



STEERING COMMITTEE

08/31/2016 - MEETING AGENDA

STEERING COMMITTEE:	Present: YES/NO
Immigration: Stephanie Aguilar	NO
Temporary/Transitional Housing: Sharell Clay	NO
United Way: Courtney Cross	YES
Open: Roxanne De Rio	YES
Nonprofit: Michelle DeGrate	NO
Emergency Shelters: Brenda Jackson	YES
Community Member: Dr. Mary Jones	YES
Religiously Affiliated: Katie Klein	NO
Health Care: Alice Masciarelli	NO
Veterans: Christopher Mays	YES
Mental Health Care: Jordan McCarty	YES
Emergency Services (Police & Fire: Frank Padgett	NO
Children/Youth: Jessica Peters	YES
HMIS: Alonzo Peterson	YES
Legal: Prudence Sanchez	NO
Domestic Violence: Connie Schmidt	YES
Government: Dani Shaw	YES
Open: Marc Thompson	NO
Education: Carmen Washam	NO
Substance Abuse: Leslie Wisenbaker	YES
Employment: VACANT	V
Homeless/Formerly: VACANT	V
Housing: VACANT	V
Real Estate/Affordable Housing: VACANT	V

ALSO PRESENT:

Local Government: Jamie Kirby, Barbara Ross

Invited Guests: Kathrine Gonzales

Other:

1. MEETING DETAILS – 08/31/2016

Leslie Wisenbaker called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees were welcomed and the meeting began.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – 07/27/2016

Danielle Shaw moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Roxanne Del Rio seconded. Minutes were approved.

4. COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE ACTIONS

o Information/Research

Collecting and providing information for better decision making

- Danielle Shaw reported from the PIT Count committee. The PIT Count will occur January 26, 2017 so as to be in compliance with HUD guidelines that counts occur within a 10 period at the end of January over a 24 hour consecutive time frame. They are finalizing the checklist for volunteers and incentives. The volunteer signup will launch on-line after the committee's September meeting. They are discussing a medical health fair to be held around the time of the PIT Count. She reported that Frank Padgett is contacting other Denton County police departments to help identify where homeless people may be at the time of the count. Katie Klein is overseeing the incentives collections and Cumberland is the drop off and storage point for those. In addition, THN is revising questions on the PIT Count questionnaire.

o Coalition Building

Building relationships, partnerships, and collaborations to reduce homelessness

- Brenda Jackson announced that the Bridging the Gap event will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian September 30, 2016. Courtney Cross announced that the United Way has agreed to act as a fiscal agent for the event provided the DCHC decides beforehand how the money will be distributed.
- **Roxanne Del Rio made the following Motion: That the DCHC Steering Committee appoint a group within the DCHC Steering Committee to oversee the distribution of funds raised at the Sept 30, 2016 Bridging the Gap event." Leslie Wisenbaker seconded the motion and the motion was approved.**
- Five people volunteered to serve in that group; Courtney Cross, Brenda Jackson, Alonso Peterson, Roxanne Del Rio, and Jessica Peters.
- It was noted that there needed to be clear communication to the event attendees to better understand where the church funds were going and how used and to clarify this would be above whatever they were already giving directly to agencies.

- Advocacy
 - Telling the story of homelessness in Denton County*
 - Danielle Shaw reported that the City of Denton, the City of Lewisville and Denton County have provided a one-time allotment of funds in the amount of \$399,500 to help address issues caused by the loss of ESG funding for the year. She noted that the Homeless Leadership Team had a key role in helping secure this funding.
 - Alonso Peterson reported that the ESG agencies are working on how to redo the ESG grant application for next year. He also reported that they have identified at least six other foundations as potential sources of funds.
 - The THN has emailed a survey gathering feedback about dividing ESG in to allocations by region. Leslie Wisenbaker said she would email the contact person and indicate that we are not comfortable providing feedback until we have more information.
- Impact – Members and Other Stakeholders
 - Bringing more people to the conversation and getting more support for DCHC initiatives*
 - Danielle Shaw announced that the September 28 and October 26 Steering committee meetings would be held at the Denton Public Safety Training Center.

5. **WORKING/NETWORKING** – FACILITATED GROUP ACTIVITIES and/or PANELS discussion

- Leslie Wisenbaker led discussion on the future of the DCHC and what it wants to be/should be in terms of helping house the homeless. She reminded the group that current bylaws show that we are a collaborative agency and not a governing body. Members discussed whether we wanted to remain this or change to a more directed/fiscal body. Alonso Peterson requested that the committee investigate other former CoC groups in the state who are now homeless coalitions and what they are doing in their communities for ideas.
- After much discussion, which included ideas about how to interact with the Homeless Leadership Team, the following **motion was made by Leslie Wisenbaker and seconded by Roxanne Del Rio: That the DCHC remain an advocacy group and add into its activities communication of community priorities for homelessness to the Homeless Leadership Team and inform them from a collaborative agency, “eyes on the street,” perspective. The motion was approved.**
- It was decided that at the next steering committee meeting, how best to communicate these priorities to the Homeless Leadership Team will be determined and that a separate section on the agenda will be created for this activity.

6. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Agency and Community Announcements

- Bridging the Gap – September 30, 2016 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 205 West Oak in Denton

- 2nd annual Veterans Strategy Summit – September 15, 2016 from 10a.m. to 3 p.m. at Serve Denton 1980 E. University Drive, Denton.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

General Body:

October 5, 2016

The Mill 1980 E. University Dr. Denton, TX 76209

Steering Committee:

September 28, 2016

Denton Public Safety Training Center