

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:
- 2. Scheduled for Thursday, January 23.
 - (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.



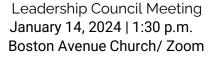
- 3. They have 3 locations and 23 beds. Last year, they helped over 900 women find temporary and permanent housing.
 - (1) Eden Village, Marc Clayton
- 4. Only has 2 qualifications: be unhoused for at least one year and have a documented disability.
 - (a) Discussed their approach in their 63 tiny home 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.
- 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.





- Decrease in first-time homelessness and the number of days individuals experience homelessness before being housed.
- 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.
- 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

Attendance

Name Representing	Category	Term	
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^{*}Items to be voted on by the Leadership Council





\boxtimes	Ginny Hensley	Tulsa Housing Authority	Fixed Position, Appointed	03/2024 - 02/2026
\boxtimes	Emily Hall	City of Tulsa	Fixed Position, Appointed	09/2022 - 08/2024
\boxtimes	James Rea	Tulsa County	Fixed Position, Appointed	09/2022 - 11/2024
	Noe Rodriguez	Tulsa Day Center	Provider Representative, Elected	02/2024-01/2026
\boxtimes	Claudia Brierre	INCOG	Fixed Position, Appointed	03/2024 - 02/2026
\boxtimes	Rhonda Clemons	Cherokee Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	05/2023 - 04/2025
	vacant	Muscogee Creek Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	
\boxtimes	Sarah Grounds	City Lights Foundation	Provider Representative, Elected	010/2023 - 09/2025
\boxtimes	Beth Svetlic, Chair	Youth Services of Tulsa	Provider Representative, Elected	04/2023 – 3/2025
\boxtimes	Ben Naifeh	Participant Advisory Group	Consumer Representative, Elected	1/2024-12/2024
	vacant	Youth Advisory Board	Consumer Representative, Elected	1/2024-12/2024
\boxtimes	Lauren Sherry	QuikTrip Corporation	Business/Commerce Representative, Invited	04/2023 - 03/2025
\boxtimes	Elizabeth Hall	Burnstein Family Foundation	Funder Representative, Invited	04/2023 - 03/2025
\boxtimes	Jesse Guardiola	Tulsa Area United Way	At-Large Representative, Invited	10/2023 - 09/2025
	vacant		At-Large Representative, Invited	
\boxtimes	Stephanie Horten	JusticeLink	At-Large Representative, Invited	10/2023 - 09/2025
\boxtimes	Richard Alexander	Tulsa Police Department	At-Large Representative, Invited	05/2024 - 04/2026