

A Way Home for Tulsa

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2021 | 1:30 pm | Boston Avenue Church

Agenda Item

1. Welcome
 - a. Jeff Hall called the meeting to order and welcomed new members, Lindsey House and BeHeard Movement.
2. Roll Call
 - a. See attendance after meeting minutes.
3. Approve June Minutes*
 - a. ***Jeff Hall called for a motion to approve June minutes. Motion carried.***
4. Lead Agency Report
 - a. The Hotel to Housing Program at the Wyndham will close at the end of the month. We are working to place as many people as possible before that date.
 - b. We are working with YST and Homebase to complete the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grant.
 - c. We are working to coordinate hotels and housing for Vista Shadow Mountain residents.
5. Eviction Moratorium Update
 - a. The eviction moratorium will officially end on July 31, 2021.
 - b. The Social Services HUB will be opening in July at Iron Gate to help tenants and landlords access eviction prevention resources.
 - c. The eviction prevention group is working to address policies that have not changed much since 1973.
6. Medicaid Expansion
 - a. See attached information from Morton.
7. Agency Feature – YST
 - a. See attached presentation from YST.
8. NOFA*
 - a. See attached notes for CoC NOFA.
 - b. ***Jeff Hall called for a motion to approve the NOFA changes. Nancy Curry moved to approve the changes. Claudia Brierre seconded the motion. Motion carried.***
9. Public Comments
10. Meeting Adjourned

TULSA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Attendance

Name	Representing	Category	Term	Y/N
Mark Hogan	City of Tulsa	Appointed	2 years	Y
Keri Fothergill	Tulsa County	Appointed	2 years	N
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
Vacant	Youth Advisory Board	Elected	1 year	
Cory Pebworth	Business/Commerce	Invited	1 year	Y
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	N
Matt McCord	At-Large Representative	Invited	2 years	Y

Medicaid Expansion

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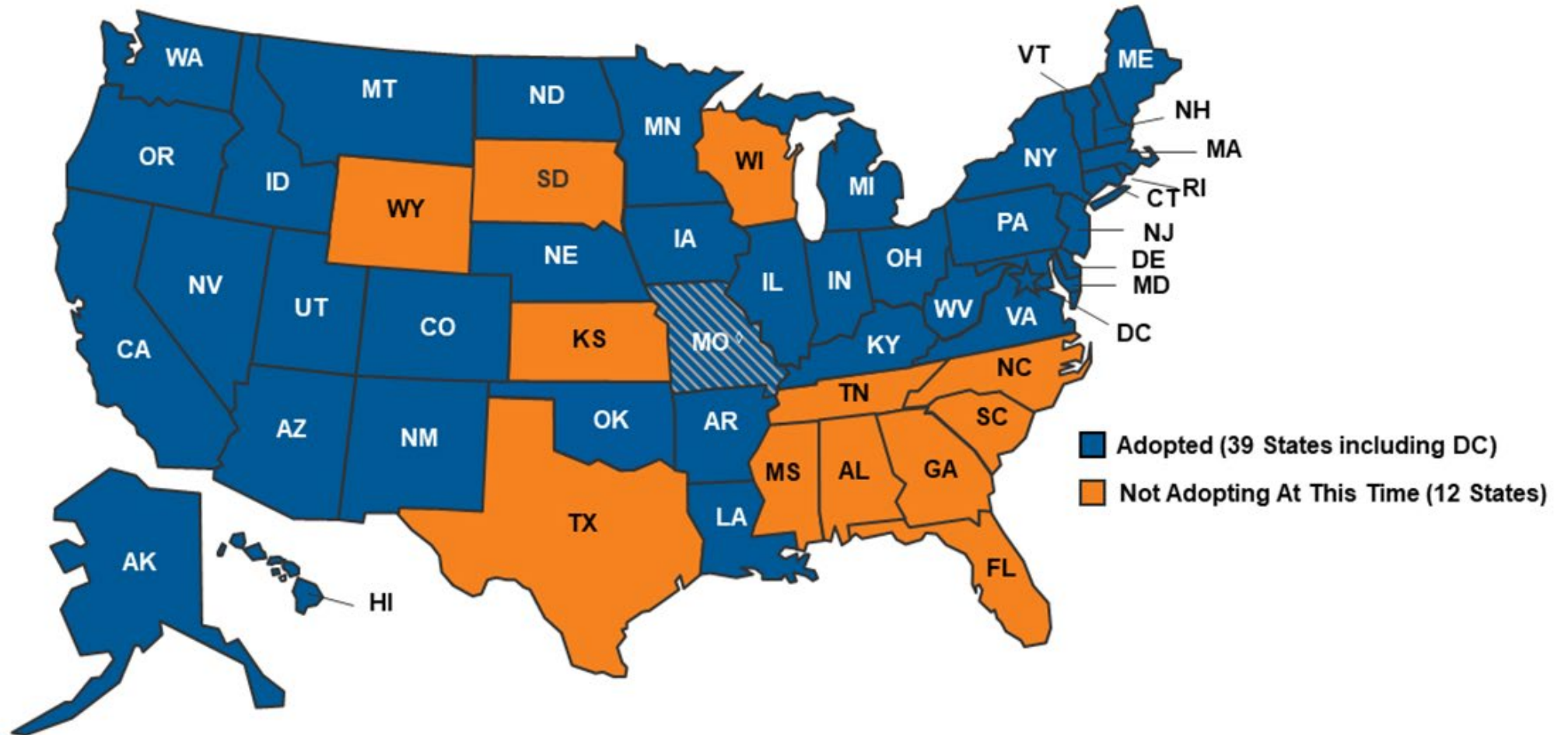
What's in a Name?

