

DCHC-Steering Committee Meeting
Date: July 30, 2014
City of Denton, 601 E. Hickory, Denton, TX

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	Absent
Seat 4:	Sheila Harper – Denton Affordable Housing	Present
Seat 5:	Alice Masciarelli – Denton Community Health Clinic	Present
Seat 6:	Michelle DeGrate – Christian Community Action	Absent
Seat 7:	Chris Nowak	Absent

ALSO PRESENT:

Guests: None
Staff: Jennifer Collins – Denton Affordable Housing
Jamey Kirby – City of Lewisville
Dani Shaw -- City of Denton
Barbara Ross -- City of Denton

Meeting called to order: 11:42am

Approval of Steering Committee Minutes:

- Approved with changes

OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting with Churches
 - Roshaun will contact Brenda to see when the next meeting is
 - Roshaun will also see about following up with the Churches that are interested
- Salvation Army is back open
 - They've been busy! And are at capacity
 - AngelTree Training is coming up

NEW BUSINESS:

- Denton County Veteran's Coalition Meeting
 - Sharell, Roshaun, and Brenda Jackson attended
 - A representative from Catholic Charities attended → Tameka Holmes
 - Catholic Charities has a lot of money to spend by the end of September
 - Requires only 1 day of active duty with honorable discharge
 - Can pay 5 mos. Rent, \$5000 in auto repairs, \$500 in household needs, gas vouchers, medical (and mental health) needs, clothes for job search
- THN reps- Eric and Sophia
 - Will hold a CAN review meeting at 2pm on the day of the General Body Meeting in the Recital Hall at MCL Grand Theatre in Lewisville
 - They will be listening to feedback from Denton agencies as well as discussing possible modifications to the CAN process

General Body Meetings:

- August – Funding
 - THN rep will present opportunities for grants, funding, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HMIS:

- Roshaun compiled a list of homeless services

- Will review at next general body meeting
- Send corrections to Roshawn

Street Outreach:

- Good successes, new clients referred to multiple agencies
- Sheila Skipsy from Salvation Army has recovered and is back at work
 - Sheila is very involved with Street Outreach in Lewisville
 - She will be involved with DCHC as she has time

Homeless Prevention/COC/Funding:

- CCA is still waiting on new EFSP funds
 - EFSP assistance is being given out of CCA General Fund to be repaid when funding is received
- CCA is still spending their ESG
- CCA has a new President → Chaz Parker
- HOPE is still waiting on EFSP funds
 - Was told that there are problems with previous final reports and that is why there has been a delay
 - Sharell provided documentation that the reports were accurate so they funding should be moving forward
- HOPE received EFSP for utility assistance
 - May try to reallocate for rent assistance
 - Has until the end of October to spend
 - Will help with 1 month of utility assistance
 - To qualify, will need documented proof of emergency
- Community Services still has funds for utility assistance → Dee Hatchel
- The City received \$591,000 in ESG funds which is a \$94,000 increase in funding over last year

Point in Time Count Committee:

- Meeting will be on 08/13 at 3:30pm at HOPE Inc.
 - Subcommittee chairs will be assigned at this meeting

Membership:

- More applications being received at General Body meetings
- North Texas Giving Day on 09/18 will allow us to market organizations

Communications:

- Waiting on feedback from members

Agency Networking Announcements:

- Alicia is now a member of the HOPE staff
 - She is the Program Coordinator for HIV Supportive Housing that was previously under the HSNT organization
 - She is also working on 'A Night of Homelessness' at HOPE
 - She is looking for volunteers to experience Homelessness for one night in order to raise awareness
- The next Thursday Group meeting is on 08/07 from 2-4pm at the Clinic
- A lot of First Time Homebuyer's interest from Lewisville
- Texas Work Force will have 800 job openings in North Central Texas
- North Texas Giving Day

- There will be an opportunity for all nonprofits to gather on the Courthouse lawn and share their information with donors coming by to donate

Adjourned: 12:50 pm

Next Steering Committee Meeting: July 30, 2014, City of Denton, 601 E. Hickory, Denton, TX

Next General Body Meeting: August 6, 2014, MCL Grand Theatre, Recital Hall

Approved: **9/24/2014**