



Thursday, June 13, 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	5 min.
	VOTE – Approval of Meeting Minutes June VOTE – Approval of Appointments		
III.	DEAC Support Letter update	UWDC & DEAC	10 min.
IV.	HUD NOFO update	UWDC	15 min.
V.	Data Dashboard update	UWDC	10 min.
VI.	The Path Home	Elena Shehan	15 min.
	- CoC ad hoc committee update - Organizational updates		
VII.	Workgroup Report Highlights		10 min.
	- Healthcare - Diversion - Housing - Cross Care Collaborative	Isabel R. & Lisa B. Daphne H. Terry W. Carlos H & Alessia	
VIII.	Backbone Support Highlights (inside packet)	UWDC	10 min.
	- Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team - Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team	Shelby Redondo-Macon Shelby Redondo-Macon	
IX.	New Business	Chair	5 min.
X.	Adjourn	Chair	1 min.

Next Meeting Date:

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

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Denton County Housing & Homelessness Leadership Meeting

8:00 AM June 11, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

Welcome

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Terry Widmer, introducing Amber Taylor from LISD as a new representation from the school district. Welcomed guests, Scott Gilliland, Mo Underwood, Stuart Campbell.

Votes

Terry Widmer called for a vote to approve Amber Taylor as an appointee to the Leadership Team. Thomas Bledsoe moved to approve the vote, with Jesse Kent moving to second the motion.

Chair called for a second vote to approve the minutes for the April meeting. Jess Kent moved to approve the vote, with Elena Shehan moving to second the motion.

Denton County Eviction Advocacy Pilot

Olivia Williams presented the recap from the last meeting which approved the strategic plan prioritizing diversion and prevention by integrating data from the eviction data dashboard. Peter Mungiguerra presented a pilot program to start a Denton County Eviction Advocacy Center. Presentation highlighted Denton County eviction filings between 2019 to 2025 with the focus being on the most recent filing year of 2025. The plan is to represent tenants in need that are facing eviction at no cost and with no barriers to access for the tenant with the goal being to keep the tenant housed. Acceptance rate has been over 90% by agreement and other negotiation between legal team and landlords. Economic impact for Denton County is predicted to be 4000 evictions prevented per year, \$13,000 / taxpayer savings from placements in shelters, rapid rehousing or the need for first responders in addressing situations with unhoused individuals.

Estimated Project Costs:

- Option A: Southeast Denton, Precincts 3 & 6, account for 56% of all filings in Denton County, proposal costs between \$700k-\$840k
- Option B: City of Denton/DISD, Precincts 1, 4, & 5, proposal costs \$385k-462k

Potential starting point for the pilot:



Lewisville, Precinct 3, proposal costs \$340k to \$410K

Dallas/Carrollton, Precinct 6, proposal costs \$359k to \$430k

DEAC asked for a letter of approval and support from the Denton County Housing and Homelessness Leadership Team for the expansion and invitation to other interested nonprofits. Motion made to submit a draft by Backbone Support for a letter of support for DEAC and the vote to be made for email approval. Motioned by Thomas Bledsoe and seconded by Jesse Kent.

Data Dashboard: HMIS software used by county showed 243 households on housing priority list, 34 people experiencing homelessness for the first time and coordinated entry. The assessment showed a decrease as individuals returned from inactive. This decrease is partially linked to DV clients being prevented from being entered into the HMIS system and the workaround timeline. Prior living situations are considered when data is put together, and question was asked on the number of displacements that may have been caused from evictions. Data was presented from HMIS, VI-SPDAT scores, Housing Intervention Need, and Housing placements.

The Path Home: Elena stated the website would be launched, updated and live and social media content created. State of Homelessness event funds raised from trivia, \$137. Training was discussed for advocacy and continuing the collaboration piece and what type of training was needed. Coalition meeting will inform next year's training calendar. Discussed PIT count data for the Dallas and Tarrant CoC meeting. Submitted proposal to present THN conference. Continued conversation with UWDC for the Barriers fund and possibly get started the Veterans Barriers fund.

