

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 10, 2017

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Dallas Commission on Homelessness**

On Wednesday, February 15, 2017, the Dallas City Council will be briefed on the Dallas Commission on Homelessness. The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T.C. Broadnax'.

T.C. Broadnax
City Manager

c: Larry Casto, City Attorney
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
Mark McDaniel, Acting First Assistant City Manager
Eric D. Campbell, Assistant City Manager

Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer
Sana Syed, Public Information Officer
Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor & Council
Directors and Assistant Directors



DALLAS COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS

City Council Briefing | February 15, 2017

Purpose

To review the background of homelessness in Dallas and provide options for a proposed homeless commission structure



Background

The 2016 Point in Time Count reflected:

- 21% increase in homelessness in Dallas from 2015 to 2016 (particularly in unsheltered)
- 78% Male
- 55% African-American
- 48% between 46-61 years of age
- 75% exited from criminal justice system



The Response

- May 2016: Dallas Commission on Homelessness (the “Commission”) formed. The Commission was responsible for:

Analyzing the community’s current system of addressing homelessness

Comparing it to best practices in similar communities

Delivering a focused set of strategies and recommendations for the City and county to consider going forward

- Final report of Commission recommendations issued November 2016 and presented to City Council Housing Committee in December 2016 and January 2017

Key Recommendation

- ***Get organized and aligned: Develop a Community-Wide System of Leadership and Accountability.***

The City and County need a formal and ongoing collaborative structure, a comprehensive plan, and a system of dedicated leadership and accountability which holds all organizations responsible for performance against agreed-upon plan metrics. The expectation is this high-level organization is complemented by enhanced citizen engagement.

The Proposed Structure Options

Option 1:

