

A Way Home for Tulsa

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021 | 1:30 pm | Boston Avenue Church

Agenda Item

1. Welcome
 - a. Jeff Hall called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call
 - a. See attendance after meeting minutes.
3. Approve July Minutes*
 - a. ***Jeff Hall called for a motion to approve July minutes. Nancy Curry moved to approve. Claudia Brierre seconded the motion. Motion carried.***
4. Leadership Council Delegates
 - a. Jeff Hall announced that this would be his last meeting as chair. Melanie Stewart-Goldman, Vice-Chair, will be stepping into that role moving forward.
 - b. Terri Cole will be filling the THA seat on the Leadership Council.
5. Lead Agency Updates
 - a. Social Services HUB
 - i. Launched August 3rd at Iron Gate
 - ii. Shandi, Jeff and Legal Aid team have been working hard to make this happen.
 - iii. Landlords/tenants have been stopping by to the HUB to get assistance with eviction prevention and resources to decrease evictions in Tulsa.
 - b. Data Dashboards - [Reports & Data | Housing Solutions Tulsa](#)
 - i. Olivia Denton Koopman went over current data.
 - ii. 306 new clients have been added to the continuum tracking list.
 - iii. 80 housing placements in July
 - c. Partner Agency MOUs
 - i. See attached MOU agreement.
6. McKinney Vento Information
 - a. Maureen Hogaboom from Union Public Schools gave an overview of the McKinney Vento Act. Homeless liaisons assist families with school enrollment.
 - b. All children have the right to:
 - i. Receive a free, appropriate public education.
 - ii. Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
 - iii. Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
 - iv. Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last

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enrolled), if that is your preference. *If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.

- v. Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- vi. Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

c. [Tulsa Public Schools Information](#)

d. [Union Public Schools Information](#)

7. ERA2 Overview

- a. Jeff Jaynes presented on the differences between the funds (and rules for those funds) that the US Treasury department has allocated for rent assistance in two different appropriations.
- b. The funds that Restore Hope is currently spending for ERAP are from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (ERA1) but there were also funds allocated for rent/utility assistance in the American Rescue Plan (ERA2).
- c. ERA1 funds are intended to be spent quickly and the City/County allocations total approximately \$20 million. 10% of those funds can be spent for Housing Stability and they must be spent by September 30, 2022, with at least 65% obligated by September 30, 2021. The total allocation within the State of Oklahoma was approximately \$260 million.
- d. ERA2 contracts have not yet been finalized but are about 80% of the ERA1 numbers. The City/County allocation for ERA2 totals approximately \$15.5 million and the total allocation within the State is approximately \$208 million.
- e. ERA2 does not have the same focus on spending the funds rapidly and have a longer sunset, needing to be spent by September 30, 2025.
- f. Jeff noted his belief that the focus for spending ERA2 funds (up to 15% of which can be spent for Housing Stability) needs to be on spending them well and not just on spending them quickly. He noted that we may not have an ERA3, so we need to consider using ERA2 for building up the systems needed for better eviction prevention after these significant funds are gone. He reiterated his levee metaphor and noted that ERA2 funds are levee-building funds, metaphorically.
- g. Some discussions have already taken place regarding ERA2 approach but more still are needed. Another key difference is that ERA2 funds require a loss of income during the pandemic and not a direct or indirect loss of income because of the pandemic.

8. Agency Feature – [Family Promise](#)

- a. Tina Massey, Director of Family Promise, spoke to the group about their program. Family Promise services include shelter, food, transportation, intensive case

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management, and housing navigation. Family Promise's goal is to help families stay out of homelessness.

- b. 23 families are on the case docket / 10 families that are outside of the shelters.
- 9. Public Comments
- 10. Meeting Adjourned

Attendance

Name	Representing	Category	Term	Y/N
Mark Hogan	City of Tulsa	Appointed	2 years	N
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	N
Mack Haltom	Provider Agencies	Elected	1 year	Y
Greg Shinn	Provider Agencies	Elected	2 years	N
Jim DeLong	Participant Advisory Group	Elected	2 years	Y
Vacant	Youth Advisory Board	Elected	1 year	
Cory Pebworth	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