



Meeting Minutes

1) Leadership Council Meeting Introduction

- a) Ginny Hensley called the meeting to order.
- b) Attendance is recorded after minutes.

2) Discussion & Approval of:

a) Approval of November Minutes

- i) Ginney Hinsley called for a motion to approve August minutes. James Rea moved to approve. Noe Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ii) Review & Approve Updated Strategic Plan* - Karen Kowal

- iii) James Rea asked to clarify language regarding improving discharge policies and increasing data sharing to ensure safe exit from institutions and systems, including corrections, health care settings, and foster care.
- iv) Ginney Hinsley called for a motion to approve the Strategic Plan (including points of clarification). James Rea moved to approve. Noe Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried. Plan approved.

b) Review & Approve 2025 Meeting Schedule* - Erin Velez

- i) Meetings will continue on the second Tuesday of every month, 1:00–3:00 PM.
- ii) Ginney Hinsley called for a motion to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule. James Rea moved to approve. Noe Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried. Schedule approved.

c) Partner Agency Applications** - Partner Agency Representatives

- i) Tulsa Fire Department, Justin
 - (1) Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH): Patient-centered, out-of-hospital care integrating medical and social services.
 - (2) Community Response Team (CRT): Mental and behavioral health crisis response in partnership with Family & Children's Services and Tulsa Police.
 - (3) Alternate Response Team (ART): Focused on mental health crises, active since 2023.
- ii) Alternate Response Team 2 (ART2): Homeless outreach and wellness checks in downtown Tulsa, offering harm reduction and health monitoring.
 - (1) Overdose Response Team (Launching Soon): Rapid response for substance use disorder and overdoses, facilitating inpatient care and medication-assisted treatment.



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(2) Community Response Team (CRT): Mental and behavioral health crisis response in partnership with Family & Children's Services and Tulsa Police.

iii) Over 5,000 responses in the last year, providing critical care and outreach to underserved populations.

(1) Alignment with Way Home for Tulsa's mission to address homelessness and barriers to care.

iv) Commitment to collaboration and strengthening the overall system.

v) Ginney Hinsley called for a motion to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule. James Rea moved to approve. Noe Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried. Partner approved.

3) Lead Agency Updates

a) CoC Program Director, Amy Olsen

i) Amy brings nearly a decade of experience in youth services, juvenile justice, housing programming, and outreach.

ii) Focus on strengthening partnerships and collaborative efforts within the system.

b) PIT Count Update, Chelsea Butler

i) Shelter Counts: January 23, 2025.

ii) Infield Counts: January 24–25, 2025 (covering encampments and unsheltered populations).

iii) 750 backpacks sponsored by QuikTrip and assembled by Joy in the Cause.

iv) Iron Gate will remain the central hub. Outreach teams have increased, with over 10 groups actively participating.

v) Training: Sessions begin January 13, 2025, and details will be shared via email.

vi) Cold Weather Update, Chelsea Butler & Oliva Denton Koopman

vii) We have identified locations with a focus on decentralizing access to align with individuals' camps and areas for warming centers.

viii) Pop-up shelters under consideration, pending financial approval.

ix) Volunteers needed for potential overnight warming center activations.

x) Donations for cold weather gear and supplies are critical. Outreach teams rely heavily on these contributions.

xi) Donation information and volunteer opportunities will be shared via the updated winter weather webpage.

xii) Data Dashboard & Report, Oliva Denton Koopman

xiii) More individuals served in 2024 than in all of 2023, with increased housing placements tracked.



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- xiv) 19% decrease in first-time homelessness since August 2024.
- xv) 60% of current clients require short-term assistance (rapid rehousing).
- xvi) 40% require permanent supportive housing due to chronic homelessness and disabilities.
- xvii) 70% of clients overall have disabling conditions, emphasizing the need for tailored support.
- xviii) Emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing, and transitional housing remain nearly full.
- xix) Vacancies are largely due to pending maintenance or matched referrals.
- xx) Overrepresentation of Black, African American, American Indian, and Pacific Islander populations in homelessness services.
- xxi) 400 tribal citizens are pending housing placement.
- xxii) Length of homeless experiences is increasing, both pre-contact and during housing placement.
- xxiii) Improving data collection on exit destinations remains a priority.