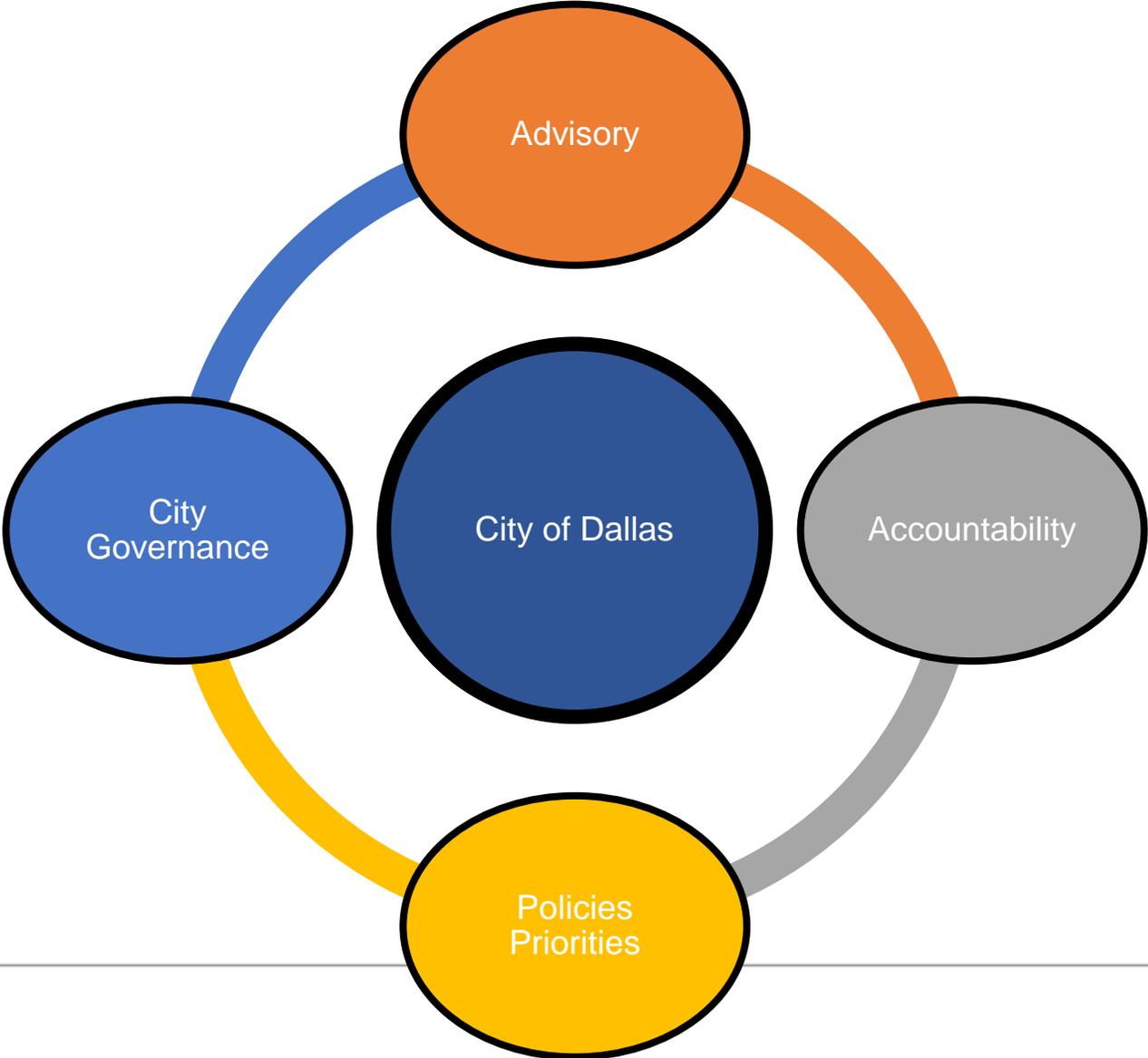
City of Dallas Homeless Commission

Option 2:

Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness (collaborative partnership between the City of Dallas and Dallas County)



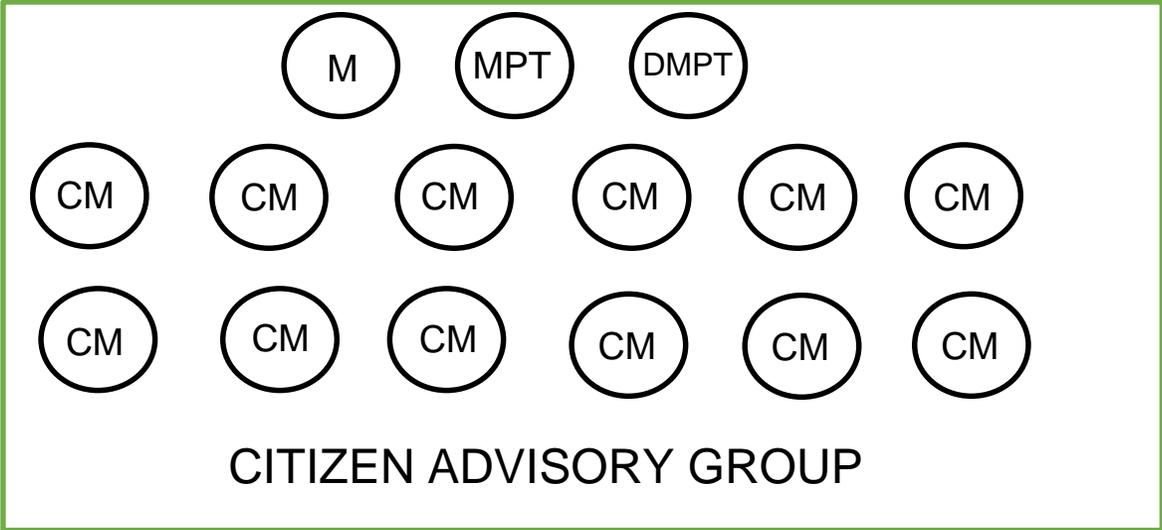
Option 1: City of Dallas Homeless Commission



