



# GENERAL BODY MEETING

## 08/02/2017

### MEETING DETAILS

Christian Community Action Annex  
200 S. Mill St., Lewisville TX 75057

### WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Jessica Pool called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

### PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – 06/07/2017

**Roxanne Del Rio moved that the minutes of the 06/07/2017 meeting be approved. Danielle Shaw seconded and the motion was approved.**

### REPORTS

- Denton County Homeless Leadership Team (HLT) – Jessica Pool
  - Jessica announced that the HLT has approved the United Way of Denton County as a fiscal agent for DCHC and the DCHC Steering Committee is setting up a framework for what this looks like. Volunteers for the committee to guide this framework were called for. Dani Shaw added that a Barriers Fund had three purposes. First, to incentivize landlords to lower barriers to housing will be one use of the money. Another will be for support of PIT Count. A third goal will be to have a fund for agencies to access that can pay for minor but impactful expenditures, that can help end a person's homelessness. DCHC is also looking to develop a text-to-donate campaign to raise funds. Goal of any spending is to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring.
- Special Project Reports (as needed/can be in writing) –
  - Dani Shaw updated the attendees on the ESG application deadline and noted that the agencies in our group have applied. The request was for \$600,000 and the decision notification will be made around mid-October.

### 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.*

### ADVOCACY & ACTION

- Jessica asked attendees to share success stories and good news from their agencies. A number of things were noted including Denton Friends of the Family being able to provide summer day camp for children of all their clients. In addition, a landlord in Denton has agreed to provide low cost rent for women in need. Kyle's Place is officially open in Lewisville. Valley Creek Church in Lewisville has been able to send 20 teen moms and their babies to camp and they opened a community center for meeting community needs in cooperation with Lewisville ISD. The Salvation Army has been able to provide an



employment assistance program and a 'dress for success' program that are now showing positive results. Results are seen in a transition of roughly 25-30% of a set of people who regularly sought shelter to being self-sufficient through employment. The Denton Supportive Housing Pilot, with a goal to house 10 homeless veterans for 2 years with wrap around case management is up and running with 2 clients at this point and others to come. Coordinated Entry has begun to result in a system wide view of how we as a community help those experiencing homelessness. Other good news mentioned was that TWU School of Occupational Therapy has students doing street outreach with Giving Hope and students working with MHMR to provide therapy.

- Jordan McCarty noted that the Content Calendar Team is successfully capturing stories and events and called for contributions of such information to continue. The content can be found at [endhomelessness.com](http://endhomelessness.com). Content can be sent to [dchcinfo@gmail.com](mailto:dchcinfo@gmail.com) or [jordanm@dentonmhmr.org](mailto:jordanm@dentonmhmr.org).
- Dani Shaw announced that the City of Denton is funding a pilot project, Employ2Empower, designed to help people experiencing homelessness develop a job history, provide training and experience to develop soft skills, and connect people to long-term employment opportunities. Because meaningful and stable income contributes to housing stability, the project is designed to address one of the system-wide performance measures to increase income. It is a collaboration of multiple agencies, collaborators, and the City that will provide employment and job training plus temporary housing and meals. It will connect participants to employment 2 days a week as well as 2 hours a week spent in job training and referral to educational programs like GED and skill certification, etc...

#### ACTION STEPS

- Attendees then took time at their tables to discuss their biggest challenges and brainstorm solutions for discussion at the next DCHC General Body meeting.
- The DCHC Speakers Bureau has a draft of a power point presentation for public presentations and is calling for volunteers to join the speaker's bureau.
- Katie Chapman will chair the 2018 PIT Count.

**Jessica adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.**

#### NEXT MEETING

October 11, 2017 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Glenmore Savage Community Room - Lewisville Municipal Annex  
1197 W. Main Street Lewisville TX 75067

**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 – Location TBA

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

**LEWISVILLE:** Glenmore Savage Community Room - Lewisville Municipal Annex  
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