

Leadership Council Meeting

February 11th, 2025 | 1:30pm

Boston Avenue United Methodist Church 1301 S Boston Ave, Tulsa, OK 74119

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Leadership Council Meeting Introduction
 - a. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called the meeting to order.
- 2. Discussion & Approval of:
 - a. Approval of January Minutes
 - i. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called for a motion to approve January minutes. James Rae moved to approve. Noe Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - b. 2025 Vice Chair Nominations
 - i. Nominations received and accepted: Sarah Brown, Elizabeth Hall, and Noe Rodriguez.
 - ii. Brief bios for each nominee will be sent to the Leadership Council along with an electronic vote.
 - iii. The Vice Chair will be announced next month.
 - iv. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called for a motion to approve the electronic vote. Major Alexzander moved to approve. James Rae seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - c. OKVU Letter of Support
 - i. Rachel Runfola from Oklahoma Veterans United (formerly Community Service Council) requested a letter of support.
 - ii. OKVU provides financial assistance and extensive case management to homeless veterans.
 - iii. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called for a motion to approve the OKVU Letter of Support. Claudia Brierre moved to approve. James Rae seconded the motion. Letter of Support approved.
 - d. Partner Agency Applications
 - i. Oklahoma Harm Reduction Alliance (OKHRA) presented their application.
 - ii. OKHRA provides medically necessary supplies and naloxone to drug users and the unhoused.
 - iii. They aim to join the continuum of care to better deliver these supplies.
 - iv. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called for a motion to approve the electronic vote. James Rea moved to approve. Elizebeth Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - e. AWH4T Governance Charter Review Task Group
 - i. A task group will be established to review the A Way Home for Tulsa (AWH4T) Governance Charter.



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ii. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called for a motion to approve the AWH4T Governance Charter Review Task Group. James Rae moved to approve. Joe Rodriguez seconded the motion. PIT count survey approved.

3. Lead Agency Updates

- a. OMB M-25-13 Impact & Updates: Federal funding distributions were frozen and then rescinded. Pending litigation and executive actions may affect future funding.
- b. FY24 HUD CoC Program Funding Report: The Total awarded funding was \$8.6 million, marking an 82% increase including YHDP funds. Two renewal projects were not funded, and efforts are being made to ensure successful outcomes for participants in those projects.
- c. Point In Time Count Update
 - i. PIT The unsheltered count was completed in 1.5 days with participation from 8 shelter providers, 10 outreach teams, and 37 volunteers.
 - ii. The jail PIT count was completed for the third year.

4. Updates from the AWH4T LC Chair

- a. Emphasis on working collectively as one voice and increasing engagement from Leadership Council members and partner agencies.
- b. Encouragement to participate in task groups and bring AWH4T into external partnerships and conversations.
- c. A task group will be established to review the AWH4T Charter and evaluate current task groups and committees.

5. Meeting Wrap-Up

- a. Public Comments included advocacy for better communication and collaboration between service providers and hospitals, and updates on legislative bills affecting housing stability.
- b. Next Meeting- March 11th, 2024, 1:30-3:00 PM
- 6. Adjourn



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Attendance

	NAME	REPRESENTING	CATEGORY	TERM
\boxtimes	Ginny Hensley	Tulsa Housing Authority	Fixed Position, Appointed	03/2024 - 02/2026
	Emily Hall	City of Tulsa	Fixed Position, Appointed	09/2022 - 08/2024
\boxtimes	James Rea	Tulsa County	Fixed Position, Appointed	09/2022 - 11/2024
\boxtimes	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	
	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
	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
	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