Option 1: City of Dallas Homeless Commission Overview

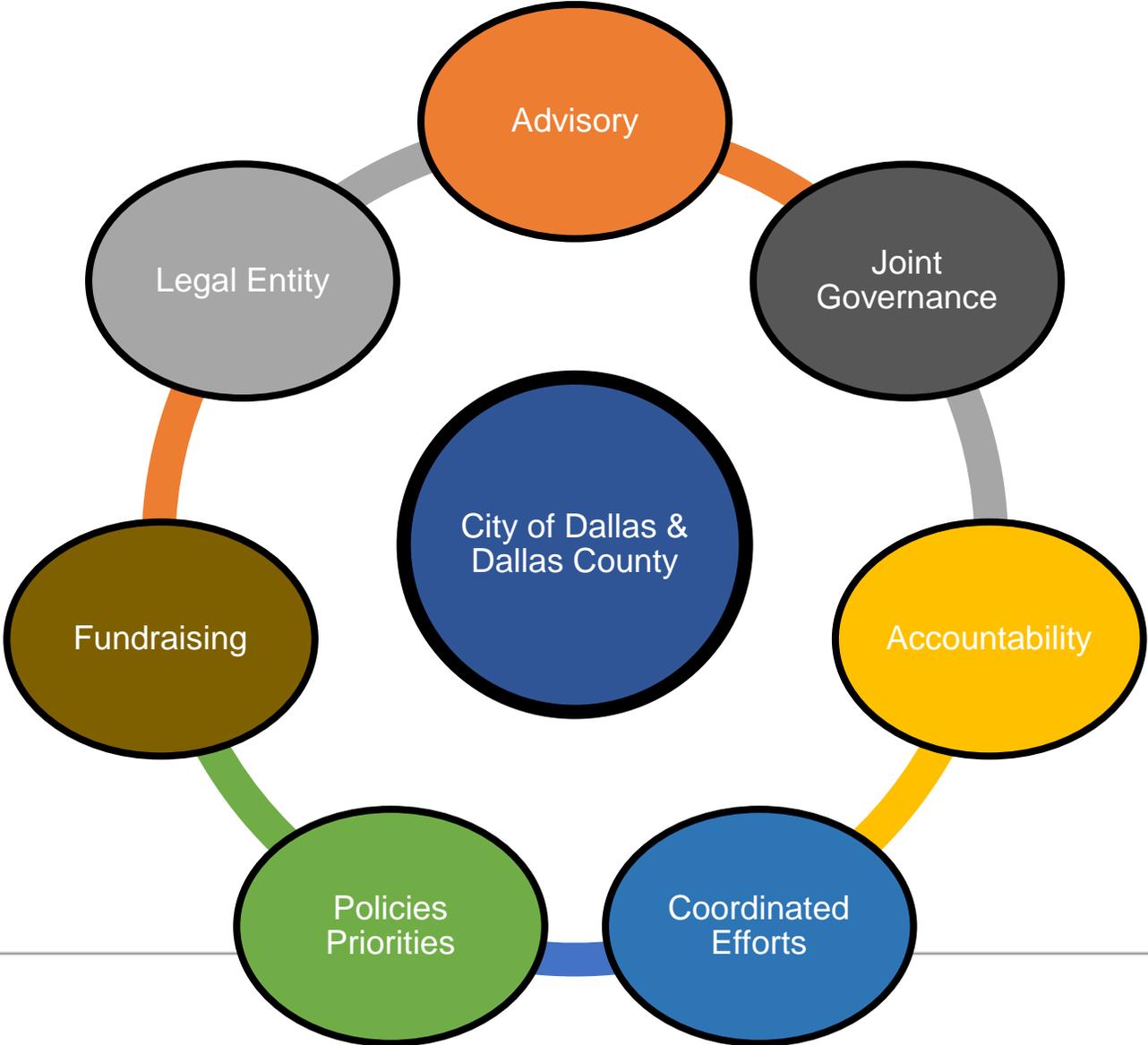
Advisory	Provide public forum for providing concerns about homelessness
City Governance	Identify programs/services needed to address homelessness
Accountability	Review homeless programs for effectiveness
Policies/Priorities	Make policy recommendations to City Council

