



STEERING COMMITTEE

01/27/2016 - MEETING AGENDA

MEMBERS:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Brittani Barnett , Town of Flower Mound
Jamey Kirby, City of Lewisville
Pauline Jamison, Giving Hope, Inc.
Brooke Johnson, Denton County Friends of the Family
Alonzo Peterson, Giving Hope, Inc.
Elroy Robertson, VA
Barbara Ross, City of Denton Community Development
Michelle Strickler, City of Lewisville
Lee Weber, City of Denton Police Department

MEETING DETAILS

WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting Attendees Name, Agency, Services Provided

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - 11/18/2015

A motion to approve Previous Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Brenda Jackson. Seconded by Christopher Mays. Minutes approved.

COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE ACTIONS

- Information/Research – Alice Masciarelli
(PIT Count, HMIS, Other Data Efforts – ie. 211 Data Integrity, Gap Analysis)
 - Roshaun Epperson provided a report on the PIT Count
 - Dani Shaw reported on behalf of Alice Masciarelli that there is a UNT Class lead by Dr. Jerry Dake that is interested in a project to map how the homeless move through the system. Open Data Day is being held 03/05/2016. The event looks at how existing data can be harnessed to solve a community problem. Organizers are working with us to get participants to look at homelessness as a featured issue. DISD updated homeless count for the semester. Homeless youth are now at 729 with 38 unaccompanied youth in one of the high schools.
 - Jessica Peters provided an update to the Youth Count. They still need some volunteers to conduct surveys with any unaccompanied youth. Homeless youth is 19 up to 25. Nineteen and under is preferred. Children living in hotels are considered homeless. Surveys are due 02/12/2016.
- Coalition Building – Coordinating Resources – Brenda Jackson
(Denton CAN, Street Outreach, Bridging the Gap, Veterans, etc)
 - Bridging the gap will be February 11, 2016 at the Salvation Army. Looking to invite first responders.
 - Bags were passed out to the homeless with some left over.
 - Denton CAN is looking for strategies to coordinate daily notice of available resources in the community.
 - Giving Hope, Inc. is sponsoring to upcoming events:
 - Landlord Forum March 31, 2016 Joint meeting with agencies and local landlords to discuss housing. Barbara Ross asked that Federal Guidelines for Fair Housing be included in the agenda.
 - State of the Homeless Event on April 21, 2016 will include PIT in Time Count report and Street Outreach barriers Report.
- Advocacy – Christopher Mays
(Awareness Activities – Current Events and Initiatives.)
 - Jordan McCarty reported that they are looking to draft position papers. Discussed the disproportionate burden on Denton and that there are outlining communities with residents who need services. Additional discussion about how to advocate. Aaron Bradley, local political speech writer, was recommended to contact about helping draft some items.
 - Dani Shaw shared a request from Rennea Howard to look at how to coordinate with other local grassroots efforts to help the homeless.
- Impact - Stakeholders – Stephanie Aguilar
(Bring new people to the table.)
 - Dani Shaw recommended that Roxanne Del Rio be appointed to replace the position left vacant from a recent resignation of Jan Pompei as the representative for Substance Abuse programs. Dani recommended that Leslie Wisenbaker be moved to that position, Roxanne position be labeled Open and that a homeless/formerly homeless person be recruited for that position.

- Dani Shaw reported that the homeless coordinator position has been filled. Courtney Cross will start February 8, 2016. She will be an employee of the United Way. She has a background in community organizing. Members agreed to accept her onto the Steering Committee.
- Lewisville Resources Task Force – Liz Buferd
(Refrigerator for meds, Transportation, Cell phone access, Mailing address, Personal Storage)
 - Jamey Kirby reported the group met most recently a couple of weeks ago and are meeting quarterly. Current focus is on transportation and communication.
- Mayor's Task Force Report – Dani Shaw
 - Dani Shaw reported that the Mayor's Task Force for Housing the Homeless Report was sent out to the community and posted on Social Media. Reach has been good, feedback positive. Dani reminded the DCHC that the Task Force has concluded its work and the report tools like the Housing System Map, Housing Levels Tool and the Housing Survey are flexible not set in stone. The DCHC is encouraged to adopt the tools for future efforts.
 - Additional discussion was held about the opening of a VISTA position to help with SOAR program expedite clients filing for SSDI benefits.

WORKING/NETWORKING – CONNECTION and/or PANELS discussion

Planning for upcoming Meetings/Events

- February 5, 2016 General Body Meeting Agenda. – Leslie Wisenbaker
 - Agenda was developed. Should include: 2015 List of Accomplishments, discussion on the culture of the homeless coalition with an exercise of breaking up into groups to talk about the past, the current and what we envision for the future.
- Members were asked to notice the upcoming meeting dates listed. Discussion covered the changes to locations and if any additional changes were requested, parking at the police training center was covered and there was a reminder that we can consider alternating with Lewisville at a later date if desired.
- Members were asked to approve Alonzo Peterson to continue to represent the coalition on the CoC Committee hosted by THN with Leslie Wisenbaker serving as alternate. Members agreed. Leslie will complete a form and return to THN.
- Frank Padgett introduced Lee Weber to the committee. Lee is the new liaison officer over the downtown area.
- ~~“Define What Success Looks Like” Exercise (if time allows)~~ – Dani Shaw

Meeting concluded at 12:11p



Annual Meeting Calendar

Steering Committee Meeting Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- January 27, 2016 – Civic Center
- February 24, 2016 – City Hall City Council Work Session Room
- March 30, 2016 – Civic Center
- April 27, 2016 – Denton Public Safety Training Center
- May 25, 2016 – Denton Public Safety Training Center
- June 29, 2016 – Denton Public Safety Training Center
- July 27, 2016 – Denton Public Safety Training Center
- August 31, 2016 – Civic Center
- September 28, 2016 – Civic Center
- October 26, 2016 – Civic Center
- November 30, 2016 – Civic Center

DENTON:

-Civic Center- 321 East McKinney Denton, TX 76201
-City Hall 215 East McKinney Denton, TX 76201
-Denton Public Safety Training Center - 719 E. Hickory Street Denton, Texas 76205
(NO PARKING in the Training Center Lot - Parking is available in the lot at Exposition & Hickory or street along Exposition)

LEWISVILLE: TBD

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

- February 3, 2016- Denton
- April 6, 2016 - Lewisville
- June 1, 2016- Denton
- August 3, 2016 - Lewisville
- October 5, 2016 - Denton
- December 7, 2016 - Lewisville

DENTON: Serve Denton - The Mill
1980 E. University Dr. Denton, TX 76209

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