Workgroup Updates

Healthcare Workgroup: Lisa spoke on the group working on collecting list of local advocacy goals to get providers to put their information on the FindHelp platform

Diversion: Daphne spoke on making sure everyone was trained across the county in doing the same processes and identify what workflow for the different phases and types of diversion happening in the community.

Housing Workgroup: Continues to meet week and although reporting a lot of turnover from staff, backbone support, and agency staff in the past months they are coalescing very well now. Meetings, collaborations, housing difficulties, and data collection is clear.

Cross Care Collaborative: Carlos stated they were finalizing report on the jail diversion on the comparison with the Dallas County program that was requested. Everything is moving in right direction and efforts to work with the county have started.

Backbone Support Updates



Behavioral Health Leadership Team: Added points to the diversion center update; Judge Jahn offered his support for the diversion center. National Youth Mental Health Awareness Month is a launch point for the CredibleMind Youth site this month.

Workforce Success Leadership Team: VITA season is underway, 8 sites in Denton County, 220 returns \$579,000 back into the hands of the ALICE households. Advocacy workshop plans include looking at 2 dates in April to gather the workgroups from each leadership team for the purpose of drafting advocacy plans ahead of the next legislative session.

Public Comment

Chair brought up the funding for HUD that was opening up Friday, June 12th and all the changes that came with that. She took a poll on the plans of the partners.

- CCA stated the organization has chosen to renew for Rapid Rehousing.
- Giving Grace stated they are transitioning to a transitional housing grant
- Denton County Friends of the Family are moving forward the way they have been operating.
- UWDC will be transitioning to a supportive services grant which will allow other opportunities. UW added that the organization applied for the Texas Health Resource grant and partnered with other agencies to create a modernization for FindHelp on their resource navigation closing an important loop.

Shelby announced the success of the VITA program with Sami's leadership with record breaking numbers for the tax season with a \$2.3 million back to the Denton County taxpayers.

Chair announced the upcoming Housing and Homelessness 101 training on Thursday, July 23 from 1-4 PM.

New Business

Suggestion was made by Elena Shehan to have a Justice of the Peace on the appointee list for the knowledge and connections on the DCHHLT. Past representation had professional associations and should be considered in districts that have the largest amounts of evictions in the county.

CCA is shifting focus from rental assistance to put funds towards certifications to offer individuals a more holistic approach to financial well-being which will be effective July 1st, 2026, and called Seeds to Success.

Adjourn



Next meeting will be August 13th. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30AM

Carlos Henderson #390

Officer Carlos Henderson

DCHHLT Secretary



Healthcare: July 2026

CHAIR: ISABEL RODRIGUEZ & LISA BENTON

OBJECTIVE & GOALS:

- *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 increased access to healthcare services for the unhoused. Discussions have progressed from advocacy at the local, state and federal level to advancing efforts for hospitals and providers to orient to the FindHelp platform to build a trusted network. These efforts will improve how help seekers access information about services, connect organizations to be able to send referrals for help seekers to providers, and improve data collection to inform the county on trends, gaps, and solutions.

Short Term Action Items

- Continue stakeholder outreach and expand membership across sectors: working on connecting with ECI Medicaid enrollment support and THN for SOAR training.
- DCPH received FindHelp feedback from system users and have created a training menu to support onboarding and usage, expected to kick off training for the group in September 2026

Accomplishments

- Bridged the advocacy priorities to focus on increasing awareness and access through improved knowledge of FindHelp, starting with provider training, and working towards testing cross sector referrals.

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



Diversion: July 2026

CHAIR NAME: DAPHNE HOUSTON

OBJECTIVE & GOALS 2026-2028:

- *Implement and support Diversion workflow in HMIS for agencies*
- *Improve data collection for Diversion in HMIS*
- *Increase community dollars sourced for Barriers Fund*

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

Meeting was cancelled for this month due to vacation schedules

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
- UWDC Backbone support continues to gather case manager feedback as integration of the process takes place.
- Create a graphic that represents the Denton County diversion process.
- Work with Data workgroup on creating client encounters for diversion visualization

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.
- Tracking diversion activities within HMIS.

