



# STEERING COMMITTEE

## 04/29/2015 - MEETING MINUTES

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### Members:

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

### ALSO PRESENT:

Guests: Geoff Lilienstern – Interested Community Resident

Staff: Alonzo Peterson – Giving HOPE, Inc  
Dani Shaw – City of Denton  
Kay Wilkinson – City of Flower Mound  
Laura Mitchell – Lewisville

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### MEETING DETAILS – 04/29/2015

Meeting called to order: 11:40am

### Approval of Steering Committee Minutes:

- Approved February minutes with changes.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Jennifer Collins accepted role of General Body Secretary

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Information/Research:

- Roshaun – Denton had cleanest data in state, no total yet
- Average length of homeless has declined from 12 months to 8 months to 5.5 months during the past 3 years
- Total count went from 318 in 2014 to 267 in 2015; less children; more surveys but less total because of reduction of the number of children
- Self-reported substance abuse is higher
- 30% have fulltime job; last year was 8-12%
- Roshaun will present a comparative report for the April General Body meeting
- DCHC Steering Committee will schedule meetings with agencies to determine ways to address various needs identified in the PIT count
- Michelle asked for back end fix for cleaning up HMIS data
- Jesus with THN wants to come to Denton to implement HMIS at end of April
- Discussion held regarding HMIS issues:
  - Types of data
  - Functions available
  - Desired functions
  - Level of usage
  - Increased cost of increased users versus cost of dual entry

**Coalition Building:**

- Three 100K Homes clients have moved in
  - Have groups that want to adopt 100K clients for mentor/needs
- Bridging the Gap meeting – 40-45 in attendance
  - Denton Helpers for Homeless and Transients is a new organization participating
- CATT (CAN) Sophia will be in Denton in April; intake will convert from paper to HMIS
  - Working with providers in Denton
  - Developing framework – how many entry points, assessment tool, accountability piece
  - Accountability piece – 7 communities plus 37 other communities
  - Responsibility into DCHC providers' hands
  - Entry points will continue to perform intake
  - Chair or Transition Team (CATT) will be Sheila Harper
  - THN nonprofit provides resources to end homelessness and is the COC lead for Texas Balance Of State (BOS)
  - Sophia – Coordinated Access Specialist
- Veterans Group Meeting – June 10<sup>th</sup> – Solutions – What is available in Denton will be discuss
- Wheeler House Update:
  - Tuesday June 2, 2pm HOPE staff will begin accepting applications for one week
  - Families moving in later in June
  - No DV clients due to publicity of site
- Street Outreach
  - none

**Advocacy:**

- Working on how to use web site best
- Updating is not done consistently
- Passive tool not interactive
- 417 Likes now due to Emma's effort
- 2 recent articles in DRC
- City will place a challenge
- Adhoc DG Mayor GJ DS BR working on Safe Harbor for 1<sup>st</sup> 7 days of homelessness
- Dani send out end product of Mayor's taskforce on homelessness and will include steps populated with agencies/services
- Communicate CATT and 100K Homes
- Integration with web site and Facebook
  - Have articles and videos link to web site

**Impact-Stakeholders - Leslie:**

- Leslie - Facebook page has been instrumental in increased members
- People respond to pictures and people being helped
- Continue momentum by posting pictures of people being helped
- Increase of membership from those with higher level of education
- Dani – elections coming up reframing Steering Committee with more numbers
- Larger representation of disciplines – VA, DV, HC, Housing, employment, dental, food bank

- Send areas that need to be represented to Leslie and she will coordinate input

**Short Term Task Forces:**

- None

**General Body Topics:**

- Restructured Steering Committee and Election Information

**Agency Networking Announcements:**

- SNTx doing drug and alcohol evaluations again (\$45 or financial hardship)
- Intensive Outpatient Program – SNTx – have office in lawyer building in jail parking lot
- Mental Health Group at United Way meeting to discuss possible housing solutions

**Adjourned:** 1:31 pm

**[NEXT MEETINGS:**

**Steering Committee Meeting:** City of Denton, 601 E. Hickory, Denton, TX

**Next General Body Meeting:** June 3, 2015 in Denton at Strickland Hall on Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home Campus

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Approved: June 24, 2015