



# GENERAL BODY

## 10/05/2016 - MEETING MINUTES

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Leslie Wisenbaker called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES – (Minutes emailed)

The minutes from August 3, 2016 were emailed to registered members with email address.

**Motion was made by Danielle Shaw to approve the minutes as presented. Roxanne Del Rio seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.**

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/ INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees all introduced themselves.

### COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE ACTIONS

- Information/Research

*Collecting and providing information for better decision making*

Danielle Shaw provided an update from the PIT count committee. She reported that the talking points will be available soon for people who want to promote the PIT count in the community and on social media. She reported that the Communities working group in the committee was working on identifying where the homeless may be located inside and outside of Denton. Also incentives are now being collected and attendees were asked to consider donating and working to gather incentives on the list. The online volunteer registration form and paper sheet for signup are now available and the survey is in the final stages of development at the THN.

Courtney Cross provided an update from the Coordinated Entry Committee. They have soft launched the initial phase via current tools available in HMIS. The goal of coordinated entry is to streamline assessing housing needs in the community through objectively assigned scores based on client needs entered into the system. Clients are then placed on a 'wait list' based on these scores. The CE will help agencies identify gaps in fulfilling housing needs.

- Coalition Building

*Building relationships, partnerships, and collaborations to reduce homelessness*

Courtney Cross reported from the Homeless Leadership Team. This team has approved an *ex-officio* seat to be filled by a member of the DCHC. The DCHC steering committee will select a steering committee member to serve at its next meeting at the end of October.

The Homeless Leadership Team is also hosting a Homeless Summit on November 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Denton Public Safety Training Center.

Danielle Shaw gave an update on the state of emergency funding. The City of Denton has provided \$200,000, the City of Lewisville has provided \$164,500, and the Denton County Commissioners Court has provided \$35,000 to be used as a one-time source for the agencies

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who were impacted by the loss of the \$600,000 ESG (emergency solutions grant) funds earlier in the summer. Ms. Shaw reported that this is one piece of evidence of the effectiveness of the Homeless Leadership Team.

- o Advocacy

*Telling the story of homelessness in Denton County*

Nothing was presented this time.

- o Impact – Members and Other Stakeholders

*Bringing more people to the conversation and getting more support for DCHC initiatives*

Nothing was presented this time.

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

- o DCHC Steering Committee elections/nominations. Danielle Shaw noted that there is a link provided on the DCHC site and on the meeting agenda for members to view which seats are open and to nominate people to stand for election for open steering committee seats. It is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/16DCHCSC>. The steering committee will review and approve the slate of nominees at its next meeting the last Wednesday of October. Then the link for voting will be sent to DCHC members and voting will occur through November. The new Steering Committee will be announced in December. In addition, the DCHC Steering Committee Chair will be elected in December.
- o Danielle Shaw led discussion of local shelter capacity. It was noted that the Salvation Army is considering reducing the days they are open but have not yet made a final decision.
- o Leslie Wisenbaker and Danielle Shaw led discussion on DCHC moving forward. Danielle reported that the TDHCA is considering dividing funds allocated into regions of the state to encourage counties in the west part of Texas to do more around homelessness. However, it looks as if this means moving away from those in the east part of the state (including Denton) to provide more to the west. The TDHCA will send a survey out for input on this and it was noted that DCHC should have a collective voice in responding. It was also raised that the THN may either encourage DCHC to join another CoC (as opposed to being in the catch-all Balance of State CoC) or to become an independent CoC again. This helps frame more of the discussion about who DCHC wants to be and the need to strengthen our strategic view of the future.
- o Leslie Wisenbaker noted that she had participated in a study of collaboration around networking in a CoC conducted by a group at UNT and published at the IBM Center for the Business of Government. A number of ideas and lessons learned are provided in the final report which will be made available on the DCHC website and can be found also found at <http://www.businessofgovernment.org/>

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## NOTES/AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **VA Stand Down October 20 at Denton Civic Center.** Agencies that want to have a table can request until October 13.
- **Homeless Summit – November 12 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Denton Public Safety Training Center.**
- **Solutions of North Texas has a new women's house that houses a larger number of people than the current one they are moving out of.**

Leslie Wisenbaker adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

**2016 MEETINGS:** General Body Meeting Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- **February 3, 2016** – Denton The Mill 1980 E. University Dr. Denton, TX 76209
- **April 6, 2016** – Lewisville Glenmore Savage Community Room  
Lewisville Municipal Annex 1197 W. Main Street Lewisville TX 75067
- **June 1, 2016** – Denton The Mill 1980 E. University Dr. Denton, TX 76209
- **August 3, 2016** – Lewisville Glenmore Savage Community Room  
Lewisville Municipal Annex 1197 W. Main Street Lewisville TX 75067
- **October 5, 2016** – Denton The Mill 1980 E. University Dr. Denton, TX 76209
- **December 7, 2016** – Lewisville Glenmore Savage Community Room  
Lewisville Municipal Annex 1197 W. Main Street Lewisville TX 75067

Note: Attendance sign-in attached.

**\*Actions that resulted in a formal vote are in bold.**