Option 1: City of Dallas Homeless Commission Structure



M – City of Dallas Mayor appointee
MPT – Mayor Pro Tem appointee
DMPT – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem appointee
CM – Council Member appointee

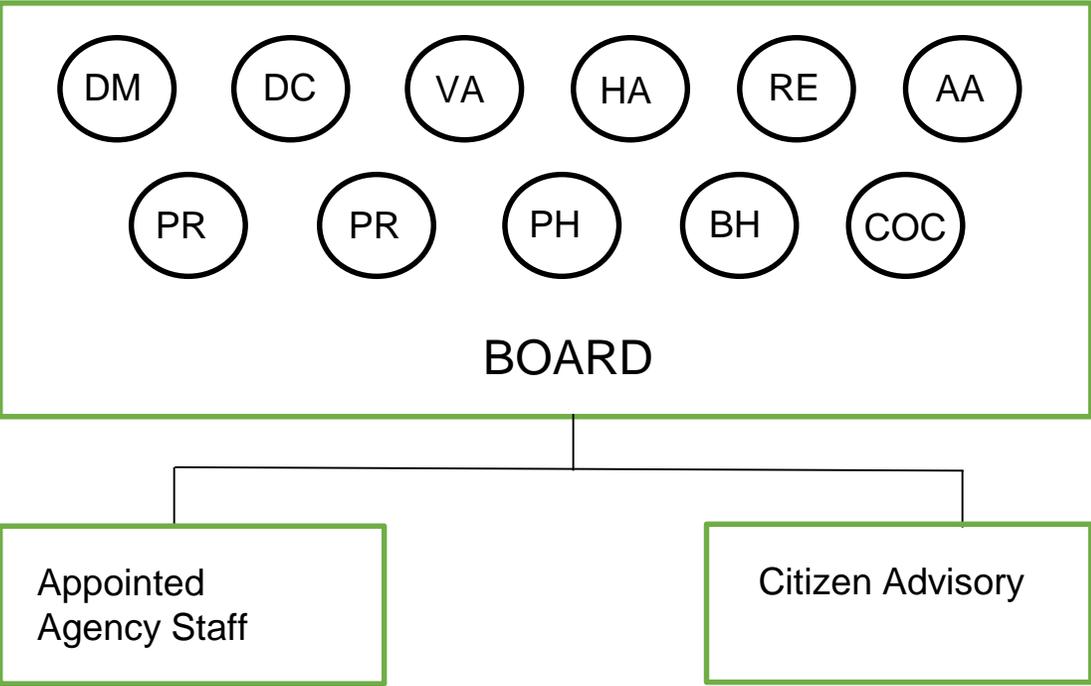
Option 2: Collaborative Partnership



Option 2: Collaborative Partnership Overview

Advisory	Provide recommendations on homeless programs, funding, and policies
Joint Governance	Partnership of the City of Dallas and Dallas County
Accountability	Measure effectiveness of new and existing programs
Policies/Priorities	Bring priority and policies in line
Coordinated Efforts	Ensure entities are working together
Legal Entity	Formed as a Local Government Corporation with two advisory groups; one comprised of appointed staff, the other would be a community advisory group comprised of 20 members appointed by elected officials (15 City of Dallas, 5 Dallas County)
Fundraising	Focus fundraising efforts

Option 2: Collaborative Partnership Structure



MDHA & Continuum of Care Group (COC)

- DM – City of Dallas Mayor nominee
- DC – Dallas County Judge nominee
- VA – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- RE – Real Estate Council
- AA – Apartment Association of Greater Dallas
- PR – Philanthropic rep nominated by Dallas Mayor
- PR – Philanthropic rep nominated by County Judge
- PH – Parkland Health & Hospital System
- BH – North Texas Behavioral Health Authority
- COC – Current COC lead agency Board Officer

Next Steps

- Receive Council direction on the proposed structure options
- Consider formation documents and/or ordinance (prepared by City Attorney's Office) in February/March
- Nomination process
- Timeline (initial meeting)