- **Title XIX**-Title XIX of the Social Security Act established the Medicaid program to provide medical and health related services for individuals and families with low incomes.
- **Medicaid**-Provides health coverage to eligible low-income adults, children, pregnant women, elderly adults and people with disabilities (and adults age 19-64). The program is funded jointly by the state and the federal government.
- **SoonerCare**-Oklahoma's name for the state's Medicaid program.

The ACA Expanded Medicaid

- To previously uncovered folks, ages 19 to 64
- Expansion became effective January 1, 2014
- Expanded to adults (19 to 65) with incomes up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- 24 states started expansion right away
- 14 states implemented since the 1/1/14 effective date
- 12 states have not adopted it as of 2021
- From 2014 thru 2016, the federal government paid 100% of the cost to insure the expansion group and phased down to 90% by 2020

Status of State Medicaid Expansion Decisions



SoonerCare Before 7/1/21

- Limited to:
 - Children under 19
 - Some very low income single adults with a child
 - Pregnant women
 - Family planning for men and women
 - Adults over 65
 - People permanently disabled according to Social Security

Oklahoma Before 7/1/21

Most Adults aged 19-64 were not covered by Medicaid

Types of SoonerCare Coverage

- SoonerCare Traditional
 - **New expansion group is part of this coverage plan-has co-pays**
 - No assigned Primary Care Medical Home or PCP
 - Aged, Blind and Disabled-often has no co-pays
- SoonerCare Choice
 - Children under 19
 - Pregnant women
 - Must choose a PCP/PCMH
 - Proposed new rules to transition all expansion adults to this coverage
- Soon-To-Be-Sooners
 - Higher Income level allowed
 - Benefits limited to pregnancy needs
- Insure Oklahoma
 - Mostly employee coverage
- SoonerSelect
 - Proposed new coverage
 - Managed Medicaid-OHCA would contract with private insurance companies
 - Members would have to choose a company
 - Was ruled unconstitutional

Who is Eligible for this New Soonercare Opportunity?

- Residents of Oklahoma between 19 and 64 years old
- US citizens
- Permanent, legal residents of the United States
 - Permanent and legal for at least 5 years
 - Exceptions to the 5-year rule... refugees and asylum seekers
- Individuals/families that meet pre-tax income guidelines
 - Income information is based on the current month's income

Max Income by Household Size

Size of Household	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$17,796	\$1,483	\$345
2	\$24,048	\$2,004	\$466
3	\$30,312	\$2,526	\$587
4	\$36,588	\$3,049	\$709
5	\$42,852	\$3,571	\$830
6	\$49,104	\$4,092	\$952

When Did All This Start?

- Enrollment started 6/01/2021
- Coverage started July 1, 2021 for those who applied between 6/1 and 6/30
- Anyone enrolled after 7/1/21 is covered immediately, that day

Who is NOT Eligible for this New SoonerCare Opportunity

- Permanently disabled individuals or those over 65 (they must go to a local DHS office to apply to see if they qualify)
- Individuals in the US legally but are not considered permanent residents by the US
 - Foreign students
 - Visitors
 - Foreign government representatives
 - Temporary workers and individuals with 'worker-status' cards
- Individuals who not are in the US legally, or are not permanent residents
- Households that are over income

Who Can Apply Online?

- **Almost anyone under 65 can apply for SoonerCare online**
 - Children under 19
 - Individuals 19-64 (not disabled)
 - All pregnant women, even those not legal in the US
 - They can do it at home or they can come in and Morton staff will help them
 - The application can be tricky
 - Large families and family members that were not born in the US
 - Self-employed and those trying to calculate their income
 - Individuals who already have an account

Who Cannot Apply Online But May Still Qualify for SoonerCare?

