



Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Meeting

4:00PM May 15th, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

Welcome

Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM by Councilmember Bob Troyer.

Catholic Charities of Fort Worth Presentation

Samantha Shead UWDC's Economic Mobility Initiatives Manager shared a presentation on this year's VITA season. Ms. Shead shared with the group this VITA season was a record breaker for tax preparation completing 2,010 tax returns. In addition, they saw a higher number of volunteer hours than last year. Ms. Shead stated that VITA had a few new volunteers devote several hours in addition UWDC placed more interns under the VITA program. Ms. Shead shared they will be focusing on grant writing and recruiting new VITA volunteers. VITA is also looking to expand partnerships with local ISD's.

Workgroup Updates

Childcare Workgroup: Updates are given by Shelby Redondo. Ms. Redondo gave an update on a few legislative bills that would impact childcare.

Data: Workgroup gave updates that they are looking at target occupation data and local economic development data.

Economic Mobility: Workgroup gave updates that they just completed a workforce and education asset map. They are also analyzing the data from VITA with those who completed and EMPathways bridge.

Backbone Support Updates

Behavioral Health Leadership Team: Updates are given by Shelby Redondo. The leadership team has been tracking a state budget riders that would assist in funding behavioral health in Denton County. In addition, May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the leadership team will have a proclamation to recognize the month.

Housing and Homelessness Leadership Team: Updates are given by Olivia Williams. UWDC recently kicked off the first landlord engagement series with the Greater Lewisville Association of Realtors. The PIT (Point-In-Time) data reveal is later this month. Lastly, UWDC has kicked off the Homelessness 101 Training again. This training assist non-profit staff in onboarding to Denton County homelessness systems.

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

Public Comment

Scott Wood with IFI Training announced they are willing to work with organizations to provide training and professional development.

The nominating committee proposes Christina Williams as Chair, Christina Davis as co-chair, and Jocelyn Widmer as secretary for the leadership team. These nominations are approved with a motion from Jack Wyman.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Roxanne Del Rio at 5:00 PM.

Jocelyn Widmer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jocelyn Widmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature, there is a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or mark.

Jocelyn Widmer
DCWSLT Secretary