summary

The group met on December 4th. Alessia Dal Monte and Kelly Partin presented an analysis of '16.22' data in Denton County, including arrest trends, eligibility for PR bonds, and proportions receiving involuntary vs. voluntary inpatient/outpatient recommendations. Approximately 20% of 16.22 evaluations originate from Criminal Trespass (CT) arrests, and a small subset (5–10%) of individuals drive 30-40% CT-related arrests resulting in a 16.22 filing. Alessia shared case examples of high-utilizer individuals, highlighting the significant costs associated with their repeated incarceration and hospitalizations

The group also discussed the potential benefits of a diversion center model. The team agreed to gather detailed cost data for both EOU and diversion center options, with Pam taking the lead on collecting budget information from existing facilities.

Finally, the CCC Workgroup reviewed the CCC strategic plan document. Comments and updates to be synthesized and discussed at next meeting.

Short Term Action Items

- Engage with HHLT to recruit a co-chair
- Define and quantify "high utilization" for data collecting across entities (law enforcement, behavioral health organizations, hospitals, court systems & jails, nonprofit organizations)
- Assess program design and costs for diversion center, blended EOU/diversion center
- Waco Diversion Tour, scheduled for Tuesday, February 24th at 11 am. Email Olivia@unitedwaydenton.org if you're able to attend.

Accomplishments

- Collaborating with the DCBHLT data workgroup to explore data sharing agreements
 - Draft review of an MOU template for data sharing agreements
 - Agreement for DCMHMR and United Way to have the starting agreement

Concerns/Considerations

- The need for hard data to quantify the county need, such as average number of people served, cost per person/per day
- There is a lack of adequate mental health diversion options for law enforcement



- New legislation that allows law enforcement to transfer responsibility of care

Next Meeting Dates

First Thursday of the Month, 11:30 AM – 1 PM (In person only, at the UWDC Office)



Diversions: February 2026

CHAIR NAME: DAPHNE HOUSTON

OBJECTIVE & GOALS 2023-2025:

- *Implement and support Diversion workflow in HMIS for agencies*
- *Identify and apply for additional funding sources to expand Diversion efforts*
- *Increase community dollars sourced for Barriers Fund*

Meeting Summary (provide meeting date and items discussed during meeting)

This group is identifying how existing funding is being spent on diversion efforts. The goal of the group is that this data will establish a baseline to support funding expansion and resources for diversion efforts. The group is also operationalizing Diversion practices for agencies and HMIS.

Short Term Action Items

- Add time to review Diversion enrollments during each Housing Workgroup.
- Using the monthly data dashboard as a guide for goal setting for the 80+ persons that fit criteria for diversion services
- CCA diversion pilot is open and accepting client on the HPL scoring 0-3.
- Reviewed Diversion Roll Out Plan Draft with workgroup. Plan to begin Diversion training with agencies in early 2026.

Accomplishments

- Established priorities for 2026: identifying funding resources, diversion categories, integration of Barriers Fund to goals

Concerns

- Availability of flexible funds to support diversion problem-solving efforts.

Next Meeting Dates

Zoom- 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2pm



January 2026 Backbone Support Updates:

Denton County Housing & Homelessness Leadership Team

- Backbone support co-lead PIT efforts for volunteer recruitment and donations from the Amazon wishlist. Backbone support operated the PIT Denton Hub, and coordinated volunteer efforts from 6:30 AM – 10 PM.
- Backbone support is setting up to meet with Baylor Scott and White to discuss healthcare access for the unhoused in Denton County.

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

- CredibleMind is being sustained for the 2026 fiscal year, DCMHMR was awarded funding to allocate towards the cost for CM.

Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team

- VITA Kicked off tax season this January, to date the team has completed 200 returns and \$522k in refunds.
 - Sign up here > <https://www.unitedwaydenton.org/volunteer-vita>