



## STEERING COMMITTEE 08/26/2015 - MEETING MINUTES

**MEMBERS:**

	Present:
Immigration: Stephanie Aguilar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education: Carmen Cheek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Temporary/Transitional Housing: Sharell Clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nonprofit: Michelle DeGrate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HMIS: Roshaun Epperson	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health Care: Alice Masciarelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Veterans: Christopher Mays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Care: Jordan McCarty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Housing: Gina Ortiz	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Services (Police & Fire): Frank Padgett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Children/Youth: Jessica Peters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Substance Abuse: Jane Pompei	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Legal: Prudence Sanchez	<input 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:**

- Diana Grey, Consultant

**STAFF:**

- Jamie Kirby, City of Lewisville
- Alonzo Peterson, Giving Hope, Inc.
- Michele Strickler, City of Lewisville
- Kay Wilkinson, Town of Flower Mound

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## MEETING DETAILS

The meeting was called to order at 11:37a

### WELCOME RECEPTION

At this first meeting of the newly expanded DCHC Steering Committee, members introduced themselves.

### TRAINING/ORIENTATION

- Current Goals and Objectives

Each content area bulleted below was introduced to members and the goals for each was discussed. In addition, the current efforts happening in each area was reviewed. Before the next meeting, members were asked to consider: 1. what is currently happening in each area, 2. what is missing, and 3. what area or areas are of personal interest and where the member could make the most impact.

- Information/Research – (PIT Count, HMIS, Other Data Efforts – ie. 211 Data Integrity, Gap Analysis)
- Coalition Building – Coordinating Resources – (Denton CAN, Street Outreach, Bridging the Gap, Veterans, etc)
- Advocacy – (Awareness Activities – Current Events and Initiatives.)
- Impact - Stakeholders – (Bring new people to the table.)
- Short Term Task Forces – As Appointed (Short term activities as needed)

- Roles and Responsibilities Discussion

Information was shared about the current roles and responsibilities of members. Discussion centered on the need for member's regular attendance at meetings, member participation in discussion and planning of community-wide efforts to end homelessness, and the importance of members to be a representative of not just their own organization but also the area they were elected to represent. Additional discussion focused on the role of engage the general body and a broader group of stakeholders to support the overall efforts of the Denton County Homeless Coalition.

- General Body Organizing – Agenda Planning; Working/Networking Activities through Connections/Panels and Agency Announcements

The members were educated to their role in the planning of General Body Meetings to include: developing the meeting agenda; planning for the activities at the meeting for either the working or networking activity or through selecting the panel topic and panel members. It was discussed that agency announcements should be a regular item on all meeting agenda's. Additional discussion centered on suggestions that the next panel for the October 7, 2015 meeting be a panel of homeless. Members were reminded to consider how to protect the privacy of any panel participants.

**GUEST PRESENTATION – Diana Grey**

Through a grant from the Texas Homeless Network, Giving Hope, Inc. engaged a consultant to complete a housing needs assessment. Dianna Grey presented a draft of a report, *Homeless System Modeling Denton, TX*.

Using data pulled from federal reports like the Housing Inventory Survey (HIC) and the local PIT Count data, the report provided current projections of need based on family type. Members provided feedback on the draft report as presented. Dianna will be completing the final report soon. Alonzo Peterson with Giving Hope, Inc. will share the report when it is finalized.

The meeting was concluded at 1:25p

[NEXT MEETINGS: September 30, 2015 TBA ]

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_