



# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

07/26/2017

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## MEETING DETAILS

Location: Denton Public Safety Training Center  
719 E. Hickory St. Denton, TX 76205

## WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Jessica (Peters) Pool called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** – these could not be approved because there was not a quorum present.

## REPORTS

- CoC Representative, CoC Meeting – Jordan McCarty
  - Jordan McCarty reported highlights from the CoC meeting. These included that CoC webinar attendance has been good. NOFA from HUD release date was July 14. These funds support the MHMR Connections Program for permanent supportive housing and the Giving Hope HUD funded housing program.
  - Jordan reminded everyone that THN is holding its annual conference at the Omni in Dallas October 4-6. The CoC general meeting will be held Oct 4.
  - Courtney Cross noted that HMIS data is to reflect the entire Balance of State and are not used to reflect a local level drill down. We will be working with THN to identify ways to better analyze local data. Denton County has completed the needs assessment survey to help shape the LHC Toolkit. She also reminded that CE plans are due Sept 1.
  - Jordan reported that 23 agencies from the Texas Balance of State have submitted ESG applications. The amount to be allocated to this segment of recipients is \$3,134,458. The total amount the TDHCA has to allocate is \$8,000,000.
  - He also reported that the THN will have 9 positions to fill in the Board elections this fall. Nominations will be accepted in August.
- Denton County Homeless Leadership Team – Jessica Peters Pool
  - Jessica Pool reported that the HLT did not meet this month. Courtney Cross provided additional highlights of the prior Denton County HLT meeting, including that they have voted to that there should be a full time CE professional. Courtney presented to the Denton City Council and requested funding for this position and for a full time position for landlord outreach.
  - She noted that now that the United Way Denton County (UWDC) will act as a fiduciary agent for the DCHC, the 'barriers fund' can go forward. A first step is a 'text-to-give' campaign to be run in cooperation with the Denton Downtown Merchants Association. A committee was formed to develop guidelines for this fund. Members are Courtney Cross, Ginger Simonson, Katherine Gonzales, and Dani Shaw.
- Coordinated Entry Report – Katherine Gonzales



- Katherine Gonzales reported they she is finalizing policy and procedures and the prioritization matrix for CE. The HLT Data Workgroup is meeting to review these. She is also working to create a report of veterans who are experiencing homelessness. She plans to have a summary report to present at the next DCHC Steering Committee meeting of the housing priority list.
- Special Project Reports (as needed/can be in writing) –
  - Dani Shaw reported that the group called *100 Dentonites Who Give a Damn* have asked if we want to be considered for their funding at some time. The general consensus was to move forward with this.
  - Jessica Pool reported that the UNT Community Service Fair organizers invited DCHC to participate at their August 24 event. After discussion, it was decided that this fair was more suited to individual agencies (many of which are already participating), and that DCHC could have a flier at individual agency tables with PIT volunteer information.

## **MISSION FOCUS**

### **Listen, Learn & Act to End Homelessness**

*DCHC will be Systems Oriented, Mission Focused, Data Driven and Goal Specific through Special Projects, Resource Development Support, Community Engagement and Education, and Information Sharing.*

## **ADVOCACY & ACTION**

- Steering Committee changes
  - Nominations for Appointment of Steering Committee members to fill vacant seats were reviewed and a slate will be sent to the DCHC General Body for vote by email. There was also a general consensus that the Emergency Shelter, Temporary, Transitional housing seat be split into one seat for Emergency Shelter and Temporary Housing and another seat for Transitional Housing. These two seats will be filled during the regular election process this fall.
  - SC members who are not attending regularly will be contacted to determine their status and what to do moving forward.
- Plans were made for the August 2 general body meeting. There will be a short meeting followed by a watermelon social to help build relationships among members.
- Call for August Content Calendar items – theme is Back to School.
- Katie Chapman was named as the 2018 PIT Count Chair by general consensus.
  
- **BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING – ACTION STEPS**
  - Contact non-attending SC members.
  - Send out SC slate to General Body for voting
  - Pull together items needed for the Aug 2 Watermelon Social.

Jessica (Peters) Pool adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.