- Individuals ON disability through Social Security
- Individuals 65 or older

These individuals may qualify for SoonerCare but they must apply in person at a DHS office

Why Encourage Folks to Enroll?

- Most medical needs will be covered with a copay of \$4.00
- Six medications will be covered for a copay of \$4.00 or less
- Anyone identifying as homeless will not have to pay the copays at Morton
- Health services outside of Morton's system will be covered (with co-pays)
- Dental services are now covered (as of 7/1/21).
- Folks with insurance are more likely to seek services before they are extremely ill
- Life is better with health insurance 😊

SoonerCare Benefits

- Medical and specialist visits
- Medications
- ER and inpatient hospital services
- X-ray and lab
- Medical equipment
- Diabetic supplies
- Behavioral Health
- Home Health
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Etc.

Morton's Enrollment Efforts

Morton's Main Location

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday... 9 am-3 pm

Thursday... 12 pm-6 pm

Other Morton Programs

- Social Service Route
- COVID 19 Testing-Rapid and PCR
- Vaccines-Pfizer, Moderna, J&J-All available at Morton
- No Copays-Individuals identifying as homeless that have insurance will not have a copay for covered services at Morton
- Medications-Number of medications covered at Morton's pharmacy is unlimited.
- Transportation-Available to Morton Appointments

Why Youth Services of Tulsa?


- There's a need.
- Only community agency focused on youth ages 12-24.
- Support to fulfill their potential.
- Their future is our future.
- Largest organization of our kind in the state.





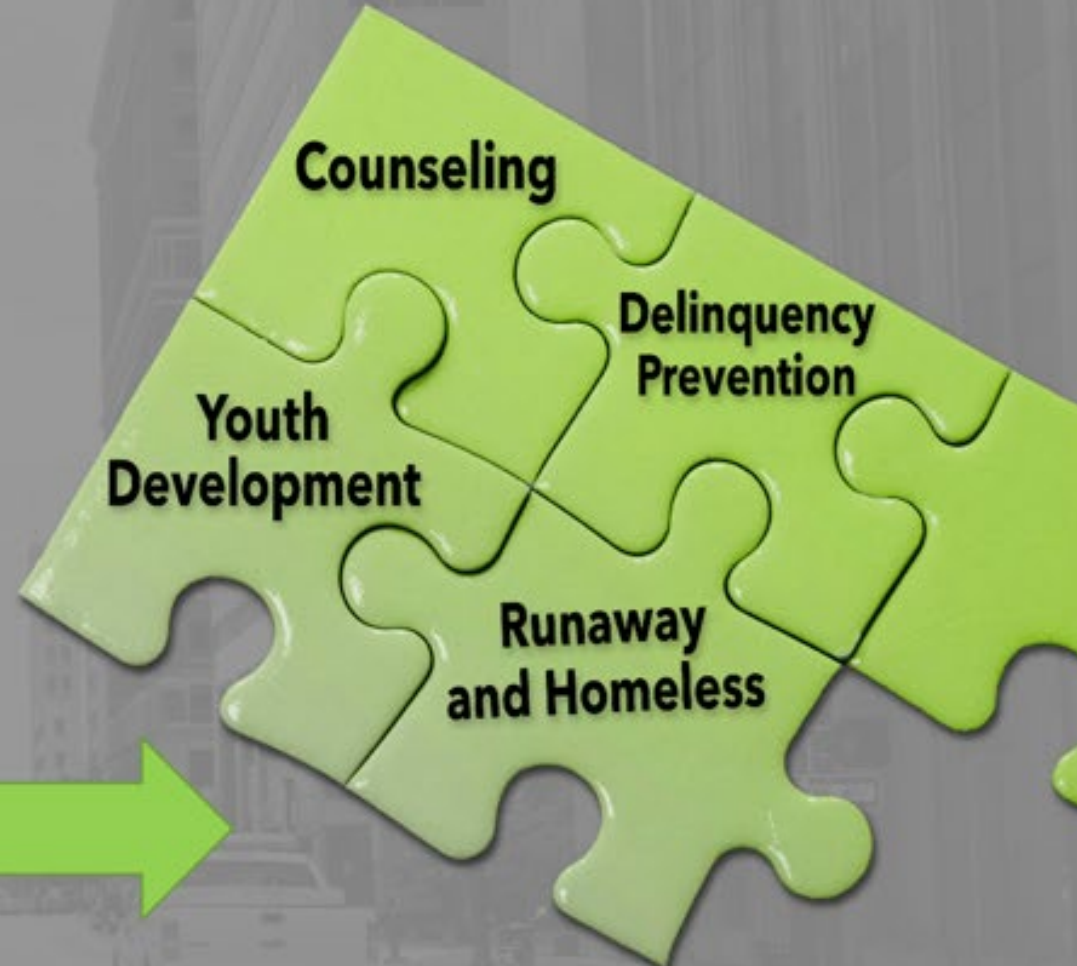
How?

