



GENERAL BODY MEETING

06/07/2017

MEETING DETAILS

Glenmore Savage Community Room - Lewisville Municipal Annex
1197 W. Main Street Lewisville TX 75067

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Jessica Pool called the meeting to order.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – 04/05/2017

Jessica moved that the minutes of the 04/5/2017 meeting be approved. Danielle Shaw seconded and the motion was approved.

REPORTS

- CoC Representative, CoC Meeting –
 - Next CoC meeting is on Tuesday, June 13th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (2nd Tuesday of every month)
 - Jessica Pool reported on last meeting
 - Biggest item of note: last year 7/16 ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) applicants received funding. This year 25 organizations submitted applications for about the same amount of funding as in previous years.
 - Danielle Shaw and Courtney Cross explained purpose/context of ESG
 - Danielle Shaw explained what CoC means
 - We fall into the Balance of State CoC
 - Role of CoC is to coordinate homeless service activities within their particular geographical area
- Denton County Homeless Leadership Team (HLT) – Jessica Peters
 - Recently spoke with Homeless Leadership Team (quasi-governmental body that focuses on increasing access to affordable housing in the county and helping better coordinate services to ease burden on service providers) and it was decided to hold a special meeting on a Housing Crisis Response System
 - Meeting held on May 30th
 - Looked at ESG grant to see how we can improve our score
 - Looked at how our system currently works and drafted an initial map of that system in order determine how to move individuals from shelter/street to more stable housing situation
 - Map/assessment of system shown to meeting attendees
 - Nothing has been officially decided. We will continue with these conversations and ask for feedback in order to improve the system and further develop the map as a resource for the community.
 - Will present to Homeless Leadership Team on June 8th to ask for support to make United Way of Denton County a fiduciary agent for the Coalition, meaning that the Coalition can raise and utilize funds to carry out some of its efforts. Necessary because the



Coalition is not currently a 501c3 organization. If this moves forward, a committee will be formed to determine how any funds raised will be utilized.

- Special Project Reports (as needed/can be in writing) – PIT Count Report Review – Danielle Shaw
 - Report was provided publicly on May 12th at UNT on the Square
 - Report only looks at those who are chronically or literally homeless and only assesses the state of homelessness on the day the survey was given.
 - Report looked at WHO is experiencing homelessness, WHY people are experiencing homelessness, WHAT services are needed and understanding of their lived experience
 - WHO: 30% Female, 70% Male
 - WHY: Top 3 Responses were Unemployment (18%), Unable to Pay Rent (14%) and Substance Abuse Addiction (9%)
 - WHAT Services: Transportation (19.1%), Food Stamps (18%), Clothing/Food (18%) and Case Management (17.4%)
 - Understanding Lived Experiences:
 - Currently experiencing substance abuse disorder (23%)
 - Nighttime Residence: 40% in emergency shelter and 49% in place not meant for habitation.
 - More than 50% of those who are homeless are currently employed
 - 15.3% have experienced physical or sexual violence while homeless
 - 9.5% of homeless are Veterans
 - Currently working with Catholic Charities to house these veterans
 - Goal is to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring.
 - Sign-in sheet passed around to gather those interested in participating on 2018 PIT Count Committee

MISSION FOCUS

Listen, Learn & Act to End Homelessness

DCHC will be Systems Oriented, Mission Focused, Data Driven and Goal Specific through Special Projects, Resource Development Support, Community Engagement and Education, and Information Sharing.

- Jessica Pool Reviewed goals of Committee
 - Goal 1: Service providers know where to go for client resources.
 - Goal 2: People experiencing homelessness know where to go for help.
 - Goal 3: People know how to get involved to help.
 - Goal 4: Advocate for a better system to help people experiencing homelessness.

ADVOCACY & ACTION (Content Calendar Team, Speaker's Bureau, Social Media Team)- Courtney Cross and Jordan McCarty



- Goal is to point back to homelessness and the Coalition's work. One way the Coalition accomplishes this is through the Content Committee, which promotes events, volunteer opportunities and features organizations/services/issues
- The information created by the Content Committee can be found on the Coalition's website (endhomelessnessdenton.org), its blog and social media accounts
- To make community announcements, add events, request donations and advertise volunteer needs: fill out form and submit online
- Jordan McCarty reviewed content article from May regarding the correlation between mental health and homelessness and how MHMR in Denton County works with its clients within this context though it's Connections Program.
- This month's focus is how homelessness affects children
 - Organizations with content related to this theme or any of the other months' themes may submit them to be featured on the website, social media, etc.
 - The calendar will be available on the website soon, but suggestions are currently welcome-send to dchcinfo@gmail.com

ACTION STEPS

- Resources available for summertime heat (list will be put together)
 1. Our Daily Bread-sunscreen, bug spray, water
 2. Salvation Army in Lewisville-sunscreen, bug spray, water
 3. Send suggestions to dchcinfo@gmail.com
- Bridging the Gap-June 15th, 2017 8:30-11:30 ODB @ St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (300 W. Oak St. Denton)

Jessica adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

August 2, 2017 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. TBA

ATTACHED: DCHC Meeting Attendance Sign-in Sheet [Minutes only]



2017 Annual Meeting Calendar

Steering Committee Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

- ~~January 25, 2017 – Denton~~
- ~~February 22, 2017 – Lewisville~~
- ~~March 29, 2017 – Denton~~
- ~~April 26, 2017 – Lewisville~~
- ~~May 24, 2017 – Denton~~
- June 28, 2017 – Lewisville
- July 26, 2017 – Denton
- August 30, 2017 – Lewisville
- September 27, 2017 – Denton
- October 25, 2017 – Lewisville
- November 29, 2017 – Denton

DENTON: Denton Public Safety Training Center
719 E. Hickory Street Denton, Texas 76205
(NO PARKING in the Training Center Lot)

LEWISVILLE: Christian Community Action
200 S Mill St. Lewisville Texas 75057
(1st floor Boardroom)

General Body Meeting Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- ~~February 1, 2017 – Lewisville~~
- ~~April 5, 2017 – Denton~~
- ~~June 7, 2017 – Lewisville~~
- August 2, 2017 - Denton
- October 11, 2017 - Lewisville
- December 6, 2017 – Denton

DENTON: The Mill, 1980 E. University Dr. Denton, TX 76209 *Address to change in August.

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