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**Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>  
Virtual Meeting**

**Zoom Link**

**4:00pm-5:00pm**

**Agenda**

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| I.    | Welcome & Approval of Minutes             | Christina Williams- COL ED              |
| II.   | City of Lewisville Economic Mobility Data | Elena Shehan- COL Neighborhood Services |
| III.  | UNT Social Impact Lab Presentation        | Dr. Lisa Henry- UNT                     |
| IV.   | Workgroup Updates                         |   |
|       | • Data                                    | Christina Williams- COL ED              |
|       | • Economic Mobility                       | Shelby Macon- UWDC                      |
| V.    | Backbone Support Updates                  |   |
|       | • DCBHLT                                  | Olivia Mata-Williams- UWDC              |
|       | • DCHHLT                                  | Olivia Mata- Williams- UWDC             |
|       | • TVC Grant                               | Sadi Fesenbek- UWDC                     |
|       | • VITA                                    | Samantha Shead- UWDC                    |
| VI.   | Public Comment                            | Christina Williams- COL ED              |
| VII.  | New Business                              | Christina Williams- COL ED              |
| VIII. | Adjourn                                   | Christina Williams- COL ED              |

**Next Meeting Date:**

**Thursday, July 9th | 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Hybrid Meeting**



## **Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Meeting**

**4:00PM March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Hybrid Meeting**

### **Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 4:05PM. Meeting minutes approved with a motion by Christina Davis and a second by Scott Wood.

### **Career Team Presentation**

Michael Thompson introduces himself as the Director of Programs for the north central area. Career Team is the new contractor for Workforce Solutions of North Central Texas to provide workforce resources. Their approach includes business recruitment, online training modules, and additional programs for special populations. The biggest need they have is finding workforce partnerships in Denton County.

### **Workgroup Updates**

**Data Workgroup:** Christina Davis shared that the data workgroup is looking at employer data for areas that GoZone and DCTA don't service. They are beginning with the industrial area west of 35 in Denton.

**Economic Mobility:** Shelby Macon presented on the workforce navigator pilot. This pilot mimics the landlord navigator program but for workforce. The workflow for this pilot would start with a case manager referral and end with a workforce placement. The group approved this workgroup perusing grant funding for this pilot where UWDC would house the navigator.

### **Backbone Support Updates**

**Behavioral Health Leadership Team:** Updates are given by Olivia Williams. The CrossCare workgroup has been working on a diversion center recommendation. They visited Waco and Bell County's Diversion center. Later this month the workgroup will be presenting this recommendation later this month for approval and next month for HHLT's approval.

**Housing and Homelessness Leadership Team:** Updates are given by Olivia Williams. Olivia updates that the team is continuing to work on diversion efforts. In addition, PIT data has been shared and there will be an event in May to present the data.

**TVC Grant:** Olivia shared that Sadi is exceeding all grant metrics. In addition, TVC audited the program and came back without any findings.

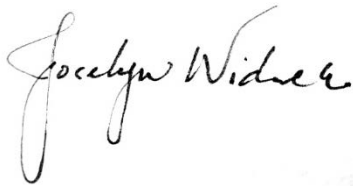
**VITA:** Shelby shared VITA wraps up this week. Year to date the program is performing ahead of last year's. Sami the manager over VITA will present in July to the leadership team.

### **Public Comment**

Christina Davis from City of Denton Economic Development shared she is retiring in April.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jocelyn Widmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

Jocelyn Widmer  
DCWSLT Secretary



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## DCWSLT Workgroup Reports

April 2026

### WORKGROUP NAME: ECONOMIC MOBILITY

#### Short Term Action Items

- Create a system map of resources and gaps based on the EMPathways bridge.
- Expanding membership of workgroup.

#### Accomplishments

- Presented on Workforce Navigator Pilot.

Next Meeting Date: 5/21/26

### WORKGROUP NAME: DATA WORKGROUP

#### Short Term Action Items

- Working on collecting data for West 35 project.

#### Accomplishments

- Have created metrics and timeline for West 35 transportation action item.

Next Meeting Date: To be determined.