Next Meeting Dates

Zoom- 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2pm



Housing: July 2026

CHAIR: TERRY WIDMER

OBJECTIVE & GOALS 2026-2028:

- *Improve housing outcomes for those on the HPL*
- *Identify affordable housing solutions gap analysis*

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

- Increase consistency in participation from agencies
- Identify number of affordable housing units available in Denton County
- Continue migration to the HMIS-derived Housing Priority List (HPL) and support ongoing data quality and cleanup efforts.

Accomplishments

- Housing crisis response system has housed 147 people since October 1, 2025
- Continued progress toward implementation of the HMIS-derived Housing Priority List.

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



CROSS CARE COLLABORATION: July 2026

CHAIR(S): ALESSIA DAL MONTE & CARLOS HENDERSON

OBJECTIVE & GOALS 2026-2028:

- ✓ *Update local Sequential Intercept Model map*
- *Finalize Recommendation to BHLT & HHLT*

Meeting Summary

The group met on July 23, 2026 to complete the Diversion & Deflection center handbook. This work will be shared with MMHPI for the purpose of the feasibility study and legislative advocacy engagement.

Short Term Action Items

- Complete the Deflection/Diversion handbook in preparation for the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute meeting on August 14th.

Accomplishments

- After receiving approval from both BHLT and HHLT for the recommendation of the Denton County Mental Health & Jail Diversion Pilot, the support from Judge Eads and appointee Commissioner Mitchell, successfully assisted in funding the engagement with Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute to complete a feasibility study and legislative advocacy recommendations for the center.
- Funding support from Denton County, municipalities, private and public organizations contributed to fulfill the MMHPI proposal for engagement.

Concerns/Considerations

- Consideration for CCC future participation with the MMHPI engagement

Next Meeting Dates

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



DATA Workgroup: July 2026

CHAIR: STEPHEN COFFEY

OBJECTIVE & GOALS:

Identify ways to integrate data support for other HHLT workgroups to advance funding and advocacy efforts

Meeting Summary

There are currently 437 households actively experiencing homelessness on our Housing Priority List. The 437 total number breaks down into:

58 families	22 veteran households
379 individual households	85 households experiencing chronic homelessness
81 fleeing domestic violence	

Denton County school districts' data was updated in September 2025. The two largest school districts reported the following:

Denton ISD: 429 students (September 2025)
Lewisville ISD: 458 students (September 2025)

Housing intervention prioritization breakdown:

Diversion Services: Households (16.48%; n=72)
Rapid Rehousing Intervention: Households (58.35%; n=255)
Permanent Supportive Housing Intervention: Households (25.17%; n=110)

Short Term Action Items

- Applying new insights on Coordinated Entry-Diversion data to develop data entry best practices.
- Updating the Denton County Homelessness Data Dashboard for better readability and advocacy.
- The data workgroup will partner with Diversion workgroup to develop a process for Diversion data collection and integration into the data dashboard.
- Drafting an approach to documenting diversion-related services across Coordinated Entry (CE) front-door and supportive services agencies.

Accomplishments

- Synthesizing information about how data related to Diversion and Coordinated Entry are entered into HMIS.



- Leveraging HMIS capabilities for insights on homeless populations and opportunities for cross-sector collaboration.

Concerns

- Responding to agencies' operational needs alongside data quality improvement.
- Implementation of changing HMIS workflows and processes.

Next Meeting Dates

Occurs every second Thursday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Zoom



July 2026 Backbone Support Updates:

Denton County Housing & Homelessness Leadership Team

- UWDC met with Judge Kerbow and Judge Oliver to discuss eviction rates in Denton County. The Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center joined the meeting and provided the judges with data and possible next steps.
- HUD grant NOFO opened and UWDC will be applying to continue current work and expand.
- A support letter for Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center was electronically approved by appointees to support their expansion efforts in southern Denton County.

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

- Funding for the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute study in Denton County was secured.
- UWDC met with Connections Wellness Group and Restoration Youth and Family. Both have been recommended to have an appointee on the leadership team to represent private sector providers.
- UWDC met with KERA to discuss educational materials surrounding behavioral health for parents in Denton County. They will be presenting to the Child & Family systems workgroup in August.

Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team

- UWDC presented on 2026 VITA outcomes.
- Met with Little Elm ISD to talk about a partnership for high school students seeking CTE credits to utilize VITA training and volunteer hours.