



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

05/24/2017

MEETING DETAILS

Location: Denton Public Safety Training Center
719 E. Hickory Street Denton, Texas 76205

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Jessica (Peters) Pool called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – Roxanne Del Rio moved that the minutes from the 4/26/2017 Steering Committee meeting be approved. Brenda Jackson seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

REPORTS

- CoC Representative, CoC Meeting –
 - In the absence of Lesley Mosley until her replacement is appointed to the DCHC Steering Committee, Jessica Pool attended the prior CoC meeting. Jordan McCarty will attend and report to the DCHC Steering Committee going forward.
 - ESG applications – There have been 25 ESG applications reviewed by THN. Last year 7 of 16 applications were approved and this year will be highly competitive again. The Denton County Homeless Leadership Team (DCHLT) has been asked for help in collectively planning for the future and improving our ESG application.
- Denton County Homeless Leadership Team –
 - Dani Shaw reported that a special meeting for a Housing Crisis Response System is set for 5/30 at United Way Denton County. This will include talking with ESG collaborative partners and discuss development of systems-wide plan for housing related programming in the county.
 - Dani Shaw presented a draft of a document to present to the DCHLT that proposes United Way Denton County (UWDC) act as a fiduciary agent for the DCHC with host pass through of funding for a small fee. The DCHC steering committee would provide oversight of funds. Using UWDC offers tax deductions on donations. Potential use of funds for barrier/flex funding; PIT Count support; or other small projects. This is needed in response to a variety of factors including downtown merchants in Denton feeling overwhelmed by panhandlers; DCHC can partner with them e.g., ‘text to give’ instead of giving money directly to panhandlers, for example. In addition, NCTC is moving to the old DRC building and would like to help with this campaign.
[\(https://www.atpaycom/myths-text-to-give-costs/\)](https://www.atpaycom/myths-text-to-give-costs/)
Motion was made by Dani Shaw and seconded by Roxanne Del Rio that “DCHC SC ask the DCHLT that the United Way of Denton County be asked to be the fiduciary agent for the DCHC.” The motion passed.
- Special Project Reports (as needed/can be in writing) –



- Dani Shaw reviewed the 2017 PIT count results for Denton County. The report was handed out to all attendees. Of note, equivalency of over \$11,000 in volunteer hours were provided for the PIT count. The data provide a strong foundation for describing a snapshot of homelessness in Denton County in a given day. The SC thanked Dani for her hard work in pulling together the report and her work in distribution of the data.
- Lewisville Task Force – has not met since last DCHC SC meeting, but they are working to hold an event for city and church officials similar to the Bridging the Gap event held in Denton each year. It was noted that One Community Church has moved to Lewisville and is beginning outreach. In addition, Valley Creek Church is also beginning outreach in Lewisville. Discussion around how agencies can best support, educate and work with these and other church based outreach programs was held. One area in which they may need the greatest support is in case management and in training to do the outreach needed.

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

- Jessica Pool reminded everyone to send content and stories for the June content calendar.
- Steering Committee changes
 - Michelle DeGrate announced that she is leaving CCA and moving to a new job out of town. Thus, she is stepping down from the non-profit seat on the DCHC SC. She did recommend a replacement that the SC will consider.
 - Dani announced that George Morrison (community seat) and Terri Gibbs (open seat) are both resigning from the SC.
 - Jordan McCarty is proposed to assume the CoC Representative Seat and he suggested someone to serve in the Behavioral Health seat.
 - Kathrine Gonzales is proposed to assume the HMIS seat.
 - Because of these changes, it was decided to look at the SC makeup again at the next meeting prior to confirming the various appointments.
- **BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING – ACTION STEPS**
 - Set the agenda for the June General Body Meeting.

Jessica (Peters) Pool adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

June 28 2017 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.; Christian Community Action; 200 S Mill St. Lewisville Texas 75057

ATTACHED: DCHC Meeting Attendance Sign-in Sheet [Minutes only]



2017 Annual Meeting Calendar

Steering Committee Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

- ~~January 25, 2017 – Denton~~
- ~~February 22, 2017 – Lewisville~~
- ~~March 29, 2017 – Denton~~
- ~~April 26, 2017 – Lewisville~~
- May 24, 2017 – Denton
- June 28, 2017 – Lewisville
- July 26, 2017 – Denton
- August 30, 2017 – Lewisville
- September 27, 2017 – Denton
- October 25, 2017 – Lewisville
- November 29, 2017 – Denton

DENTON: Denton Public Safety Training Center
719 E. Hickory Street Denton, Texas 76205
(NO PARKING in the Training Center Lot)

LEWISVILLE: Christian Community Action
200 S Mill St. Lewisville Texas 75057
(1st floor Boardroom)

General Body Meeting Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- ~~February 1, 2017 – Lewisville~~
- ~~April 5, 2017 – Denton~~
- June 7, 2017 - Lewisville
- August 2, 2017 - Denton
- October 11, 2017 - Lewisville
- December 6, 2017 – Denton

DENTON: The Mill, 1980 E. University Dr. Denton, TX 76209 *Address to change in August.

LEWISVILLE: Glenmore Savage Community Room - Lewisville Municipal Annex
1197 W. Main Street Lewisville TX 75067

CASE STATEMENT: DCHC Needs a Fiduciary Agent

Since DCHC is not a 501(c)3 it cannot collect \$money to support its projects. DCHC would like to ask for the support of the DCHLT to make a recommendation to United Way to offer backbone support of DCHC to conduct some fundraising for projects. Backbone support from a fiduciary agent like UW would offer DCHC a way to thank people for cash, product and in-kind service donations including a tax-donation.

COMMITMENTS:

- UW would manage the collection of \$money, process payments, keep a ledger and produce tax-donation letters in exchange for an administrative fee.
- DCHC would, elect a committee to develop program guidelines (approved by UW); promote giving option; manage the allocation by approving funds for DCHC special projects like Barriers Fun, PIT Count; and award available funds to agencies for small projects.

PROPOSAL: Text to Give Program

Program would help support three initial projects.

1. Barriers Fund (Flex-Fund, Housing Trust Fund)
 - Fund to provide incentives to landlords to provide affordable, low barrier rental units for local homeless housing programs, offset costs for unfunded programs (stuff grants won't pay for) ie. Diversion, short-term hotel for someone who is waiting on an approved housing unit, etc.
2. PIT Count
 - Raise \$money to support donations for survey's, incentives and volunteer support.
3. Panhandling Education Campaign. Downtown merchants are already planning a campaign to education the public about panhandling with a plan to put educational posters in merchant windows.
 - DCHC would like to partner with them to create a positive benefit for this campaign (not just don't feed the bears but...) to offer a way to give safely.
 - Merchants would produce the campaign materials, posters, fliers, etc.

DCHC would provide advocacy and oversee any funding made available.

Messages

- Educate about responsible giving (not to panhandlers)
- Instead of giving out of fear or frustration, how to give safely
- For those who want to help, an action step to give and education about how funds will be used.

4. Other projects like Bridging the Gap (phase II)