

A Way Home for Tulsa

Leadership Council Minutes
February 19, 2021 | 10:30 am | Zoom

Agenda Item

1. Welcome & Introduction of New Members
 - Jeff Hall called the meeting to order and welcomed the 3 new leadership council members. Mark Hogan, City of Tulsa; Keri Fothergill, Tulsa County; Cory Pebworth, QuikTrip
2. Roll Call
 - Erin Velez called roll. Quorum present.
3. Lead Agency Report
 - Staffing Update – Becky Gligo provided a staffing update for the lead agency.
 - Juliana Kitten joined the team as the Director of Emergency Housing. Juliana will head up the Hotel to Housing Program for Housing Solutions. This will allow us to consolidate all of the people who were put into hotels during the winter storm into one hotel.
 - Olivia Denton Koopman joined the team as the Director of Data & Analytics. Olivia is working to update data dashboards and streamline coordinated entry processes.
 - PiT Count Update
 - Becky Gligo reported that partners were able to complete 884 surveys. This does not include HMIS data. We did ask questions about eviction, school, and COVID-19. We will also be able see locations of surveys again this year.
 - Data Report
 - Becky Gligo reported that we have seen our inflow numbers decline slightly. We just hit 986 people housed since January 2020. The length of homelessness is also decreasing.
 - There are some standout organizations for assessment rates.
 1. City Lights – 96%
 2. Overflow Shelter – 93%
 3. Tulsa Day Center – 48% for RRH
 4. SSVF – 64%
 5. HS Outreach – 85%
 6. MHAOK Walker Hall – 100%
 7. YST non RHY – 73%
 - Funding
 - Rhene Ritter reported that we received a 3% increase in HUD Funding. The total award for Tulsa was \$3,238,974. Detailed report is included after minutes.
 - AWH4T Letters of Support*

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- Rhene Ritter reported that the City of Tulsa is taking requests for proposals for CARES Relief Grant. They have about \$6M to give out. The following AWH4T member organizations have applied for funding.
 1. Tulsa Day Center is requesting funding to expand Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and prevention programs.
 2. Tulsa CARES is requesting funding to provide HIV and HepC nutrition assistance.
 3. Family & Children's Services is requesting funding to provide virtual healthcare connectivity.
 4. Mental Health Association is requesting funding to provide supportive employment and COVID-19 recovery resources.
 5. Family Promise is requesting funding to provide shelter and transitional housing.
 6. DVIS is requesting funding to provide domestic violence survivor relief.
 7. Iron Gate is requesting funding to provide food assistance for the grocery pantry.
 - The combined requested amount is below the available amount of funding from the city. It is possible that other agencies outside of AWH4T are submitting applications.
 - Jeff Hall called for a motion to approve the entire group of member applications. Mark Hogan moved to approve. Nancy Curry seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - COCObundle – Conveniently Contribute a Bundle of Goods
 - Housing Solutions has partnered with COCObundle to provide cleaning kits to people being housed. They were founded in 2017 to help nonprofits get items they need when they need them at a cheaper price. They can also provide winter and summer kits for people experiencing homelessness.
 - <https://cocobundle.shop/pages/nonprofit-partners>
 - Outreach
 - Tyler Parette reported on the outreach efforts during the winter storm. Collaboration was key in keeping people safe. Teams worked to quickly get people into shelters and hotels. Partners provided food, transportation, and so many other resources. This was truly a team effort that saved lives. Juliana is going to begin working with other agencies to figure out next steps for the people who were placed in hotels.
 - Landlord Tenant Resource Center (LTRC)
 - Shandi Campbell reported that the LTRC is now fully staffed with a Staff Attorney, Tim Gifford, and Case Manager, James Reynolds. They are accepting clients to receive services. Their focus over the next month will be on community outreach and engagement.
4. Y1/Y2 Updates & Planning
- Homebase led the group through the Planning for Year Two Strategic Plan efforts. PPT is included after minutes. We will receive an update at the March meeting.
5. Task Group Updates
- HMIS*
 - Becky Gligo reviewed the proposed HMIS Data Quality Monitoring Procedures. These are included after the minutes.

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- Jeff Hall called for a motion to approve the proposed plan from the Task Group. Nancy Curry moved to approve the plan. Keri Fothergill seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Networking*
 - Beth Svetlic reviewed the proposed Networking Plan. These are included after the minutes.
 - Jeff Hall called for a motion to approve the proposed plan from the Task Group. Mark Hogan moved to approve the plan. Mack Haltom seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Outreach*
 - Tyler Parette reviewed the proposed Coordinated Outreach Plan. These are included after the minutes.
 - Jeff Hall called for a motion to approve the proposed plan from the Task Group. Nancy Curry moved to approve the plan. Jim DeLong seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Coordinated Entry*
 - Becky Gligo reviewed the proposed CES Access Point Service Standards and emergency prioritization using the COVID Risk Tool. These are included after the minutes.
 - Jeff Hall called for a motion to approve the Access Point Service Standards from the Task Group. Mack Haltom moved to approve the plan. Mark Hogan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Jeff Hall called for a motion to approve the use of the emergency prioritization using the COVID risk tool indefinitely. Melanie Goldman moved to approve the use of the tool. Jim DeLong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Public Comments

- HOME Program
 - Greg Shinn updated the group on the HOME Program. There is a sign-on letter for agencies who are willing to support the effort. This is a national effort, led by the Home Coalition, that will increase funding for this program. This is part of the federal funding of HUD to acquire and improve real estate. Since its creation, it has provided over 1.3M affordable homes and over 1.9M jobs. It is a partnership between the developer and the City/County. It can create access to affordable housing for families and people experiencing homelessness. Every dollar invested returns 4.5 dollars in economic activity.
- Rent/Utility Assistance
 - Jeff Jaynes reported that Restore Hope is building up a major rent and utility assistance program. It will launch mid-March and will be all over Tulsa county. If anyone wants to be an outreach partner, please contact Jeff at jjaynes@restorehope.org.
- Mack Haltom commented on the community engagement we have seen over the last few weeks. ***"We are going to make a huge dent in ending homelessness in Tulsa."***

7. Adjourn Meeting

**Items to be voted on by Leadership Council*

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Attendance

Name	Representing	Category	Term	Y/N
Mark Hogan	City of Tulsa	Appointed	2 years	Y
Keri Fothergill	Tulsa County	Appointed	2 years	Y
Jeff Hall, Chair	Tulsa Housing Authority	Appointed	2 years	Y
Claudia Brierre	INCOG	Appointed	2 years	Y
Melanie-Stewart Goldman	Provider Agencies	Elected	1 year	Y
Mack Haltom	Provider Agencies	Elected	1 year	Y
Greg Shinn	Provider Agencies	Elected	2 years	Y
Jim DeLong	Participant Advisory Group	Elected	2 years	Y
	Youth Advisory Board	Elected	1 year	
Cory Pebwort	Business/Commerce	Invited	1 year	N
Nancy Curry	Funders	Invited	1 year	Y
Greg Robinson	At-Large Representative	Invited	2 years	N
Donnie House	At-Large Representative	Invited	1 year	Y
Jeff Jaynes	At-Large Representative	Invited	1 year	Y
Matt McCord	At-Large Representative	Invited	2 years	Y