4) Meeting Topic

a) YHDP Updates, Partner Organization Representatives

- i) 320 young people and children served through YHDP projects.
- ii) 398 youth and young adults housed across the continuum.
- iii) 3 new providers joined Away Home for Tulsa, enhancing coordinated entry and services.
- iv) 100 young people housed specifically through YHDP programs.

v) Black Queer Tulsa Update – Kristi Vann

- vi) Focus Population: Specializes in Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color (BIPOC) and LGBTQ+ youth.
- vii) Engaged 31 unique young adults in the first year.
 - (a) 7 clients housed in permanent housing.
 - (b) 7 clients secured livable wage jobs after entering the program unemployed.
- viii) 95% of staff identify as LGBTQ+, fostering inclusive spaces for young people.

ix) Tulsa Day Center Update – Michelle Pearson

- x) Strong partnerships established with youth-centered organizations, including Tulsa Job Corps to connect exiting youth with housing services.
 - (a) 65 youth housed as part of the Youth First program.
 - (b) Five staff members (one coordinator and four case managers), each managing up to 15 clients.



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(c) Employment: Only 15% of clients are employed (mostly part-time).

(d) Education: 25% have a GED or high school diploma, with a program goal to increase this for all participants.

xi) Focus on building life skills, employment, and education to ensure long-term success.

xii) Youth Services of Tulsa – Hannah Taha & Jazz’Lynn Durant

(a) 47 unique youth and 11 children served through the YHDP joint project.

(2) Tulsa Higher Education Consortium – Justice Jones

(a) Collaboration of nine colleges and universities assisting students with housing, FAFSA, financial aid, and mentoring.

(b) Launched YHDP housing navigation and rapid rehousing services in May 2024.

(c) Housed 20 young adults and their children.

(d) Removed 17 households from homelessness.

(e) Connected over 50 college students to A Way Home for Tulsa resources.

xiii) Tulsa Dream Center – John Brown and JD Hughes

(a) Expanded services to address youth homelessness, leveraging existing wraparound services like food outreach and shelter.

xiv) Focus on 16- to 24-year-olds at imminent risk of homelessness or within 14 days of eviction.

xv) Established a team including two case managers and an intake specialist to enhance service delivery.

(a) Developed partnerships to provide transportation, car repairs, and other essential resources.

5) Meeting Wrap-Up

a) Public Comments

- Thank you, Lacreshia Jackson!
- Thank you, Ginny Hensley!

b) Next Meeting– January 14th, 2024, 1:30-3:00 PM

c) Adjourn

**Items to be voted on by Leadership Council*



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Attendance

	Name	Representing	Category	Term
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ginny Hensley, Chair	Tulsa Housing Authority	Fixed Position, Appointed	03/2024 - 02/2026
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Travis Hulse	City of Tulsa	Fixed Position, Appointed	09/2022 - 08/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Rea	Tulsa County	Fixed Position, Appointed	09/2022 - 11/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Noe Rodriguez	Tulsa Day Center	Provider Representative, Elected	02/2024-01/2026
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Claudia Brierre	INCOG	Fixed Position, Appointed	03/2024 - 02/2026
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rhonda Clemons	Cherokee Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	05/2023 - 04/2025
<input type="checkbox"/>		Muscogee Creek Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Grounds	City Lights Foundation	Provider Representative, Elected	01/2023 - 09/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beth Svetlic	Youth Services of Tulsa	Provider Representative, Elected	04/2023 – 3/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lacreshia Jackson	Participant Advisory Group	Consumer Representative, Elected	1/2024-12/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>		Youth Advisory Board	Consumer Representative, Elected	1/2024-12/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lauren Sherry	QuikTrip Corporation	Business/Commerce Representative, Invited	04/2023 - 03/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elizabeth Hall	Burnstein Family Foundation	Funder Representative, Invited	04/2023 - 03/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jesse Guardiola	Tulsa Area United Way	At-Large Representative, Invited	10/2023 - 09/2025
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Horten	JusticeLink	At-Large Representative, Invited	10/2023 - 09/2025
<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Alexander	Tulsa Police Department	At-Large Representative, Invited	05/2024 - 04/2026