

DCHC-Steering Committee Meeting
Date: June 25, 2014
City of Denton, 601 E. Hickory, Denton, TX

Members:

Seat 1:	Roshaun Epperson – THN/Giving HOPE, Inc.	Present
Seat 2:	Sharell Clay – Giving Hope, Inc.	Present
Seat 3:	Leslie Wisenbaker – Solutions of North Texas	Absent
Seat 4:	Sheila Harper – Denton Affordable Housing	Present
Seat 5:	Alice Masciarelli – Denton Community Health Clinic	Present
Seat 6:	Michelle DeGrate – Christian Community Action	Absent
Seat 7:	Chris Nowak	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Guests: None
Staff: Jennifer Collins – Denton Affordable Housing
Alonzo Peterson – Giving Hope, Inc.
Alma Espino – City of Denton

Meeting called to order: 11:40am

Approval of Steering Committee Minutes:

- Approved with changes

OLD BUSINESS:

- Elections- Complete
 - Sharell Clay for Seat 2
 - Sheila Harper for Seat 4
 - Michelle DeGrate for Seat 6
- Meeting with Churches
 - Strong participation, raised awareness of agencies' and churches' services
 - Next meeting in September, Brenda is still planning
 - After working in Denton will include Lewisville churches

NEW BUSINESS :

- List of Services in Denton County
 - Roshaun will work on consolidating a list of services to give to other agencies and churches
- Payday Loan Alternative
 - Small dollar loans based on paycheck given to employees through their employer
 - 18% interest rate, \$20 application fee, 12 month period to pay off loan
 - The payments come out of the paycheck
 - There will be financial education associated with the Payday loan
- Scholarship provided by DCHC?
 - Would pay for a member or outside representative to go to homelessness training/meeting/etc. and bring back valuable information
- Steering Committee Minutes
 - Soon will be sent out after meeting so that they can be reviewed while fresh on everyone's mind

General Body Meetings:

- August – Funding
 - THN rep will present opportunities for grants, funding, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HMIS:

- Roshaun went to a training in Austin
 - He learned how to create reports in Data Explorer

Street Outreach:

- Good successes, new clients to multiple agencies
- Needs a way to medical attention → transportation and/or resources
 - will talk with Alice to discuss the specifics

Homeless Prevention/COC/Funding:

- CCA is still waiting on new ESFP funds
 - Will finalize the search for their new President
- Village West Apartments in Lewisville
 - Under new management, rent will increase
- HOPE is still waiting on new ESFP funds
 - Is housing 3 families with DAHC
 - About \$2000-3000 left in ESG funds
- VA vouchers are being provided by CCFW for Tarrant County

Point in Time Count Committee:

- First meeting is 07/17 at HOPE, time TBA

Membership:

- More applications being received at General Body meetings
- Dani is keeping the list updated on the website
- Need more agency “spearheads”
 - Representatives for mental health, substance abuse, etc.
 - Need more diversity and to reach more sectors
- Will look at Bylaws to redefine/add more seats
 - Which will add more responsibility to individual seats
 - Will look at the list Roshaun compiles to see “gaps” in representation

Communications:

- Provided handout which provided the general idea of the board
 - What does Denton County homelessness look like?
- Needs expansion/more ideas to add
 - Will discuss this at next meeting

Agency Networking Announcements:

- Salvation Army of Denton is in the process of moving

Adjourned: 1:05 pm

Next Steering Committee Meeting: July 30, 2014, City of Denton, 601 E. Hickory, Denton, TX

Next General Body Meeting: August 6, 2014, Medical Center of Lewisville.

Approved: