



Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team
November 30, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Appointees present: Russ Kerbow, Dr. Lisa Elliott, Louise Baldwin, Dr. Stephanie Brown, Monya Crow, Craig Daugherty, Elizabeth Ferring, Melinda Galler, Dr. Bill Giese, Councilman TJ Gilmore, Monica Glenn, Mayor Bill Heidemann, Mary Jones, Jane Krhorjak, Captain Douglas Lee, Chief Robin Paulsgrove, Dr. Kathryn Stream, Dr. Richard Valenta, Terry Widmer

Ex-officios present: Gary Henderson, Judge Doug Robison, Sonia Redwine

Appointees absent: Dr. Teresa McKinney, Dr. Roxanne Del-Rio, Samantha Castle, Gary Fullerton, Judge Barbara Gailey, Dr. Tim Harris, Chief Lee Howell, Dr. Randall Langston, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, Dr. Matt Richardson, Juan Rodriguez, Judge Coby Waddill, Mayor Chris Watts

Meeting called to order at 8:00am

- I. Welcome R. Kerbow
Chief Russ Kerbow called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

- II. Consideration of September Meeting Minutes R. Kerbow
Meeting Minutes included for approval, including the electronic minutes to vote for a letter of support for DCMHMR.

Motion to approve minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously by DCBHLT.

- III. SIM Webinar Discussion S.Redwine
The Sequential Intercept Model is an evidence based model that is recommended through the state. This model has been proved effective when working with justice-involved persons with mental and substance abuse disorders. Sonia reviewed the key issues in each intercept (see attached handout with SIM chart). SAMHSA offers free workshops to help communities implement the SIM model. The DCBHLT was not able to garner enough support from the required agencies to submit an application to bring a free SIM workshop to Denton. However, on November 15th members of the DCBHLT were invited to sit in on a webinar where 3 communities shared how they implemented the SIM model, with support from SAMHSA. With more understanding of how the SIM is used in practice, my hope is that we will be better prepared for future opportunities, including SB292, as it was listed in the RFA.

The model has intercepts 0-5, or opportunities for intervention. 0 focuses on community services and early detection/intervention; 1 focuses on law enforcement; 2 focuses on initial detention/court hearings; 3 focuses on jails and specialty courts; 4 focuses on reentry; and 5 focuses on community corrections.



Strengths include the DCBHLT, trainings in place, CIT, specialty courts. Opportunities include information and data sharing across community agencies and coordination of release with social services support.

As we look at our jail diversion workgroup, we see the SIM as an opportunity to improve communication, reduce duplication of services, identify gaps in services, and improve recidivism rates.

Suggestion to reach out to THR to look at ED Navigation.

Letters of support needed to pursue application include Denton County courts and Social Security Office.

Bonds and bond programs highlighted as a factor to jail recidivism.

Douglas Lee mentioned Houston as a model to look at for Mobile Crisis Team. Sonia mentioned the Colorado Springs Model as another example.

Need Mental Health Court and Jail Diversion workgroups to focus on SIM. Possible ad hoc workgroup for ED diversion.

Suggested to look at CASA model to utilize and train volunteers to fulfill gaps in the community to support some of the areas in SIM.

IV. Denton County MHMR Update

P. Gutierrez

Not able to get match for Crisis Stabilization Unit for SB 292 and HB 13. 1115 Waiver funding is uncertain, so MHMR wrote for \$1 million grant to sustain Psych Triage for SB292. Received a letter of support from DCBHLT.

Should know something about SB292 in the Spring 2018.

Pam asks the group to consider the needs of the community and further discussion on CSU, including a capital campaign.

V. Veterans Initiatives

S. Redwine

• TV+FA Phase I

Served 280 Veterans and their family members in grant year. Looking towards sustainability with 1 VCN and 1 MSW intern. Currently sustained with UWDC budget through March 2018. Goal is to shift program to Denton County VSO for FY19. Positions funded through March. Applied for TVC Mental Health Grant, TVC General Assistance Funds grant, and Flow Foundation grant to bridge gap from April 2018 until October 2018. In addition to salaries, the grants requested funding for transportation, living costs, and MH services for clients.



- TV+FA Phase IIB

Slow start to grant; 11 veterans and 1 dependent have gone through Project Camo, with a goal of 110. Spring 2018 dates have been selected. Course will be held at Denton County buildings throughout the county, in addition to the Denton County Veteran Center. Please help share this program with Veterans and their dependents. We are also open to providing the course to faith based organizations, so if you have contacts, please share with us. We will have an intern helping with outreach next semester.

Gary asked for support to connect with military families at the schools. Dr. Elliott suggested support groups, posters in non traditional places.

Bob Widmer offered lunch and open house for Veterans Center to see what resources are being co-located in the center.

Chris Martin addressed the question regarding Veterans experiencing homelessness. HMIS has identified 45 experiencing homeless, 10 literally homeless identified in Veteran Stand Down. VA offers case management for those Veterans who receive HUD-VASH vouchers (10 received and used for the county).

Terry Widmer mentioned barriers for Veterans experiencing homelessness include lack of case management and not enough units available. Veterans who have a criminal background have limited options to the types of housing available.

Gary Henderson discussed barriers fund in Homeless Coalition to help with those individuals who need additional incentive to be housed.

Chris Martin identified that we are not reaching those who are newly out of the military for Project Camo.

What is not captioned in the data are the number of community members who have completed the military module of MHFA training through this grant. Our grant metric is 100 community members. We have reached 41 to date.

- New TV+FA grant application

Application due December 4th. Looking for new ideas, as we cannot apply for sustainability of the program. We would need to make a modification to the VCN program in order to reapply for the grant.

VI. Denton County Veterans Center Update

B. Widmer

Low Income Taxpayer Clinic is a 501c3 that began about a year ago. It uses graduate accounting students to provide support for clients. Saw more and more Veterans come through the LITC for services. B. Widmer wanted to learn more about what was being done for Veterans in the community.



He raised funds for the Veterans Center which provided rent (\$2100/month) and refurbished the space. Nice collaboration between the Veterans Center and the LITC. 75 active clients, 25 of which are Veterans at the LITC.

- VII. UWDC Annual Report/Needs Assessment G. Henderson
Needs assessment at a glance distributed to DCBHLT members. Focus on children experiencing homelessness. 47,000 adults living in poverty, with single female head of household making a large percentage. \$33 living wage in Denton County. Veterans experience suicide a higher rate than civilians. 50 % of homeless population work full time. 135,000 experiencing mental health illnesses. Growth in Denton County, so the need for infrastructure for non profit organizations continues to grow.
- VIII. Workgroup Reports(attached) Workgroups
- Veterans - Colonel Chris Martin-no meeting last month. Working on peer support.
 - Jail Diversion - Dr. Teresa McKinney-no update
 - Child and Family Systems - Dr. Lisa Elliott & Laura Prillwitz: Continue to work on Texas System of Care designation. Reached out to Community Conversations to garner feedback from consumers. Making progress with the Ok to Say banners.
 - Community Conversation – Elizabeth Ferring: Meeting at Emily Fowler library to collect feedback from community.
 - Mental Health Court - Tami Russell- no update
- IX. New Business R. Kerbow
- Dates for DCBHLT bimonthly meetings for 2018
January 18, March 22, May 17, July 19, September 20, November 15
- X. Public Comments
VA behavioral health center expansion update from Gary. VA will schedule a meeting through Congressman Burgess' office once they have their permanent staff in position. Need DCBHLT to advocate for expansion of services for Denton County Veterans.
- DCPH Community Health Improvement Plan Release December 7 10am-12pm. Will bring back the strategic goals the county has set for mental health.
- XI. Adjourn R. Kerbow

**Next Meeting: January 22, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.
United Way of Denton County**

Secretary

Date