



GENERAL BODY

04/04/2016 - MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/ INTRODUCTIONS

- o Meeting Attendees Name, Agency, Services Provided

COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE ACTIONS

- o Information/Research – Alice Masciarelli
 - UNT Class Update, Open Data Day Update

Alice reported that UNT class will be presenting at the April Steering Committee Meeting. Open Data Day produced an analysis of the needs of homeless for the 2014 to 2015 counts.

Alonzo presented some brief highlights of the 2016 PIT Count. 230 surveys down from 313 last year. Stats shared 40% have a substance abuse issue, 35% have legal issues and 25% have full-time employment. Full report to be made available at the State of the Homeless event – April 21, 2016.
- o Coalition Building – Coordinating Resources – Brenda Jackson
 - Landlord Summit – March 31, 2016

Alonzo Peterson provided a report on the Landlord summit. Attendance was good. There were landlords who presented and in attendance.
 - Upcoming Events

Alonzo Peterson shared dates for upcoming events.

 - State of Homelessness – April 21, 2016
 - Bridging the Gap – May 24, 2016
 - Veterans Summit – June 23, 2016
- o Advocacy – Christopher Mays
 - No report
- o Impact - Stakeholders – Stephanie Aguilar
 - No report
- o Lewisville Resources Task Force – Liz Buferd
 - Task Force Progress Update

Jamie Kirby reported on behalf of Liz Buferd that the Task Force will have its next meeting is May 18th 8:30a-10a at Lewisville City Hall on the 7th floor.
- o By-Laws Task Force – Leslie Wisenbaker

PLEASE NOTE: In place of the previous Agency Announcements section, agencies are now encouraged to bring print information and event fliers to display on a table. If you have other types of agency announcements, links or any other information you would like to share, please submitted those prior to the meeting by email to dchcinfo@gmail.com. Information will be included in DCHC's frequent News and Announcement email sent at least monthly to the DCHC email list and events will be added to the Events Calendar.

- Roxanne Del Rio and Mary Jones reported the they met with Leslie and have drafted revisions. There is some additional language from the CoC that needs to be included. Once complete, these will be submitted to the steering committee for review and then the general body for approval.

WORKING/NETWORKING SESSIONS – CONNECTION and/or PANELS

- o Behavioral Health Leadership Team Presentation – Roxanne Del Rio
 - Roxanne Del Rio presented on the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team (BHLT). She shared a video that can also be viewed online at: <http://www.dentoncountybhl.org/Media>. The BHLT is looking at Comprehensive behavioral health for every person in Denton County. Roxanne provided an overview of the leadership structure, how it is organized and how it functions including details about each of the BHLT workgroups that are organized around key areas of behavioral health treatment Child & Family Services, Consumer, Housing, Jail Diversion, Mental Health Court, and Veterans.
- o Experience Mapping – Dani Shaw
 - Dani Shaw facilitated a Round Robin group activity to generate new program ideas to challenges presented by the homeless at the previous two general body meetings. Facilitated notes from the activity will be included in minutes packet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT GENERAL BODY MEETING:

- June 1, 2016 – 3p-4:30p The Mill 1980 E. University Dr. Denton, TX 76209



DCHC Round Robin Activity

Attendees were asked to think about the past two general body meetings when the panels of homeless shared their personal experiences being homeless or to think about any other homeless they interact with. In this frame, attendees were asked to consider any challenges and ideas the homeless presented.

ACTIVITY RULES

Attendees were guided through an exercise to fold a worksheet into four parts. Then they were asked:

1. Identify a Challenge in need of fresh ideas. Write it Down. (Problem)
2. Write Down an unconventional solution. (Solution)
3. Pass the sheet to your left.
4. Write Down a reason why the solution in front of you will fail. (Critique)
5. Pass the sheet to your left.
6. Write Down a solution to the Critique in front of you. (Problem Solving)
7. Small Group Discussions.
8. Each groups reported out to the room.

NOTES FROM THE Worksheets:

PROBLEMS

- Finances
- Chronically Homeless shelter/permanent housing
- Affordable housing
- Stable Employment
- Transportation
- Day shelter
- Real-time info about clients for case managers
- Loss of id
- Resource center
- Hunger
- Literacy
- Security for homeless teens



SOLUTIONS

- Open individual/family life stabilization center
- Shared/Matched Housing - Share rent & expenses
- Partnership with housing authority
- Help find a job
- Include in process identifying why a person is not able to work i.e. physical, mental health
- Inclusionary zoning - require (all?) developers to reserve % of units for low-income individuals and families
- Provide apprenticeship opportunities for job training
- Give everyone brand new cars
- Utilize unused building
- Tool to track clients
- Get landlords to open up more units
- Strengthen networks between service providers
- Build new housing
- Free state issue photo I'd cards for homeless
- Create place with Internet access/phone access
- 24hr food truck
- Literacy classes
- Provide safe secure stable places for teens to go in the evenings

CRITIQUES

- Stabilization Center - Hard to operate, would need to be managed & have good cooperation & communication
- Lack of resources - funding, housing
- Lack of awareness - Clients do not know what is available or where to go for help
- Politics, lack of acceptance of new ideas, neighborhoods, community, NIMBY, us vs them
- Homeless generally don't have skills for stable employment
- Not enough buy-in from funders, community.
- Landlords, building - Liability, codes, zoning
- People don't want to fund things they do not understand or see value in
- Landlords not willing, don't want to lose revenue, liability issues



- Lack \$ or land to build houses
- State will not support free id services
- Person afraid of state office or can't get to- id (not wanting picture take, criminal record, trust of govt)
- even if you have internet available homeless need phones, computers to use
- Food trucks might be competitive with private enterprise, not enough capital, where do you get employees
- Transportation to resources, literacy classes, id access, food, jobs, job training, etc.
- No place exists for homeless teens, don't know where to go

PROBLEM SOLVING

- Fundraising - creative, new sources
 - Have counselors assist in career development for families
 - Low-cost child care / help sign up for assistance
 - Funding comes from cost savings in other parts of the system
 - Stakeholders - policy, funders, donors can make changes if given good evidence
 - Place in parts of town that need stimulus, growth, have city offer incentives
 - Apprenticeships should include life coaching and skill training for stable employment
 - Cars- Donations, fundraisers get into auto auctions, get dealership to donate, vans, SUV, or if not donated allow use of vehicles to transport the needy and helpless
 - Hotels to make rooms available
 - Incentives to use unaccompanied building, reduce codes, etc.
 - Use data to show positive impact
 - Increase accountability to ensure people are entering data in real-time
 - Teach people how the problem directly affects them - data?
 - Education targeting landlord
 - Education targeting funders and targeting community
 - Locate user friendly, open door offices, kiosks maned with trained navigators around the city
 - Food trucks serve more than just the homeless
 - Bus passes or other Paid transportation services
- Work with law enforcement to work with runaways, reduce barriers to provide services to unaccompanied youth.