

Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Meeting

4:00 PM September 11th, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

Welcome

Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM by Christina Williams.

Texas State Technical College Presentation

Kori Bowen from Texas State Technical College presented on their dual credit programs and workforce training initiatives, highlighting their mission to place more Texans in high-paying jobs through technical education and hands-on experience. Kori discussed TSTC's statewide presence, funding mechanisms, and various partnerships, including their upcoming Proposition 1 for GSTC, seeking \$850 million in funding for capital projects. The presentation covered TSTC's commitment to workforce training, its unique funding formula, and support services for students. Kori also addressed the need for expanded programs in Denton County and increased female enrollment in technical fields.

Workgroup Updates

All workgroup Updates were included in the packet for review by members.

Backbone Support Updates

Behavioral Health Leadership Team: Updates are given by Olivia Williams. The Leadership team is reviewing its strategic plan and making adjustments as needed to prepare for the end of the year. The Behavioral Health Leadership Team is still making strides towards an emergency facility, with the current recommendation being an extended observation unit. Additionally, the team is working towards meeting with the County Commissioner's Court and the legislative staff.

Housing and Homelessness Leadership Team: Updates are given by Olivia Williams. The Leadership team is reviewing its strategic plan and making adjustments as needed to prepare for the end of the year. The Healthcare Workgroup has been working with emergency rooms and the behavioral health crisis entities to help lay out a decision-making matrix.

TVC Grant: Updates are given by Olivia Williams. The Texas Veteran's Commission Grant was renewed, and the state increased our numbers from 45 to 100 individual veterans served. To hit those numbers, we have a partnership with our veteran community navigators.

VITA Grant: Updates are given by Samantha Shead. We are currently waiting for our grant to be approved. That approval should come on October 1st.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Christina Williams at 5:04 PM.

Jocelyn Widmer

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