We call it a “Continuum of Care.”



Programs designed to identify youth's strengths and challenges.

Help set them on the path to independence.



**Youth
Development**

Counseling

**Delinquency
Prevention**

**Runaway
and Homeless**



Runaway and Homeless Services

● Safe Place

● Transitional Living Program

● Adolescent Emergency Shelter

● Health Services: Adolescent Medical Clinic & Health Navigation Services

● Street Outreach Services

● T-Town Tacos

Adolescent Emergency Shelter



194 youth
accessed
emergency
shelter



4,230 nights
spent at
shelter

92% of youth
demonstrated
progress on their
goals



Our shelter never closes

Ages 12 – 18

Warm beds, hot meals, showers, clean clothes

Caring staff to help youth return to safe and stable living environments



Street Outreach

1

Staff helps to achieve:

Stability
Employment
Independence

2

Supports Youth
Ages 16 – 24
515 youth in
FY20
45% seen for
the first time

3

Street outreach
services
and with
collaborative
partners

4

The Station:

Hot meals
Showers
Hygiene and
meal packs
Clothing

Transitioal Living Program

Homeless Youth Ages 17 – 24

- **Life skills**
- **Employment skills**
- **Housing**
- **Transition to independence**

95% of youth improved life skills

100% of youth in Tracks 1 & 3
maintained permanent housing in the
community for at least 6 months

**Track
1**

**67 Youth housed
in Track 1**

**Track
2**

**24 obtained
stable housing**

**Track
3**

**11 Youth housed
in Track 3**

YHDP

- Youth Housing Demonstration Program
- 5th year for the RFP
- AWH4T has applied in the past
- Last application was really close!
- Application due July 30th
- Lead applicant will be Housing Solutions

YHDP

Initial funding for community wide planning to address youth experiencing homeless (6 months)



Submit applications for the proposed projects we want funded out of the community plan



Goal of functional zero for youth experiencing homelessness in Tulsa



2021 CoC NOFA

Context for CoC NOFA

Each year (except for 2020), AWH4T competes for up to approximately \$3.2 million in federal funding from the \$2.5 billion Continuum of Care program to fund housing and services for people experiencing homelessness.

The CoC Consolidated Application that each community submits to HUD is made up of three parts:

1. **CoC Application** provides information about the CoC planning body, governance structure, overall performance, and the strategic planning process. This part of the application is scored and will determine the order in which CoCs are funded.
2. **Project Applications** are completed in e-snaps by agencies applying to renew funding for existing projects, to expand existing projects, and/or create new projects.
3. **CoC Priority Listing** ranks all project applications in order of local priority.

The scoring tools and the project review and ranking process (a.k.a. the CoC Standards of Operations) are used to develop the CoC Priority Listing. A fair and objective review and ranking process is crucial, as HUD typically rewards CoCs that have a coordinated, inclusive, and outcome-oriented community process for the solicitation, objective review, ranking, and selection of project applications.

About the NOFA Task Group

Purpose - The role of the NOFA Task Group is to develop recommendations for the consideration of the AWH4T Leadership Council regarding updating AWH4T's project scoring tools and the project review and ranking process.

Meetings - The NOFA Task Group held three meetings:

1. Wednesday, May 19, 2:00-3:00pm (11 in attendance)
2. Thursday, May 20, 2021, 2:00-3:00pm (8 in attendance)
3. Thursday, 11:00am-12:30pm (9 in attendance)

Participants - NOFA Task Group participants included representatives from CoC recipient agencies.

What We Started From

The 2021 NOFA Task Group built on the scoring tools and the review and ranking process that was thoughtfully developed by the 2020 NOFA Task Group (but never used since the 2020 CoC Competition was cancelled). The Renewal Housing Project Scoring Tool developed last year focused heavily on evaluating renewal projects based on their outcomes and performance.

