



GENERAL BODY

02/01/2017 - MEETING MINUTES

Jessica Peters called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES – (Minutes emailed)

The minutes from December 12, 2016 Roxanne Del Rio to approve the minutes as presented. Danielle Shaw seconded. Motion was approved.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/ INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees all introduced themselves and stated the bravest thing they/their agency did for homelessness last year.

1. COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE ACTIONS

o PIT COUNT

Danielle Shaw provided an update from the PIT count -- annual census of people experiencing homelessness. She reported that 204 print surveys were completed so far. Estimated value of PIT volunteer time is \$7000 for the event.

o Coordinated Entry

Courtney Cross provided an update from the Coordinated Entry Committee. She reported that Kathryn (THN VISTA) is working on Needs Assessment for community. She also reported that the Coordinated Entry steering committee and Denton County Homelessness Leadership Data Workgroup are merging to better address the Housing Crisis Response System in Denton County related to Coordinated Entry. The new merged workgroup voted to prioritize Veterans from the housing priority list via Coordinated Entry. This is in direct response to funding and resources currently available to Veterans in Denton County

2. OTHER REPORTS

Denton County Homeless Leadership Team - Jessica Peters. Jessica provided an update from the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team. She reported that Coordinated Entry is now a countywide focus with city/county officials and that CE is not an option any longer per DCHLT focus.

CoC Representative, CoC Meeting – Leslie Mosley. Leslie reported on CoC HUD funding and ESG grant updates.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Strategic planning discussion for DCHC as a whole was conducted.

4. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORKING/NETWORKING SESSIONS – CONNECTION and/or PANELS

Service providers will continue to update on what is going on within their organizations.

- Jessica Peters said that she would like the group to discuss further about DCHC mission statement and roles organizations can play.

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- Danielle Shaw suggested resource allocation may be a future discussion.
 - Brenda Jackson discussed Bridging the Gap
 - Focus on educating churches on the process for connecting someone to homelessness services
 - Increase focus on collaboration with service providers
 - Possibly set up a meeting or event for churches to meet and network with providers – “Bridging the Gap event”
 - Bridging the Gap meetings will be held once per month once they are underway
 - George Morrison asked specifically about a written protocol that could be shared with churches on what to do for people experiencing homelessness. Kathryn (VISTA for United Way) will work on a protocol for this.

NOTES/AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Landlord Summit to be held 4/11 -- more information to follow.
- There will be the addition of a second mobile food pantry, 4th Saturdays beginning January 28, 2017 at Cross Church 1100 Dallas Dr. Denton, TX
- ODB Annual fundraiser 2/25
- Roller Derby Fundraiser 2/4 benefits the Denton County LOSS Team Lonestar Indoor Sports and Events Center 222 S. Mayhill Road
[facebook.com/northtexasrollerderby](https://www.facebook.com/northtexasrollerderby)
- Wheeler Center has 3 openings
- LITC – Low income Taxpayer Clinic helps with IRS Audits, payment, EIC, ACA tax credits, etc. English and Non-English speakers. ntcti.org
- UW VITA Free tax preparation for low-income tax payers available through 4/18
unitedwaydenton.org
- Denton County Dash 4/1
- Denton County Health department Tobacco/Drug Use event
- Palladium Apts. is looking for letter of support from local nonprofits for its Tax credit housing application to TDHCA.

Jessica Peters adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Note: Attendance sign-in attached.

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

2017 MEETINGS: General Body Meeting Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- **February 1, 2017** – Lewisville Glenmore Savage Community Room
Lewisville Municipal Annex 1197 W. Main Street Lewisville TX 75067
- **April 5, 2017** – Denton, TX TBA
- **June 7, 2017** – Lewisville Glenmore Savage Community Room
Lewisville Municipal Annex 1197 W. Main Street Lewisville TX 75067
- **August 2, 2017** – Denton, TX TBA
- **October 11, 2017** – Lewisville Glenmore Savage Community Room
Lewisville Municipal Annex 1197 W. Main Street Lewisville TX 75067
- **December 6, 2017** – Denton, TX TBA