

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
November 17th, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Appointees Present: Chief Lee Howell, Chief Russ Kerbow, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Dr. Lisa Elliott, Dr. Matt Richardson, Dr. Nicki Roderman, Dr. Richard Valenta, Dr. Roxanne Del-Rio, Dr. Teresa McKinney, Elizabeth Ferring, Gary Seguin, Gary Fullerton, Joe Mulroy, Juan Rodriguez, Judge Coby Waddill, Louise Baldwin, Monya Crow

Ex officios present: Judge Doug Robison, Gary Henderson, Alex Reed

Appointees Absent: Bryan Langley, Cindy “Sanden” Daughthee, Deputy Randy Plemons, Dr. Bill Giese, Dr. Derrell Bulls, Dr. Kathryn Stream, Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Dr. Timothy Harris, Judge Barbara Gailey, Mayor Chris Watts, Melinda Galler, Prudence Sanchez, Scott McBryde

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions:

Joe Mulroy provided the welcome and recognized guests.

Consideration of September meeting minutes:

The September 15, 2016 meeting minutes of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team were reviewed and approved.

Motion: Chief Russ Kerbow

Second: Dr. Lisa Elliott

Minutes approved as written.

Strategic Planning Update:

Dr. Matt Richardson provided the Strategic Planning Committee update pertaining to the proposal of generating a new workgroup. Dr. Richardson informed the group that the committee met to review the potential workgroups for consideration, including workforce development, integrated care, community case management, and crisis/detention/commitment. Dr. Richardson relayed to the leadership team the recommendation to consider the crisis/detention/commitment workgroup as the next to be launched, pending additional information surrounding psychiatric triage and crisis intervention services.

Dr. Richardson acknowledge to close alignment with the Jail Diversion Workgroup that the proposed workgroup would have. Dr. Richardson recommended the leadership team review the provided recommendation summary. Mr. Mulroy requested that Pam Gutierrez of Denton County MHMR provide addition information surrounding the 1115 Waiver and Psychiatric Triage at the January 2017 DCBHLT meeting. The group agreed to hold voting on the workgroup launch, pending the presentation pertaining to Psychiatric Triage.

Public Relations:

Chief Lee Howell updated the group on the Speakers Bureau presentations, including Dr. Teresa McKinney's presentation at the Denton Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon in October. Chief Howell highlighted that the luncheon was sponsored by Texas Health Resources, with the topic of Mental Health in the Workforce as the keynote. Alex relayed that Texas Health Resources elected to make a donation to behavioral health initiatives at United Way of Denton County in lieu of centerpieces at the event. This monies is anticipated to provide funding to purchase workbooks for Mental Health First Aid training. Denco 911, City of Denton and Denton Regional Medical Center are interested in hosting trainings for employees.

Chief Howell also commended the group on the volume of Speakers Bureau presentations provided throughout the community. The group has exceeded the annual presentation benchmark by double at this time.

LISD Update and Response:

Monya Crow provided the leadership team with an update surrounding the recent deaths by suicide within LISD. Monya relayed that, unfortunately, there have been three death by suicides in the district over a short period of time. Monya relayed that the district is hosting "An Evening for Parents" tonight from 7 to 8:30p.m. at the Flower Mound High School Auditorium to provide education to parents on supporting teens through grief, healthy coping mechanisms and noticing anxiety and depression. Monya thanked the group for their support and continued advocacy surrounding response to mental health needs.

DCHLT and ESG Update:

Courtney Cross, backbone support to the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team, provide an overview of the Emergency Solutions Grant, the Balance of State and the Homelessness Summit. Courtney highlighted the loss of \$600,000 in ESG funding that supported four Denton County organizations. Courtney relayed that the county has historically received the funding in some capacity, where this year the funding was eliminated within the county. Mr. Mulroy questioned what is provided by ESG. Courtney relayed that rental assistance, street outreach, and data and outcome measures are funded through ESG.

Courtney relayed the budget percentage lost by each organization and persons served by ESG funding. Courtney relayed that stop-gap funding was provided by the City of Denton, City of Lewisville and Denton County in response to the emergency situation generated by the funding loss.

Courtney relayed that the Denton County Homelessness Summit was held on November 12th, providing the community with an overview of the cost of homelessness, a housing panel, further information on the BoS and HUD, and discussing next steps for Denton County. The Denton Record Chronical article covering the summit content provided within agenda packet.

Workgroup Reports:

Workgroup updates and highlights of individual workgroups were provided by the Chair (or workgroup representative) of each group. A formal written report was provided in the DCBHLT agenda packet.

