

Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
May 18th, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Appointees Present: Captain Douglas Lee, Chief Lee Howell, Chief Russ Kerbow, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Councilman TJ Gilmore, Craig Daugherty, Dr. Derrell Bulls, Dr. Lisa Elliott, Dr. Matt Richardson, Dr. Richard Valenta, Dr. Teresa McKinney, Dr. Roxanne Del-Rio, Dr. Timothy Harris, Elizabeth Ferring, Gary Seguin, Joe Mulroy, Juan Rodriguez, Judge Barbara Gailey, Judge Coby Waddill, Louise Baldwin, Melinda Galler, Monya Crow

Ex officios present: Gary Henderson, Alex Reed

Appointees Absent: Bryan Langley, Cindy “Sanden” Daughhtee, Dr. Bill Giese, Dr. Kathryn Stream, Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Dr. Nicki Roderman, Gary Fullerton, Chris Watts, Prudence Sanchez

Meeting called to order at 8:02 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions:

Joe Mulroy provided the welcome and recognized guests.

Consideration of January meeting minutes:

The March 23rd, 2017 meeting minutes of the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team were reviewed and approved.

Motion: Dr. Derrell Bulls

Second: Councilman TJ Gilmore

Minutes approved as written.

Public Relations:

Chief Lee Howell provided overview of recent Speakers Bureau presentations, including presentations to Denton County Commissioners Court, Denton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Texas Library Association.

Gary Henderson and Alex Reed provided an overview of the Needs Assessment and Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team efforts to Corinth City Council on Thursday, May 11th. Corinth City Council will vote on May 16th on the Texas Health Resources Behavioral Health facility development in the City of Corinth.

TH Behavioral Health:

Andrew Carlton provided an overview of the Texas Health Resources Behavioral Health facility proposed to be opening in the City of Corinth. Andrew provided slides indicating various behavioral health facilities located in proximity to residential neighborhoods. Andrew subsequently provided information

surrounding the proposed 60 bed facility to provide behavioral health services to children, adolescents, geriatrics, and adults. Corinth City Council will vote on May 16th as to the approval or denial of Texas Health Resources Behavioral Health being established in the City of Corinth.

Legislative Advocacy

Gary Henderson provided information surrounding current behavioral health focused legislation. Gary indicated that he collaborated with Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute to engage in active advocacy in Austin. Gary highlighted the pertinence of Senate Bill 292 on the work delivered through the Jail Diversion and Mental Health Treatment Court Workgroups.

Dr. Matt Richardson highlighted the emphasis Representative Four Price has placed on mental health. Alex Reed will share Representative Price's office contact to relay the DCBHLT support of a public health focus on mental health.

Veterans Initiatives:

Alex Reed provided a video tour of the newly opened Denton County Veterans Center. Alex provided information pertaining to the facility logistics, including information surrounding the donors and partners that will occupy the facility. The Grand Opening of the Denton County Veterans Center took place on April 19th, with Congressman Burgess providing remarks.

Alex also updated the DCBHLT on the award notice from Health and Human Services for the Phase IIB Texas Veterans and Family Alliance Grant. A one-pager was provided with an overview of the proposed project, entitled Project Camo.

Workgroup Reports:

Workgroup updates and highlights of individual workgroups were provided by the Chair (or workgroup representative) of each group. A formal written report and workgroup strategic goal 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

Colonel Chris Martin provided an overview of the Veterans Workgroup, with emphasis on a Veterans Community Engagement event to be hosted on July 11th in Denton. Chris also relayed the workgroups engagement with Texas Veterans Commission and beginning to integrate trainings for faith based organizations surrounding moral injury.

Dr. Teresa McKinney provided the group with an update pertaining to the Law Enforcement Training Video. The video will be displayed at a Denton County Chief of Police meeting on June 9th at Lewisville

Police Department. Dr. McKinney also indicated the continued necessity to focus on Crisis Stabilization, noting the facility is a dire community need.

Dr. Lisa Elliott and Laura Prillwitz announced the Child and Family Systems Workgroup hosted a Children’s Mental Health Awareness Event on May 6th, bringing in over 70 community members to view art from the My Feelings are a Work of Art Contest. Books surrounding emotional processing were sponsored by UBH and provided to attendees. The event also served as the public launch of the Okay to Say media pieces.

Recognition of Term Appointees and Officers:

Gary Henderson recognized the 2016 – 2017 Officer Slate of the DCBHLT. Gary also recognized appointees with term expirations, including Mr. Joe Mulroy, Councilwoman Cindy Daughhete, Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, and Dr. Derrell Bulls. New appointments to the DCBHLT provided for review including pursuit of induction of Terry Widmer for Denton County Commissioners Court, Samantha Castle of UBH, Dr. Robert Placido of TWU, Malcolm McGuire for UWDC, and an appointee from City of Sanger and City of Corinth.

Motion: Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell

Second: Chief Lee Howell

Officer Slate Nominations:

Dr. Matt Richardson relayed that the Nominations Committee met and formulated the recommended 2017 – 2018 DCBHLT Officer Slate. Nominations for the Officer Slate are as follows:

Past Chair: Judge Barbara Gailey

Chair: Dr. Teresa McKinney

Co-Chair: Chief Russell Kerbow

Secretary: Dr. Lisa Elliott

Motion for approval of proposed officer slate: Dr. Derrell Bulls

Second: Melinda Galler

Officer Slate approved as proposed.

Dr. Richardson also provided a recommendation from the Nominations Committee to amend the bylaws. The bylaw amendment would change the current Section 4.3 from “expected to attend 75% of meetings” to “expected to attend no fewer than 50% of meetings”.

Motion to approve bylaw amendment: Dr. Derrell Bulls

Second: Chief Russell Kerbow

Bylaw amendment approved.

Public Comments:

Courtney Barnard provided public comment noting the collaborative success of the WATCH Coalition and Child and Family Systems Workgroup. Courtney expressed her appreciation for the work of Dr. Lisa Elliott and Laura Prillwitz.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:17 a.m.

**Next Meeting: July 20, 2017 @ 8:00 a.m.
United Way of Denton County**

Secretary

Date