



GENERAL BODY

06/01/2016 - MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:09p

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/ INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduced themselves by name and agency represented.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES – 04/04/16 (Minutes emailed)

The minutes from 04/04/16 were emailed to registered members with email address.

Motion was made by Dr. Mary Jones to approve the minutes as presented. Roxanne Del Rio seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE ACTIONS

- Information/Research – Alice Masciarelli
Dani Shaw provided a brief overview of the UNT class presentation. Discussion and questions followed. Presentation will be made available through the DCHC website, endhomelessnessdenton.com

- Coalition Building – Coordinating Resources – Brenda Jackson
Courtney Cross and Liz Buferd provided updates to Coordinated Entry (CE). Report covered THN's efforts to increase education around CE, plans to reintroduce CE to communities, the shifts in HUD accountability for CE to be implemented in communities, and the effort it will take to engage the stakeholder community to jointly implement CE in Denton. It was announced that THN has selected a common assessment tool, VI-SPDAT and there will be VISTA assigned to Denton to assist with implementation. Discussion and questions followed. Suggestions were offered to help facilitate implementation and what is needed to overcome some capacity barriers. Planning efforts and roll-out strategies are expected to increase in the coming months.

Liz Buferd provided information about the current efforts of the Lewisville Task Force and other issues impacting the Lewisville Community. Liz shared there are plans to hold discussions with the City about shelter options in poor weather conditions. It was shared that CCA has closed the clinic so the closest medical services is now Baylor in Carrollton. The task force is looking at storage solutions for storing belongings and also cloud based solutions to store id and other electronic information commonly lost. Information was provided about a new community garden initiative at the Salvation Army Lewisville. The garden program is providing homeless with increased dignity and self-worth through occupation, employment experience and references and is drawing sponsorship from companies like Starbucks. Discussion and questions followed specifically related to the clinic closure and if other programs might fill the void.

Brenda Jackson led a discussion about how to track available Weather Services now that summer is approaching. A list will be compiled and posted on the DCHC website, endhomelessnessdenton.com. All attendees were encouraged to submit resources to be added to the list by emailing them to dchcinfo@gmail.com

Discussion of services included:

Monsignor King Outreach Center in Denton

- Open Mondays
- inclement weather nights, and
- when temperatures are below 32 degrees or above 100 degrees after 4p

Salvation Army Denton

- Cooling Station M-F 9a-4p and 5p-9p

Our Daily Bread Denton, TX

- Cooling stations M-Sat. 10a-1:30p

Fire Stations Denton, TX

- Fire stations will allow anyone in heat distress to come in and cool down.

o Advocacy – Christopher Mays

Jordan McCarty provided a report on the current plans for developing advocacy tools that will target key messages to specific subgroups and produce fliers to distribute. The group plans to make some proposals to the DCHC Steering Committee meeting in June.

Dani Shaw asked for support for the Facebook page and website to help keep up the flow of communication and engagement of the community in what is happening around homelessness.

o Impact - Stakeholders – TBD

Leslie Wisenbaker reported that a subcommittee met to draft updates to the coalitions' policies and procedures. Dani Shaw reported that these were sent to the Steering Committee for final review. General Body be sent the document to review in July and vote to approve at the August 3, General Body Meeting.

Leslie shared that the Steering Committee is looking to fill vacancies and that anyone interested should contact her.

Dani Shaw reported that an election process has been established:

- Steering Committee Members will draw to stagger terms at June 29,2016 meeting
- Nominations will be accepted October 1-20, 2016.
- Steering Committee will present a slate for the October 26, 2016 meeting for General Body election (ballot)
- Terms of office will be January -December

WORKING/NETWORKING SESSIONS – CONNECTION and/or PANELS

Dani Shaw facilitated a group activity. Due to limited time the activity was abbreviated. Participants were asked to break into groups of two-three and stagger around the room under a guided prompt. Prompts listed standardized goals for homelessness services. Participants were then given stick notes and asked to write down any questions that needed to be asked that would help us understand if we are achieving that goal in the community. Notes from the activity will be attached to the minutes

NOTES/AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM** – locations will be emailed out.
- **DENTON MOBILE PANTRY** – June 11, 2016 - 9a-11a 1980 E University (enter off Nottingham)
- **JOURNEY TO DREAM** has finalized the purchase of the building for Kyle's Place and will have multiple work days this summer for remodel and landscaping projects. Watch the community calendar for work days.
- **COORDINATED ENTRY VISTA** – United Way of Denton County is hosting a VISTA (funded by DAHC) dedicated to supporting our local Coordinated Entry program beginning in August. Hooray for collaborative partnerships! The position will be open to applicants at the link below until June 24th.
<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=67707&fromSearch=true>
- **CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY IN YOUR AGENCY** – June 30, 2016 9a-12p Solutions of North Texas - 2216 Bolivar St, Denton, TX 76201. Solutions of North Texas is offering training to agency interested in learning more about substance abuse in the workplace specifically with clients who are being served in programs.

[2016 MEETINGS: General Body Meeting Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- **April 6, 2016** – Lewisville Glenmore Savage Community Room
Lewisville Municipal Annex 1197 W. Main Street Lewisville TX 75067
- **June 1, 2016** – Denton The Mill 1980 E. University Dr. Denton, TX 76209
- **August 3, 2016** –Lewisville Glenmore Savage Community Room
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- **October 5, 2016** – Denton The Mill 1980 E. University Dr. Denton, TX 76209
- **December 7, 2016** – Lewisville Glenmore Savage Community Room
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