



STEERING COMMITTEE

07/27/2016 - MEETING AGENDA

STEERING COMMITTEE:

Present: YES/NO

Immigration:	Stephanie Aguilar	YES
Temporary/Transitional Housing:	Sharell Clay	NO
United Way:	Courtney Cross	YES
Open:	Roxanne De Rio	YES
Nonprofit:	Michelle DeGrate	NO
Emergency Shelters:	Brenda Jackson	YES
Community Member:	Dr. Mary Jones	YES
Religiously Affiliated:	Katie Klein	NO
Health Care:	Alice Masciarelli	NO
Veterans:	Christopher Mays	YES
Mental Health Care:	Jordan McCarty	YES
Emergency Services (Police & Fire:	Frank Padgett	NO
Children/Youth:	Jessica Peters	YES
HMIS:	Alonzo Peterson	NO
Legal:	Prudence Sanchez	NO
Domestic Violence:	Connie Schmidt	YES
Government:	Dani Shaw	YES
Open:	Marc Thompson	NO
Education:	Carmen Washam	YES
Substance Abuse:	Leslie Wisenbaker	YES
Employment:	VACANT	V
Homeless/Formerly:	VACANT	V
Housing:	VACANT	V
Real Estate/Affordable Housing:	VACANT	V

ALSO PRESENT:

Local Government: Jamie Kirby, Brittney Barnett, Barbara Ross

Invited Guests: none

Other: Debbie Kelley, Shamal Jima

1. MEETING DETAILS – July 27, 2016

Leslie Wisenbaker called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Members and other attendees introduced themselves.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – June 29, 2016

Roxanne Del Rio moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Christopher Mays seconded. Minutes were approved.

4. COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE ACTIONS

- Information/Research - *Collecting and providing information for better decision making*
 - PIT Count Subcommittee – Danielle Shaw reported that since the committee did not meet in July, the update to the June 29 DCHC Steering Committee was the latest.
- Coalition Building – *Building relationships, partnerships, and collaborations to reduce homelessness*
 - Bridging the Gap – Brenda Jackson reported that she is working to secure a location and hopes to hold the event in August. She is working on a new format for the event where churches can either pledge a dollar amount to a non-profit or for the church directly to help with specific homelessness services needs (ex. Intake costs, street outreach costs, etc...). It was suggested that a pastor of a local church help secure participation by other churches.
 - Coordinated Entry – Courtney Cross reported that the committee on coordinated entry is meeting regularly and have been in communication with the THN regarding THN expectations and system mapping at the THN level. They are working on the overall system mapping and specific local system mapping. Mary Jones offered that Dr. Jerry Dake at UNT has offered to have a student group help with the efforts.
 - Lewisville Task Force – Courtney Cross reported that Christy Daniel is the new task force chair. The task force has found a church (Shepard's House) to host storage lockers for the homeless in that area. They are looking to have a currently homeless person manage the lockers. She reported that the task force continues to look into how to best secure medical and dental services for the homeless in the area. She also reported that the Lewisville Emergency Management team is working with the Salvation Army in Lewisville to provide cooling stations.
- Advocacy -- *Telling the story of homelessness in Denton County*
 - Leslie Wisenbaker and Danielle Shaw led discussion about how the ESG funding denial provides a need for the DCHC to articulate key messages around homelessness. Members were asked to think through how DCHC can look at and make a difference on the system impact of housing the homeless. It was decided that the agenda of the August DCHC Steering Committee would focus largely on two things that can then be brought to the General Body: 1. Suggesting what the

structure of the DCHC might look like going forward (e.g., stay the same, become more formal, etc...) and 2. Determining action steps that might be taken in accordance with that structure to better address the homeless situation in Denton County. In essence, how DCHC can adjust to the new climate of homelessness in Denton in light of ESG funding cuts.

- o Impact – Members and Other Stakeholders

Bringing more people to the conversation and getting more support for DCHC initiatives

- Danielle Shaw led discussion on staggering of terms of the Steering Committee, calling for volunteers to finish term in 2016 and then either step down or run for election/reappointment again. The following are slated for a 2016 expiration term:

- o Courtney Cross – United Way (appointed position*)
- o Roxanne Del Rio – open position
- o Jessica Peters – Children/youth
- o Alonso Peterson – HMIS (appointed position*)
- o Prudence Sanchez – Legal
- o Danielle Shaw – Government
- o Marc Thompson – open position
- o Carmen Washam – Education

- It was also decided to move Brenda Jackson from the Emergency Shelters position to a position called Food Security in accordance with her new job at ODB, thus leaving Emergency Shelters vacant.

* These positions are appointed rather than elected due to the nature of the position.

- o By-Laws Task Force

Short-Term Task Force organized to update DCHC Policies and Procedures

- Leslie Wisenbaker reminded members that the By-laws changes that were approved in the June 29 steering committee meeting would be brought for vote at the August 3, 2016 General Body meeting.

5. WORKING/NETWORKING – FACILITATED GROUP ACTIVITIES and/or PANELS discussion

- None this time

6. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Agency and Community Announcements

- The Monsignor King facility will be open Monday and Tuesday nights beginning in September with 88 beds, and that attendees will eat Monday night at Our Daily Bread. On Tuesday nights, ODB will send food to the facility.

- There will be a fundraiser for Our Daily Bread at the Bearded Monk in Denton August 5 from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Our Daily Bread will celebrate serving 700,000 meals on September 12
- United Way Day of Action will be September 10

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

General Body:

August 3, 2016 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Glenmore Savage Community Room – Lewisville Municipal Annex -- 1197 W. Main St
Lewisville, TX 75067

Steering Committee:

August 31, 2016 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Denton Civic Center –321 E. McKinney St., Denton, TX 76201