



Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Meeting

4:00PM March 13, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

Welcome

Meeting called to order at 4:00PM by Dr. Roxanne Del Rio.

Catholic Charities of Fort Worth Presentation

Cindy Casey from Catholic Charities of Fort Worth presents programs offered by Catholic Charities, operating in 28 counties. Padua is a long-term case management program that includes financial coaching to increase emotional resilience. LIFT is a short-term program modeled off the Padua program, designed for participants to complete within 6-12 months. LIFT focuses on developing coping strategies, problem-solving skills, and generating plans towards resource stability, resulting in increases in financial management behavior, income, and savings, and decrease in debt. Ongoing data collection occurs via randomized control trials, which are beneficial for grant writing. Catholic Charities is looking for local partnerships for referrals and workshop collaboration and will be bringing the LIFT program to Denton County in April.

Workgroup Updates

Childcare Workgroup: Updates are given by Shelby Redondo. Childcare scholarships have been moved to a different platform. There is a need for childcare scholarships to increase their capacity State-wide.

Data: Updates are provided in the meeting packet.

Economic Mobility: Updates are provided in the meeting packet.

Backbone Support Updates

Behavioral Health Leadership Team: Updates are given by Shelby Redondo. This leadership team had a successful presentation by UNT master's student Kelly Partin surrounding substance use and data. A proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month is being created by this leadership team.

Housing and Homelessness Leadership Team: Updates are given by Olivia Williams. Point in Time (PIT) Count data was received earlier than expected, and the data reveal date is being moved from May to April at the Denton County Courthouse, as well as virtually on Zoom. Educational landlord engagement courses will launch April 22, at 10AM.

TVC Grant: Seeking renewal for the Texas Veteran's Commission Grant.

VITA: Updates are given by Teddy Yan. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is running successfully with the help of new Economic Mobility Manager Samantha Shead. There is an increase in volunteers, volunteer hours, and tax returns this tax season.

Public Comment

The Workforce Success Leadership Team has established a new nominating committee, and is seeking a chair, co-chair, and secretary. Nominations for these positions will soon arrive. Those interested can notify Shelby Redondo.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Roxanne Del Rio at 4:54PM.

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