



Meeting Minutes

1) Leadership Council Meeting Introduction

1. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called the meeting to order.
- b) Attendance is recorded after minutes.

2) Discussion & Approval of:

a) Approval of December Minutes

1. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called for a motion to approve December minutes. Benny Naifeh moved to approve. Sarah Grounds seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b) 2025 Vice Chair Nominations

1. Beth Svetlic is the new AWH4T Chair.
2. Please look for upcoming emails regarding your nomination for the Vice Chair position.

c) 2025 PIT count survey

1. Sheltered Count:
 - (a) Conducted through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
 - (b) Includes individuals in emergency shelters, transitional housing, and safe havens.
- (2) Unsheltered Count:
3. Scheduled for next Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25.
 - (a) Volunteers will interview and survey individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
 - (b) The survey format will be the same as in previous years, using JotForm.
- (2) David L Moss Count:
 - (a) Simultaneous count within David L Moss.
 - (b) Individuals experiencing homelessness the night before entry at David L Moss are not counted if they are there on the night of the PIT count.
4. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called for a motion to approve the 2025 PIT count survey Benny Naifeh moved to approve. Jesse Guardiola seconded the motion. PIT count survey approved.

d) Partner Agency Applications

1. Resonance Center for Women, Katie Miller
2. Provides diversion services, re-entry services, transitional housing, and employment.



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3. They have 3 locations and 23 beds. Last year, they helped over 900 women find temporary and permanent housing.
 - (1) Eden Village, Marc Clayton
4. Only has 2 qualifications: be unhoused for at least one year and have a documented disability.
 - (a) Discussed their approach in their 63 tiny home community to fair and equitable housing, including the interview process and needs-based assessment for applicants.
 - (2) Tulsa Health Department, Kendra Wise
 - (a) Has served as the primary public health agency to over 600,000 residents in Tulsa.
5. Handles housing complaints, connects people at risk of eviction to resources, and ensures safe emergency shelters.
6. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called for a motion to approve of Virtual Vote for New AWH4T Applicants. Major Alexander moved to approve the motion. Stephanie Horten seconded the motion.

3) Lead Agency Updates

1. PIT Count Update, Amy Olsen
 - (1) Focused on collecting comprehensive data on homelessness, including demographics, employment status, and healthcare needs.
 - (2) Efforts to streamline the survey to make it shorter and more efficient.
 - (3) Highlighted the inclusion of questions about veteran status and eligibility for VA healthcare, which helps in coordinating services with the VA.
 - (4) Consolidated questions to streamline the survey while still capturing essential information about mental health and disabilities.
- b) Cold Weather Update, Mark Smith
 - (1) Many team members worked long hours to ensure overnight coverage for individuals in crisis needing extra support.
 - (2) Plans to conduct reviews to identify areas for improvement and lessons learned from the recent cold weather response.
2. Received strong support from the city, particularly in public information and partnerships to keep the community informed about available services.

C) Data Dashboard & Report, Oliva Denton Koopman

3. Data is reviewed with a 15-day quality period, currently focusing on November data.



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- 1) Decrease in first-time homelessness and the number of days individuals experience homelessness before being housed.
- 2) Approximately 3,000 individuals in contact with the continuum of care over the last 90 days need housing. 60% require short-term housing, while 40% need more robust or permanent supportive housing.
4. Increased use of emergency shelters, especially during cold weather months.
- 3) Increased utilization of transitional housing with many referrals successfully moving in.
5. Continued overrepresentation of Black/African American, American Indian, Indigenous, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander populations. HUD will offer equity analysis workshops in February and March.

4) Meeting Topic

1. Impact Tulsa: Chronic Absenteeism Initiatives, Dr. Kimbrel & Beth Svetlic
2. Collaboration with Housing Solutions and the evictions data working group led to the creation of an evictions notification letter due to inadequate notification laws in Oklahoma.
 - (1) Plans to pilot the co-located services model in McClure and Cooper elementary schools, the most impacted by evictions.
 - (2) Proposal to place an attorney and a resource navigator on-site at schools to provide legal and community resource navigation.
3. Targeting elementary schools due to high eviction rates and significant family foot traffic, allowing for proactive engagement and education on rights.

5) Meeting Wrap-Up

1. Public Comments
 2. Family Promise (Tina Massey) expressed excitement about a significant increase in funding for the prevention diversion program, from \$5,000 to \$12,500 per month, a 60% increase. Highlighted that the increased funding will allow them to help more families, noting that last year they assisted 93 families with the previous funding amount.
- b) Next Meeting– February 11th, 2024, 1:30-3:00 PM
- c) Adjourn

**Items to be voted on by the Leadership Council*

Attendance

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ginny Hensley	Tulsa Housing Authority	Fixed Position, Appointed	03/2024 - 02/2026
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emily Hall	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 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"/>	<i>vacant</i>	Muscogee Creek Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Grounds	City Lights Foundation	Provider Representative, Elected	010/2023 - 09/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beth Svetlic, Chair	Youth Services of Tulsa	Provider Representative, Elected	04/2023 – 3/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ben Naifeh	Participant Advisory Group	Consumer Representative, Elected	1/2024-12/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>vacant</i>	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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>vacant</i>		At-Large Representative, Invited	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Horten	JusticeLink	At-Large Representative, Invited	10/2023 - 09/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Richard Alexander	Tulsa Police Department	At-Large Representative, Invited	05/2024 - 04/2026