2021 CoC NOFA

Changes Made/Goals

Overall goals

- The NOFA Task Group's primary goal was to increase equity considerations
- The Task Group sought to update scoring tool sections related to the implementation of the *A Way Home for Tulsa Services Standards* acknowledging the progress that CoC agencies have made on this front over the past year
- The Task Group also sought to align the evaluation of performance data with HUD's updated approach

Proposed changes to [Renewal Housing Project Scoring Tool](#)

1. "Threshold Requirements" (p. 1)
 - Add: "*Services Standards. Project agrees to participate in A Way Home for Tulsa Services Standards fidelity evaluation process.*" This was moved up from "3C. Alignment with CoC Priorities" so it is now a requirement for applicants to be eligible for CoC funding rather than one point on the scoring tool
2. "1B. Housing Stability" (PSH and RRH) (pp. 3-4)
 - Exclude from calculation: persons who exit to Foster Care Home or Foster Care Group Home, Hospital or Other Residential Non-Psychiatric Medical Facility, or Long-term Care Facility or Nursing Home.
 - Change scoring scale
3. Add language to give full points to projects with no leavers and no stayers required to have annual assessments in (pp. 4-5):
 - "1C. Gained/Increased Cash Income"
 - "1D. Non-Cash Mainstream Benefits"
 - "1E. Health Insurance"
4. Add "1G. Equitable Outcomes" (p. 6)
 - "Will be based on HMIS or comparable database data and informed by supplemental information submitted as part of the proposal"
 - "Criteria: Are project outcomes equitable across race, ethnicity, and gender of participants?"
 - "If all disaggregated outcomes fall within or above each corresponding factor's performance range, then project receives 15 points."
 - "For each outcome excluding White and Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x) that falls below the corresponding factor's performance range, subtract 1 point."
 - "Panelists may exercise discretion and adjust from the scaled score by 1 point based on factors including but not limited to the size of the universe for each metric and circumstances beyond the project's sphere of influence."

2021 CoC NOFA

- The 15 maximum points here were taken from factors “1B. Housing Stability” (5 points, reducing this factor from 15 to 10 points), “1C. Gained/Increased Cash Income” (5 points, reducing this factor from 10 to 5 points), and “4A. Permanent Supportive Housing Move-On” (previously 5 points, now no longer a factor).
- 5. “Alignment with CoC Priorities” (p. 9)
 - Delete “*Project agrees to participate in A Way Home for Tulsa Services Standards fidelity evaluation process.*” and add 1 point to strategies to eliminate racial disparities proposed by the applicant in their completed Resilience and Equity Checklist.
- 6. “4. Priority Population Bonus Points”
 - Delete “4A. Permanent Supportive Housing Move-On”

Proposed changes to [New Housing Project Scoring Tool](#)

1. “Threshold Requirements” (p. 1)
 - Add: “*Services Standards. Project agrees to participate in A Way Home for Tulsa Services Standards fidelity evaluation process.*” This was moved up from “3C. Alignment with CoC Priorities” so it is now a requirement for applicants to be eligible for CoC funding rather than one point on the scoring tool
2. Added language throughout scoring tool to increase equity considerations related to race, ethnicity, and gender:
 - “1A. Project Design” (p. 1)
 - “1B. Housing Stability” (p. 2)
 - “1C. Gained/Increased Income and Independence” (p. 2)
 - “1D. Project Outcomes” (pp. 2-3)
 - “2E. Client Participation in Project Design and Policymaking” (p. 6)
3. “2D. Alignment with CoC Priorities”
 - Add specific point allotments for completing each component of the Resilience and Equity Checklist.
 - Increased maximum point total by 10 points from 5 to 15 -- points here were taken from factors “1A. Project Design” (5 points, reducing this factor from 20 to 15 points) and “2B. Administrative Capacity” (5 points, reducing this factor from 20 to 15 points)

No major changes proposed to [project review and ranking process](#)

Process

Recipient Survey

2021 CoC NOFA

- An email was sent to CoC-funded providers on Wednesday, June 16 to share the proposed changes to the scoring process and tools, and to solicit feedback on: 1) the Renewal Housing Project Scoring Tool, 2) the New Housing Project Scoring Tool, and 3) the CoC NOFA Review and Ranking Scoring Process.
- The survey was closed at the end of business on Monday, June 21.
- Respondents were asked to consolidate feedback into a single survey response on behalf of their agency.
- Four responses were received on behalf of the following providers: Volunteers of America Oklahoma, Mental Health Association Oklahoma, Tulsa Day Center, and Domestic Violence Intervention Services.

Office Hours

- Homebase hosted Office Hours on Wednesday, June 23, from 1-2pm to address CoC recipient questions about the CoC NOFA Scoring Tools and Standards of Operations prior to them being presented at the July 13 AWH4T Leadership Council Meeting for final approval.