



Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team

March 22, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

United Way of Denton County (1314 Teasley Ln, Denton, TX 76201)

Agenda

- I. **Welcome** T. McKinney 5 min.
Motion to accept UBH appointment, new CEO Awstin Gregg to DCBHLT. Chief Kerbow moved. Terry Widmer second. Motion approved by DCBHLT.

- II. **Consideration of Minutes from January 2018** T. McKinney 2 min.
Chief Kerbow moved to approve minutes. Second by TJ Gilmore. Motion approved by DCBHLT.

- III. **Update from Brainstorming Activity** S. Redwine 5 min.
Sonia showed word cloud with an emphasis on diversion, case management.
Top 7 opportunities from brainstorming activity include: Jail Diversion, Case Management, Homelessness, Communication across the community, funding for more programs, need for grant writers, Mental Health with the homeless population

Sonia will be sharing the top 7 with workgroups to see how this fits in with their current strategic goals.

In order to write grants and get more funding, we need a more complete picture of what the cost is associated with behavioral health in Denton County. Sonia will be reaching out to organizations to get a better picture of funding streams, expenses.

Communication across the community happens when we are talking about our work. We have some opportunities coming up, and I encourage you to consider those opportunities in addition to others. Additionally, we need to continue dialogue within the leadership team and our workgroups to gain progress.

Bringing in Courtney Cross to discuss DCHLT. Encourage participation at DCHLT meetings as guests.

- IV. **DCBHLT logo update** G. Henderson 5 min.
Share updated logo with group. (see slide) Connect back to funding opportunities. Discussion about "Powered by". Dialogue included supported by, in partnership with, in collaboration with as substitutes. Motion to approve new logo as is. Captain Lee motioned to change logo to include the words "In partnership with United Way of Denton County". Second by Roxanne Del-Rio. Motion approved by DCBHLT.

- V. **Initiatives at Denton County Homelessness** C. Cross 25 min.



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3 goals for the DCHLT of 1) Continuous Improvement of Homelessness Data Management in Denton County, 2) Increase Access to Housing, and 3) Support the Mission and Vision of DCHLT. Have focused on data collection through coordinated entry. Currently data is centered on literal homelessness.

Currently exploring a Housing Navigator position to negotiate leases to free up time for case managers at housing agencies. This role would also provide outreach and education to landlords.

Affordable housing needs in our community include 100-150 Permanent Supportive Housing, 300-350 Rapid Rehousing (3-6 months), 200 Diversion.

Case conferencing being used through data collected in coordinated entry to bring providers together to see which agency is working with a client, what services are being offered.

Tax incentives, public/private partnerships needed to bring in new housing options, especially for supportive and affordable housing.

Supportive Housing Pilot designed to first address Veterans, expanding to other persons experiencing homelessness. Case management is intensive and requires an increase in capacity to continue.

Mary Jones highlighted the Barriers Fund with Denton County Homeless Coalition to help pay day costs, client assistance to pay for things that don't have funding streams. Spring into Action donation match up to \$7500. Sonia will share information.

- VI. HB13 Community Health Grant proposal S. Redwine 5 min.
Sonia will share the Denton County ACTS (Advocates for Comprehensive Treatment and Support) Logic model (See attached document). Addressed 5 different gaps identified in the Texas State Behavioral Health Strategic Plan in the proposal. Focused on 3 vulnerable populations: justice-involved, Veterans, persons experiencing homelessness. The grant asked for \$750,000, half from the state, half in-kind. Proposal asked for increased staffing capacity; 4 QMHP in the jail, case manager dedicated to individuals exiting jail, sustain 2 VCN positions and an outreach coordinator for Veterans, 1 case manager for housing.
- VII. Workgroup Reports (see attached) 20 min.
- a. Veterans-Chris Martin
 - i. Chris highlighted how the housing process is working.
 - ii. Gary Henderson discussed updates from VA. CBOC received 12 months, solicitation out on June 1, 2018.
 - iii. Chris mentioned that Dr. Holt, new VA director for our area, is interested in programs in Denton County, as he is a resident of Denton County.
 - iv. HHSC Phase IIB update. Sonia is reworking goals and objectives for a no cost extension.



- b. Jail Diversion-Captain Doug Lee
- c. Child and Family Systems-Dr. Lisa Elliott and Laura Prillwitz
- d. Mental Health Court-Tami Russell absent, Judge Coby Waddill provided update. Tracking continues to be a challenge with persons graduating program. Need help identifying how to create a mentoring program with graduates to support candidates in Mental Health Court. Gary suggested UWDC intern to look at recidivism rate for other mental health courts.
- e. Community Conversations-Elizabeth Ferring

VIII. Feedback from Peer Support Groups E. Ferring 10 min.

- a. Concerned about access to psychiatry.
- b. Concerned about access without insurance. Psychiatrists can cost \$280/visit.
- c. Not enough transitional housing, access to transportation.
- d. No follow up from providers about accessing to resources.
- e. Meeting with Kathy O’Keefe of Winning the Fight.

IX. Speakers Bureau S. Redwine 5 min.

- a. Previous engagements
 - i. 3/12: MyVA meeting through Chris Martin. We described DCBHLT structure and the importance of having a collaborative community with various viewpoints to improve communication on how mental health is addressed in Denton County. We shared our current Veterans Initiatives that were funded through HHSC. Participants asked great questions regarding metrics, and cited that we are a model county.
 - ii. 3/19: Denton Evening Rotary invitation to speak about Veterans Initiatives. Sonia discussed the role of DCBHLT, the Veteran Center, and the 2 grant funded Veterans initiatives.
- b. Upcoming opportunities
 - i. National Public Health Week at TWU 4/2/18. This day is focused on behavioral health with an emphasis on advocating for improved access to mental & behavioral health services and reducing stigma associated with a mental health diagnosis.

X. New Business T. McKinney 2 min.
 Reminder to start thinking about new appointees for Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary

XI. Public Comments 5 min.

- a. Courtney Barnard with WATCH led by Cook Children’s announcing proclamations at City Council meetings for Mental Health Month. May 19th Youth Art Gallery for Children’s Mental Health Month. Looking at UNT on the Square. Phyllis Finley of DCMHMR LOSS Team is compiling a mental health month calendar of events.

XII. Adjourn T. McKinney
Next Meeting: May 17 @ 8:00 a.m. United Way of Denton County



 Secretary

5/17/18
 Date

