



# STEERING COMMITTEE 10/28/2015 - MEETING MINUTES

## STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Immigration:	Stephanie Aguilar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education:	Carmen Cheek	<input type="checkbox"/>
Temporary/Transitional Housing:	Sharell Clay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonprofit:	Michelle DeGrate	<input type="checkbox"/>
HMIS:	Roshaun Epperson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Real Estate/Affordable Housing:	Sheila Harper	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Shelters:	Brenda Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Employment:	Amanda James-Cotton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religiously Affiliated:	Katie Klein	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Care:	Alice Masciarelli	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veterans:	Christopher Mays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Care:	Jordan McCarty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Housing:	Gina Ortiz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Services (Police & Fire:	Frank Padgett	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children/Youth:	Jessica Peters	<input type="checkbox"/>
Substance Abuse:	Jan Pompei	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Legal:	Prudence Sanchez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Domestic Violence:	Connie Schmidt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Government:	Dani Shaw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Open:	Marc Thompson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Formerly Homeless:	Leslie Wisenbaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## ALSO PRESENT:

### GUESTS:

- Ruby DeJesus, Salvation Army Denton

### STAFF:

- Brittini Barnett, Town of Flower Mound

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## MEETING DETAILS

### PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – 09/30/15

- A simple majority of members was not present to approve.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Christopher Mays was appointed to serve as secretary for the DCHC Steering Committee and General Body. He will record meeting and transcribe minutes.
- To accommodate the holidays, the November Steering Committee meeting will be 11/18/15 and December Steering Committee meeting will be 12/16/15. Additional discussion about alternating meeting sites between Lewisville and Denton. The consensus was to look at holding the meeting in Lewisville once a quarter.
- Members discussed options for meeting location – MLK Rec Center, United Way Solutions of N. Texas, Serve Denton were considered. Members will send recommendations to Dani S.
- Other: None

### WORKGROUPS/TASK FORCE REPORTS ON CURRENT ACTIONS

Members and staff selected Workgroup assignments and Workgroup Chairs. Chairs are listed below.

- Information/Research – Alice Masciarelli  
(PIT Count, HMIS, Other Data Efforts – ie. 211 Data Integrity, Gap Analysis)
- Coalition Building – Coordinating Resources – Brenda Jackson  
(Denton CAN, Street Outreach, Bridging the Gap, Veterans, etc)
- Advocacy – Christopher Mays  
(Awareness Activities – Current Events and Initiatives.)
- Impact - Stakeholders – Stephanie Aguilar  
(Bring new people to the table.)

### WORKING/NETWORKING – CONNECTION and/or PANELS discussion

CONNECTIONS – Group Work (Committee Projects)

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Discussion on Panel at 10/7 Gen Body  
Members provided feedback and takeaways from the panel presentation at the 10/07/2015 meeting of the general body. Learning included a recognition of a gap created when the bike program closed. Members discussed a desire to continue with panels at future general body meetings. Next Panel was identified to have panel share how they identify and access resources,

Additional panel suggestions recommended were for housed and formerly homeless panels. Brenda Jackson volunteered to identify, invite and possibly transport the December panel participants.

- Follow-up to New Ideas

Leslie W. brought forward the new ideas from the 10/07/2015 general body for consideration. The discussion focused on the ideas and if there were any ideas that the Steering committee would like to take on as new projects Ideas discussed included: Lewisville/South of the lake resources needed; Drop In Teen Shelter; Monsignor King Shelter; and Housing program with landlords.

Lewisville/South of the lake resources needed

Shelter was added to the list. Members discussed the list of resources suggested and how to best support the efforts to increase resources in all other areas of the county. Steering to look at forming a Short-Term Task Force.

Drop In Teen Shelter

The program was discussed based on its history in the county and it was decided that this should be reconsidered once the data form the homeless youth count is collected and disseminated.

Monsignor King Shelter

Updates were provided to members regarding the status of the shelter coming online. Discussion centered on how to support the new shelter and ensure it is participating in homeless planning efforts.

Housing

Since this idea targeted a program to build relationships with landlords, members were updated to the planning for the new homeless coordinator position and that this will be an outcome set for the position.

Alice M. was not in attendance but asked that members consider coordinating a meeting with the Salvation Army Denton and Dallas command and select council members to explore their efforts toward shelter growth in the region and how the DCHC might support those efforts. This was considered and it was agreed to proceed with this recommendation.

## **AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- None

## **NEXT MEETING:**

General: 12/02/15 – MCL Grand, Lewisville, TX  
Steering: 11/18/15 – Civic Center, Denton, TX