

# A Way Home for Tulsa

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022 | 1:30 pm | Boston Avenue Church

## Agenda Item

1. Welcome & Call to Order
  - a. Melanie Stewart called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call – Erin Velez
  - a. See attendance after meeting minutes
3. Approve April Minutes\*
  - a. Melanie called for a motion to approve – Nancy Curry moved. Jim DeLong 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
4. At-Large Member – Melanie Stewart
  - a. Crystal Hernandez\*
    - i. Greg Robinson is not renewing his term, leaving an at-large seat open.
    - ii. Melanie gave Dr. Crystal Hernandez’s bio
      1. Dr. Crystal Hernandez serves as the Executive Director of both the Tulsa Center for Behavioral Health (adult psychiatric hospital) and the Oklahoma Forensic Center (forensic psychiatric hospital). She has a long history of working within the mental health, social and Human services, criminal justice, and disability spaces. Dr. Hernandez serves on both the ARC of Oklahoma and the Autism Foundation of Oklahoma boards, and is a Program Advisor for the State of the States on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. She volunteers and serves a wide range of non-profits within the Unites States and Oklahoma, leaning in on compassion and her dedication to improve the lives of those around her. Dr. Hernandez has a history of COC membership and grant experience. She is a proud mother of three who is active within her Tribe (Cherokee Nation) and also embraces her Latina heritage. She lives her life with service above self in all that she does.
    - iii. Melainie called for motion to approve Crystal Hernandez as At-Large member – Mark Hogan moved. Keri Fothergill 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
5. Lead Agency Report
  - a. Agency Tour – June 2022 – Erin Velez
    - i. Planning an agency tour for the next all-member meeting.
    - ii. Erin will be reaching out with providers to plan
    - iii. Transportation will be included - buses
6. ODOC ESG Grant – Jessica Izquierdo

- a. Annual fund for organizations that serve clients outside of the city of Tulsa but within Tulsa county's CoC
  - b. Can only serve people who reside outside of the city of Tulsa since the city of Tulsa already receives the ESG entitlement funds
  - c. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) serves those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
    - i. Must provide shelter component
    - ii. Must provide housing – rapid rehousing and prevention funds
  - d. Several organizations are already receiving the ESG Covid funds – including ones within the city of Tulsa
  - e. Currently in the application process for the annual ESG fund for 2022 – ends May 31
  - f. Three discussion points
    - i. For those who are currently receiving ODOC ESG, what is working?
      - 1. Greg with MHA - received the ESG Covid funds for rapid rehousing
        - a. Served over 108 homeless families – individual number is higher
        - b. What is the total number of dollars available and what are the match requirements?
          - i. HUD is a little behind with this information
          - ii. Close to the same allocation as 2021
          - iii. 2021 – \$1.7M, for Tulsa it was \$83k, required to match dollar for dollar
      - ii. For those who are currently receiving ODOC ESG, what is not working?
        - 1. Greg with MHA – grants.gov is difficult to navigate
        - 2. ODOC offers training for grants.gov
      - iii. Any changes or recommendations?
        - 1. Jeff with Restore Hope – the goals required for the grant were hard to meet with a prevention program
7. TAEO Overview – Kian Kamas
- a. Created in July of 2021
  - b. Merger of five economic entities to become more effective
  - c. Leveraging their resources to create economic development and promote equitable outcomes
  - d. Their goal is to lift people out of poverty and prevent a return to poverty
  - e. Assests include residential, commercial, and industrial
  - f. FY22 budget is \$8.4M, this is an 8-fold increase from FY21
  - g. Going through a rebranding process to change their name. New website [partnertulsa.org](http://partnertulsa.org) is now online
8. Reprioritization for By-Name List\* - Olivia Denton Koopman
- a. Updates to CES (Coordinated Entry System) prioritization tool
    - i. Currently using VI, starting to show it is not reliable and perpetuating racial inequities
    - ii. Working with HUD Equity Initiative and learning from other CoCs

- iii. New prioritization will put less weight on the VI but adds weight to local prioritization factors
      - 1. Currently living situation and homeless experience
      - 2. Local demographics and household composition
    - b. Melanie called for a motion to approve – Jeff Jaynes moved. Nancy Curry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- 9. City of Tulsa Housing Policy Director – Travis Hulse
  - a. In this role for a week
  - b. Represent the mayor and his vision for housing as a whole
  - c. Wants to be as efficient and productive as possible
  - d. Open to hearing all ideas and perspectives- travishulse@cityoftulsa.org
- 10. NOFO & YHDP Updates – Karen Kowal
  - a. Annual competition that HUD does
  - b. Scores
    - i. Tulsa had a great score this year – 159.5 out of 173 points. This was above the median and the weighted median. This allowed Tulsa to get additional funding
    - ii. Improvement areas
      - 1. Coordination with PHA (Public Housing Authority)
      - 2. Project rank and review
      - 3. Bed coverage – must be in entry/exit in HMIS (Homeless Management Information Systems)
      - 4. System performance measures
    - iii. Bonus points for coordinating with health care
    - iv. Bonus points for DV projects
- 11. Public Comments
  - a. Dan Cross – CREOKS Behavioral Health Services
    - i. Building a sober living residence for veterans and first responders
    - ii. North of Haskell
    - iii. Offering therapy and equine therapy and fishing

## Attendance

Name	Representing	Category	Term	Y/N
Mark Hogan	City of Tulsa	Appointed	2 years	Y
Keri Fothergill	Tulsa County	Appointed	2 years	Y
Ginny Hensley	Tulsa Housing Authority	Appointed	2 years	Y

<b>Claudia Brierre</b>	INCOG	Appointed	2 years	Y
<b>Melanie Stewart, Chair</b>	Provider Agencies	Elected	2 years	Y
<b>Mack Haltom, Vice-Chair</b>	Provider Agencies	Elected	2 years	N
<b>Greg Shinn</b>	Provider Agencies	Elected	2 years	Y
<b>Jim DeLong</b>	Participant Advisory Group	Elected	2 years	Y
<b>Adam Streeer</b>	Youth Advisory Board	Elected	2 years	Y
<b>Cory Pebworth</b>	Business/Commerce	Invited	2 years	Y
<b>Nancy Curry</b>	Funders	Invited	2 years	Y
<b>Greg Robinson</b>	At-Large Representative	Invited	2 years	Y
<b>Donnie House</b>	At-Large Representative	Invited	2 years	Y
<b>Jeff Jaynes</b>	At-Large Representative	Invited	2 years	Y
<b>Laurel Roberts</b>	At-Large Representative	Invited	2 years	N