



# STEERING COMMITTEE

## 03/25/2015 - MEETING MINUTES

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### Members:

Seat 1:	Roshaun Epperson – THN/Giving HOPE, Inc.	Present
Seat 2:	Sharell Clay – Giving Hope, Inc.	Present
Seat 3:	Leslie Wisenbaker – Solutions of North Texas	Present
Seat 4:	Sheila Harper – Denton Affordable Housing	Present
Seat 5:	Alice Masciarelli – Denton Community Health Clinic	Absent
Seat 6:	Michelle DeGrate – Christian Community Action	Present
Seat 7:	Chris Nowak	Absent

### ALSO PRESENT:

#### Guests:

Staff: Alonzo Peterson – Giving HOPE, Inc.  
Dani Shaw -- City of Denton

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### MEETING DETAILS – 03/25/2015

Call to Order 11:40a

### PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Approved February minutes with changes.

### COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE ACTIONS

- Jennifer Collins accepted role of General Body Secretary
- Information/Research – Alice Masciarelli (PIT Count, HMIS, Other Data Efforts – ie. 211 Data Integrity, Gap Analysis)
  - Roshaun – distributed 2015 PIT data results
  - Average length of homeless has declined from 12 months to 8 months to 5.5 months during the past 3 years
  - Total count went from 318 in 2014 to 267 in 2014; less children; more surveys but less total because of reduction of the number of children
  - Self-reported substance abuse is higher
  - 30% have fulltime job; last year was 8-12%
  - Roshaun will present a comparative report for the April General Body meeting
  - DCHC Steering Committee will schedule meetings with agencies to determine ways to address various needs identified in the PIT count
  - Michelle asked for back end fix for cleaning up HMIS data
  - Jesus with THN wants to come to Denton to implement HMIS at end of April
  - Discussion held regarding HMIS issues:
    - Types of data
    - Functions available
    - Desired functions
    - Level of usage
    - Increased cost of increased users versus cost of dual entry
    - Data migration costs of converting existing databases to HMIS either manual or auto
    - Modification requests given to Roshaun

- Coalition Building – Coordinating Resources – Dr. Alonzo Peterson/Sharell Clay (Denton CAN, Street Outreach, Bridging the Gap, Veterans, etc)
  - First 100K homes client has moved into unit
    - Homeless 9-10 years
    - Has cancer- will be starting with urologist
    - Stated he never realized how much he missed having a roof over his head
    - Will do everything needed to stay housed
  - Second 100K client moving in 3/26/15; is employed; has been homeless 8-10 years
  - Third 100K client will move in April 9<sup>th</sup>; homeless for 16 years
  - Bridging the Gap meeting will be held 4/16/15 at SONTx; breakfast and lunch available; topic will be transportation and childcare.
  - CATT (CAN) Sophia will be in Denton in April; intake will convert from paper to HMIS
    - Human services in Denton, Lewisville, Flower Mound, and Highland Village has funds that can be used for CAN implementation
    - Request Sophia assist with a grant for diversion funds
  - Elroy – VA Rep – back at Hope
  - Street Outreach
    - Liz has mobile HIV clinic going out on each event; funded by Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Advocacy – Danielle Shaw (Awareness Activities – Current Events and Initiatives.)
  - March 3<sup>rd</sup> Council work session agenda now April 7<sup>th</sup> – sharing DCHC activity and homeless information and will incorporate 2015 PIT data and 1<sup>st</sup> 100K Homes client
  - Emma Fowler has begun posting on DCHC and HOPE Facebooks; dramatic increase in Likes for both
  - Wheeler House grand opening is increasing Denton homeless services/agencies exposure
- Impact - Stakeholders – Leslie Wisenbaker (Bring new people to the table.)
  - Leslie stated increased membership due to HOPE’s Facebook post of first 100K Homes client
  - Added a church as a member
- Short Term Task Forces – As Appointed (Short term activities as needed, ie Bylaws etc.)

**WORKING/NETWORKING** – CONNECTION and/or PANELS discussion  
 Planning for upcoming Meetings/Events

- Veterans Coalition
- PIT Data and analysis

**Adjourned:** 1:00 pm

**[NEXT MEETINGS:**

**Next Steering Committee Meeting:** February 25, 2015, City of Denton, 601 E. Hickory, Denton, TX

**Next General Body Meeting:** April 8, 2015 at MCL Grand Recital Hall (Recital Hall will not be available Dec)

Approved: April 29, 2015