A list of workgroup chairs is as follows:

- Veterans: Colonel Chris Martin
- Consumer: Elizabeth Ferring
- Housing: Terry Widmer
- Jail Diversion: Interim Dr. Teresa McKinney
- Mental Health Court: Tami Russell
- Child & Family Systems: Dr. Lisa Elliott and Laura Prillwitz, Co-chairs

During the workgroup reports, Laura Prillwitz relayed that the Juvenile Mental Health Court program, SOAR, is now operational. Laura stated that the program has started with two participants in two weeks. Laura also relayed that Ranch Hand Rescue now has an operational program for children of Veterans utilizing evidence-based EMDR. She states that the trauma IOP program is currently under-utilized and urge the group to spread awareness of the program.

Dr. Lisa Elliott provided an update on the Okay to Say media pieces, relaying that the team continues to collaborate with Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute to generate child and family specific media pieces. The group is working in collaboration with the WATCH Coalition to generate partnership opportunities for local organizations with the Okay to Say Movement.

Colonel Chris Martin updated the group on the Homeless Veterans Stand Down held on October 20th. Chris relayed that there continues to be silos of service that exist; however, awareness of the 20 Veterans experiencing homelessness will allow the community to address Veteran homelessness by individuals. He expressed that a Veteran Homelessness Meeting has been established on a monthly basis for service providers to begin to address each individual Veteran experiencing homelessness. Chris would like to expand the stand down in to Lewisville next year.

Elizabeth Ferring provided an update on the Community Conversation held at AbleDisabled on November 3rd. Elizabeth relayed that an attendee at the meeting stated how thankful she was to have someone willing to listen to the complexities she experiences accessing services. Elizabeth also highlighted the continued iteration of desire for increased peer support.

Dr. Teresa McKinney relayed to the group that the Jail Diversion Workgroup will be filming the Law Enforcement Training Video on November 30th on site at Denton County MHMR and a residential location. In-studio filming will take place the week of December 5th, with Jeremy Hardy of Carrollton Springs providing the narration.

Judge Coby Waddill expressed that Mental Health Treatment Court continues to grow and service individuals across the continuum of care. Judge Waddill stated that Dr. Hannah Moussa is providing in-kind psychiatric services for court participants. Mr. Mulroy inquired pertaining to court sustainability

funding. Judge Waddill addressed that the court is anticipating applying for CJD funds in February 2017. Judge Waddill stated that the court is anticipating initial court graduates in December 2016.

HHSC TV+FA Grant and Flow Foundation Grant:

Alex Reed provided an update on the implementation of the HHSC TV+FA Grant, including grant metrics. The VCN program has received 80 referrals to date, with 179 referrals sent out of the program. The most frequently sent referral was for housing assistance and emergency services. Alex relayed that the VCN program staff continues to meet with Denton County MHMR, Denton County VSO and DCVC on a bi-monthly basis for program oversight and collaboration. Alex relayed that the Stanfield Masonic Lodge has generously elected to sponsor 10 Veteran families for Christmas.

Alex relayed that the Veterans Workgroup will be submitting an application for Phase IIB TV+FA funding to increase capacity to provide Veteran specific Mental Health First Aid. Alex stated that the goal is provide training to 200 Veterans and their family members and 150 employers and community leaders throughout the grant term. The group endorsed the Phase IIB funding application on behalf of the DCBHLT.

Alex also relayed that the VCN team applied for the FLOW Foundation Grant to provide emergent transportation services for Veterans and their families. The VCN team applied for \$4,800 in funding to increase access to medical and behavioral healthcare services. Alex provided the insight that numerous Veterans have desired admittance for substance use in Bonham and required emergent transportation. The funding has been request to provide an Uber business account for transportation to medical and behavioral health services.

Backbone Support Update:

Gary Henderson recognized interns and advocacy students present for DCBHLT meeting, Shion, Jazia and Morgan.

Gary also relayed that Dr. Teresa McKinney, Pam Gutierrez, and Alex Reed will be attending the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute Engage and Excel Training in Austin alongside Gary. This training will providing networking opportunities also working to develop collective impact initiatives surrounding behavioral health across the state.

New Business:

Pam Gutierrez relayed that she will provide a detailed overview of the Psychiatric Triage facility and 1115 Waiver, as the funding is set to expire in December 2017. Judge Waddill highlighted that there is a center in Montgomery County that provides crisis stabilization. Pam stated that a robust program will cost approximately \$4 million. Judge Waddill relayed that crisis stabilization is something that all counties need and advocated that Denton County lead the initiative. Lisa advised that the group review projected cost avoidance from ER and jail services reduced through crisis stabilization resource. Pam relayed that Texoma is willing to partner with Denton County to generate encompassing Crisis Stabilization Unit.

Mr. Mulroy requested an overview of Psychiatric Triage at the January meeting and a Mental Health Treatment Court overview at the March 2017 meeting. Mr. Mulroy would like to address sustainability of each of these programs in 2017.

Public Comments: No public comments were received.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:20 a.m.

**Next Meeting: January 19, 2017 @ 8:00 a.m.
Denton Public Safety Training Center**

Secretary

Date