



# STEERING COMMITTEE

## 09/30/2015 - MEETING MINUTES

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Immigration:	Stephanie Aguilar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Education:	Carmen Cheek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Temporary/Transitional Housing:	Sharell Clay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nonprofit:	Michelle DeGrate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HMIS:	Roshaun Epperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Real Estate/Affordable Housing:	Sheila Harper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Shelters:	Brenda Jackson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment:	Amanda James-Cotton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religiously Affiliated:	Katie Klein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health Care:	Alice Masciarelli	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veterans:	Christopher Mays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Care:	Jordan McCarty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Housing:	Gina Ortiz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Services (Police & Fire:	Frank Padgett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Children/Youth:	Jessica Peters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Substance Abuse:	Jan Pompei	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Legal:	Prudence Sanchez	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic Violence:	Connie Schmidt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Government:	Dani Shaw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Open:	Marc Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Formerly Homeless:	Leslie Wisenbaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### ALSO PRESENT:

#### GUESTS:

- Pauline Jamison, Giving Hope, Inc.

#### STAFF:

- Alonzo Peterson, Giving Hope, Inc.
- Michele Strickler, City of Lewisville

## MEETING DETAILS

### PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – 08/26/15

- Previous meeting minutes were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Katie K. moved the minutes be approved. Jan P. seconded. Minutes were approved.

### WORKGROUPS/TASK FORCE REPORTS ON CURRENT ACTIONS

- Information/Research – Chair - TBD  
(PIT Count, HMIS, Other Data Efforts – ie. 211 Data Integrity, Gap Analysis)
  - Chair, members not in attendance – No report provided
- Coalition Building – Coordinating Resources – Chair - TBD  
(Denton CAN, Street Outreach, Bridging the Gap, Veterans, etc.)
  - Chair, members not in attendance – No report provided
- Advocacy – Chair - TBD  
(Awareness Activities – Current Events and Initiatives.)
  - Dani S. asked for contributions to support for paying the \$26.00 annual renewal for the website domain endhomelessnessdenton.com. Members indicated they would contribute.
- Impact – Stakeholders – Chair - TBD  
(Bring new people to the table.)
  - Leslie W. began a discussion that a chair was needed to replace her. Stephanie Aguilar volunteered to assume the Chair role.
- Short Term Task Forces – As Assigned/Appointed  
(Short term activities as needed, ie Bylaws etc.)
  - None active at this time

**ACTION ITEM:** Hear Reports; Committee Member Self-Assignments; Chair Assignments

A discussion was held about member interest in the workgroup and task forces including request for volunteers to serve as chairs. There was also a call to grow the efforts of each workgroup to meet outside of the steering committee meetings.

Chair, Leslie W. distributed an interest card to have members write down their area(s) of interest. Next steps will be workgroup assignments and for workgroups to then appoint a chair. Attachment 1

## **WORKING/NETWORKING – CONNECTION and/or PANELS discussion**

### CONNECTIONS – Agenda Planning and Group Activity

- **ACTION ITEM:** General Body Agenda Planning
  - How many on the panel?
    - Members recommended to have a panel of three homeless representatives
  - Who is going to invite the homeless panel?
    - Chris M. will invite a veteran representative
    - Alice M., Brenda J. and Liz E will be contacted by Leslie W. to be asked to invite a representative to the panel.
  - Who is going to create the questions for the homeless panel?
    - Members held discussion on the focus and content of the questions for the panel on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Discussion first generated possible questions but then settled on the question if the panel focus would be about the “Face of Homeless” or about “Service Provision”. In the final consensus members decided to focus this panel on the “Face of Homelessness” but to add the panel format as a series where other panels would include different topics of focus like “Service Provision”. For this panel questions will begin with asking each participant for a bio which will lead into guided discussion around what a typical day looks like. Additional suggestions were offered and selected to be implemented. These include using notecards to allow questions from the general body and to have a follow-up activity to allow general body to design a service plan for hypothetically situations like those described by panel members. A request to provide incentives to participants was also accepted. \$10 gift cards will be secured by Sheila H.
  - Panel Moderator?
    - Dani S. was selected to moderate the panel discussion.
  - Agenda Item: Provide opportunity for discussion for new ideas.
    - Members were asked for their support to add a regular agenda item that gives general body members an opportunity to bring new ideas to the group. It was agreed that it can be added to the regular agenda.
- Mayor’s Task Force Report and Activity.
  - Dani S. presented the current status of the Mayor’s Task Force recommendations and guided members through an activity that broke

out into three groups to discussion DCHC's supporting of the recent actions taken and its position on supporting the task force priorities.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- None.

## **AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Denton Housing Authority will be contacting waitlist clients for potential placement on Section 8 voucher program. DHA is seeking agencies to assist with identifying priority clients on the list.
- NEW L.E.N.S.E.S. (Learning, Educating and Networking to Serve and Engage Survivors) conference is October 8, 2015 from 8:30-5:00p at Serve Denton <https://lenses.eventbrite.com>
- The VA, the City of Denton, and the Military Veteran Peer Network will cosponsor the first Homeless Veterans Stand Down in the Denton Civic Center and Quakertown Park on October 22 from 9 am - 2 pm. The DCVC and other community and county agencies will work together to provide clothing, footwear, services and health care information (to address both mental and physical needs) for struggling Veterans.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

General: 10/07/15 – Civic Center, Denton, TX  
Steering: 10/28/15 – Civic Center, Denton, TX