



GENERAL BODY

08/03/2016 - MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/ INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduced themselves by name and agency represented.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES – August 1, 2016 (Minutes emailed)

The minutes from June 1, 2016 were emailed to registered members with email address.

Motion was made by Roxanne Del Rio to approve the minutes as presented. Sharell Clay seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE ACTIONS

- o Information/Research

Collecting and providing information for better decision making

Danielle Shaw provided an update on the 2017 PIT count plans. She passed around the incentives list and announced that Katie Klein is heading the incentives drive. She also passed around the volunteer registration sheet and announced that it would be available on-line soon.

- o Coalition Building

Building relationships, partnerships, and collaborations to reduce homelessness

Alonso Peterson (Giving Hope, Inc.) presented an update on the ESG funding situation. He noted that the agencies that were impacted had made an appeal of the decision and also that they had taken a client who would be adversely impacted to the meeting in Austin where the decision was made. Agencies may be considered in January/February for unused funds, but the decision not to fund through the grant at this time stands. Agencies are now looking at how to better present for the next round of grants and are focused on how to recover in the meantime. They are working together to find ways to bridge the gaps and better integrate resources going forward.

The grant denial means a loss of \$600,000 to Friends of the Family, Giving Hope, Salvation Army, and Christian Community Action groups. Immediate impact includes an estimated 250 individuals/households that won't be able to be served. Specifically, rent and rapid rehousing is already seeing impacts. In addition, Peterson reported that the Giving Hope street outreach program has been cancelled. Michelle DeGrate (Christian Community Action) noted that the ESG grant impacts 50% of the ability to transition people to permanent housing. October is expected to be when the bulk of impacts will be seen when this year's funding ends.

Discussion was then held on long term strategies for continuing operations. One strategy is to revise the way the agencies write the ESG grant so better "connect the dots" that are required to show they are effectively using funds. Another is to broaden funding sources beyond ESG. This led to a broader discussion regarding the future direction of DCHC and where it wants to go in helping the homeless

and specifically in terms of housing the homeless in permanent housing. *More on this discussion is provided below under Working/Networking Sessions.*

- Advocacy

Telling the story of homelessness in Denton County

Nothing was presented this time.

- Impact – Members and Other Stakeholders

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

Nothing was presented this time.

- By-Laws Task Force

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

A motion to approve DCHC ByLaws edits was made by Mary Jones and seconded by Alice Masciarelli. Motion carried unanimously.

WORKING/NETWORKING SESSIONS – CONNECTION and/or PANELS

Leslie Wisenbaker led discussion about Next Steps for DCHC in homeless service provision in the absence of ESG funding, with the goal of providing input for the DCHC Steering Committee to review at its next meeting. Discussion centered on how to move forward with reduced reliance on grant funding in the future and how DCHC can decide what it wants to be and how to get there. Two primary question were discussed. 1. Does DCHC stay the way it is or does it change? and 2. If it changes, what does it change to?

Three alternatives were presented: 1. Continue to operate as a coalition only; 2. Identify a fiduciary agent to allow DCHC to raise money directly; 3. Become a 501(c)3 itself. It was noted that under alternative #1, DCHC acts as a networking group where members continue to support each other in their individual/agency efforts. Under alternatives #2 and #3, DCHC would act as an advocacy group and members would support the broader community in a system wide effort.

Many pros and cons of each were presented by members including the pros for #2 and #3 of being an umbrella organization to support a DCHC strategy and the cons for #2 and #3 of the danger of splitting donor money between DCHC and the agencies and conflict of interest on allocations. It was also suggested that DCHC could have aspects of both collaboration and advocacy.

Suggestions included: 1. Making DCHC membership broader than the agencies to include more board/community members; 2. Looking at what other CoCs when went to balance of State do now; 3. Creating a community wide narrative to educate the populace about homelessness (including data collection from all agencies); and 4. Setting outcomes for DCHC to achieve annually and benchmarking progress against those outcomes. It was also suggested that DCHC ask the Homeless Leadership Team for information and provide input to the Team so that we are not duplicating efforts and resources.

Discussion concluded with Leslie Wisenbaker thanking the members for their input and saying that the Steering Committee will look at all this at its next meeting and outline workgroups to explore these ideas.

NOTES/AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Quarterly Agency Roundtable – August 26** Flower Mound Library – discussion this time will be how to steward donors.
- **Denton County's MHMR 3rd Annual Race for Hope – September 12 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.** – 5K run/1 mile walk South Lakes (Eureka) Park in honor of Suicide Prevention Month
- **Our Daily Bread – September 12** marking 700,000 meals served
- **Veterans Strategic Summit -- Sept 15**
- **Bridging the Gap – will be set in September** – United Way will serve as the conduit for churches to give money for housing the homeless.

Meeting adjourned Time 4:35 p.m.

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

- **February 3, 2016** – Denton The Mill 1980 E. University Dr. Denton, TX 76209
- **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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Note: Attendance sign-in attached.

***Actions that resulted in a formal vote are in bold.**

