



DOUGLAS COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

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Thursday, July 10, 2025	9:00 AM	BOCC Hearing Room, Conference Rooms A & B
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In - Person Attendees: Commissioner Abe Laydon, Adam Moorman, Allison Cutting, Alyssa DeJesus, Andrea Barnum, Arin DeGross, Brian Briggs, Caroline Frizell, Chris Eubanks, Dan Marlow, Donté Young, Ellie Reynolds, Erin White, Greg Matthews, Jamie Fisher, Jay Carpenter, Jeff Garcia, Jennifer Eby, Kevin Torrens, Kirsten Swanson, Luke Ward, Maria Ciano, Max Brooks, Melody D'Haillecourt, Mike Hill, Mike McIntosh, Mike Polhemus, Nick Adamson, Paolo Diaz, Rand Clark, Ruby Richards, San Castillo-Jones, Sandy Holcomb, Sasha Larson, Stephanie Dorrell, Steven Dodrill, Tiffany Marsitto

Online Participants: 20 (list is available upon request)

1. **Welcome & Introductions: Commissioner Laydon**

2. **Reintegration Update:**

Brian Briggs, DCSO: The mission of the Jail Based Behavioral Services (JBBS)/Reintegration program is to reduce recidivism in our communities. On July 8, 2025, there were 50 individuals in custody at the jail that were self-reported as unhoused, of those 50, 10 individuals were from Douglas County.

San Castill-Jones: JBBS Community Programs Administrator: In 2024, 84% of JBBS/Reintegration programs participants needed housing assistance. The JBBS/Reintegration team help to address risk factors of inmates who choose to participate in the program. The program offers important document replacement, employment training, mental health support, substance disorder support, benefit assistance, and transportation needs after release. In 2024, the Reintegration transports provided 362 transports and issued 349 Lyft Rides vouchers. Of the 362 transports provided, 87 transports were provided to treatment and sober living shelters, 53 to community visits with JBBS Substance Use Disorder clinicians, and 222 transports for 18th Judicial Problem Solving Court (PSC) programs. In 2026, the 23rd Douglas County Judicial System will have a Competency Court established for those who need mental health evaluation and stabilization.

3. **Summer Point In Time:**

Tiffany Marsitto, Community Services Supervisor: The Point in Time (PIT) counts those experiencing homelessness on a single night in Douglas County. The Summer PIT count is not mandated by the Housing of Urban and Development (HUD) as it is for the January Winter count. However, Douglas County conducts the count independently with the same methods as the HUD Winter PIT. The Summer PIT is scheduled for the evening of July 28, 2025. There will be five teams counting in coordination with our Community Partners.

The Summer PIT outcomes include data analysis, reaching functional zero for families, ensuring quality data to know everyone experiencing homelessness by name, to decrease the inflow of homelessness, and to increase shelter and housing solutions.

4. Executive Committee Member Updates:

Ellie Reynolds, CEO, Douglas County Economic Development Council (DCEDC): The Annual DCEDC Breakfast was a success and well attended by local businesses and community partners. The theme of the breakfast was public safety. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), the Douglas County District Attorney's office, and the HEART team attended. HEART presented how businesses can engage with the Sheriff's office and HEART to help report crimes, how to contact HEART to help someone experiencing homelessness, and how to connect to community resources.

Adam Moorman, DCSO: Commander Moorman has been with the Sheriff's office for 18 years in various capacities and is now over the Douglas County Special Operations Division. This includes HEART, Crisis Response Team (CRT), and IMPACT Detectives.

Stephanie Dorrell, DCSO: Sergeant Dorrell has been with Sheriff's office for 14 years in various capacities and had most recently been a detective with Department of Human Services (DHS) and CRT working with trafficking and sexual assault victims. Sgt. Dorrell will now be the immediate supervisor for the deputies of the HEART team.

Sasha Larson, Workforce Programs Manager, A/D Works!: A/D Works! was awarded the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Grant. The Business Services Team is presenting at the Parker Chambers Symposium this morning on hiring and retention. Business Services does have an open round of Competitive Edge Employee Development (CEED) grant funds available for targeted employee skills training. Sasha Easton also presented to the Annual DCEDC Breakfast.

Max Brooks, Councilmember, Town of Castle Rock: The Town of Castle Rock has reached an agreement with The Rock Church that they may have up to 7 RVs on their property for people experiencing homelessness. This is to be used as a temporary, emergency shelter.

Mike Polhemus, Lead Pastor, The Rock Church: The Town of Castle Rock and the The Rock Church would like to inform the public that they have reached an agreement which settles the issues of the future use of The Rock's property to provide emergency, temporary housing to those in need. The Town acknowledges the invaluable services The Rock provides to the community through its long-standing efforts to provide support to those in the community with the most need. The Rock acknowledges its responsibility as a good neighbor and looks forward to working together with the Town to providing those services.

5. HEART: Tiffany Marsitto, Community Services, Supervisor: June HEART activity summary includes 26 new clients enrolled in the HEART program, 188 total referrals, 25 clients exited the program with 8% going to permanent housing. HEART received seven panhandling calls for the month of June, four of the seven were not homeless and three were unable to locate. There were zero encampments for the month of June. HEART

activities that were completed for the month of June included 10 business engagements and 10 trespass letters, HEART presented at the DCEDC Annual Breakfast, and the County instituted text capabilities for HEART hotline. The June By Name List (BNL) data showed a total of 55 unhoused. Of those 55 people, 25 are sheltered, 23 were sleeping in their cars, and seven single people are sleeping outside. In June of 2024, there were 33 enrollments to the HEART program; in May of 2025, there were 21 enrollments and in June of 2025, there were 26 enrollments. In June of 2025, there were 48 households that received one or more services in the HEART program.

HEART completed a total of 188 calls for service for the month of June 2025. The services provided by location included Highlands Ranch 35%, Castle Rock 27%, Parker 21%, Lone Tree 12%, Castle Pines 3%, and Englewood 2%. Exit outcomes for the 25 clients included 8% exited to permanent housing, 40% exited to temporary housing, 8% exited to emergency shelter, 28% were no contact, and 16% wanted to remain homeless but out of County.

June's success story comes from HEART navigator, Greg Matthews. Greg had been working in coordination with multiple community partners over an extended amount of time to house a senior in an assisted living facility. The senior had multiple physical and mental health barriers to receiving housing. This client will now be able to receive the much-needed surgeries that couldn't be performed until she had obtained stable housing and had a safe place to recover.

6. **Public Comment:** No comment
7. **Closing Comments:** Commissioner Laydon
8. **Douglas Has Heart Fund Distribution:** HEART

The Next Regular Meeting Will be Held on Thursday, August 14, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.