



Update on DART Homelessness and Mental Health Initiatives

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Today's Briefing

- Update on Survey/Program Implementation
- Other Data Collection Activities
- Proposed Next Steps

Update on Survey/Program Implementation

- DART met with the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) on June 23, 2021
- DART requested an accelerated data collection phase with more focus directed at outcomes and program recommendations
- An accelerated period of data review and possible data refinement will be required
- MMHPI anticipates delivering an updated scope of work to DART by July 14, 2021

Other Data Collection Activities

- National Institute of Transportation and Communities (NITC) Grant Submission
 - Abstract and proposal submitted by the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA)
 - UTA would help build interview questions for field teams
 - Questions will focus on the role of public transit and other transportation services in meeting the daily needs persons experiencing homelessness

Proposed Next Steps

**July 14,
2021**

Receive and Review MMPHI proposed scope of services

**August
2021**

Collect and refine data, if needed;
Prepare program and policy recommendations

**September
2021**

Present program and policy recommendations to DART Board

**October
2021**

Implement pilot on DART system

A photograph of a city street with a yellow and white bus in the center. The street is wet and reflective. Tall buildings line the street. A yellow rectangular box is overlaid on the bus, containing the text 'Thank You'. In the background, there are signs for 'Hunger Action Month' and 'with kas food bank'.

Thank You