

CoC Leadership Council

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.



Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting Introduction

- Call to Order, Melanie Stewart
- Recognition of Melanie's Service
- Welcome from Incoming Chair, Mack Haltom
- Roll Call

2. Discussion & Approval of:

- December 2022 Minutes*
- 1.2023 SSVF Letter of Support*
- 2.2023 VOA Letter of Support*

3. Lead Agency Updates

- Winter Emergency Shelter Report, Olivia Denton Koopman and Josh Sanders
- Data Report, Olivia Denton Koopman
- Point-in-Time Count Updates, Josh Sanders
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Update, Len Dittmeier
- New Member Agencies, Erin Velez
- Open Call for Vice Chair Seat
 - (Must be active members of the A Way Home for Tulsa Leadership Council)

4. Meeting Wrap-Up

- Public Comments
- Meeting Adjourn
 - Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**Items to be voted on by Leadership Council*

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Attendance

	Name	Representing	Category	Term
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mack Haltom, Chair	Tulsa Day Center	Provider Representative, Elected	10/2021 - 01/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mayor Bynum	City of Tulsa	Fixed Position, Appointed	09/2022 - 08/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	James Rea	Tulsa County	Fixed Position, Appointed	09/2022 - 11/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ginny Hensley	Tulsa Housing Authority	Fixed Position, Appointed	03/2022 - 02/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	Claudia Brierre	INCOG	Fixed Position, Appointed	03/2022 - 02/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greg Shinn	Mental Health Association OK	Provider Representative, Elected	03/2022 - 02/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	Melanie Stewart	VA	Provider Representative, Elected	04/2021 – 3/2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	Benny Naifeh	Participant Advisory Group	Consumer Representative, Elected	12/2022-11/2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joshua Morrison	Youth Advisory Board	Consumer Representative, Elected	01/2023 - 12/2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cory Pebworth	QuikTrip Corporation	Business/Commerce Representative, Invited	04/2021 - 03/2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Curry	Zarrow Family Foundations	Funder Representative, Invited	04/2021 - 03/2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crystal Hernandez	ODMHSAS	At-Large Representative, Invited	05/2022 - 04/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	Donnie House	Tulsa Area United Way	At-Large Representative, Invited	04/2021 - 03/2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Jaynes	Restore Hope Ministries	At-Large Representative, Invited	04/2021 - 03/2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Alexander	Tulsa Police Department	At-Large Representative, Invited	05/2022 - 04/2024

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Minutes

1. Meeting Introduction

- Melanie Stewart called the meeting to order.
- Recognition of Jim DeLong's Service
- Introduction of New PAG Representative
 - Ben Naifeh
- Attendance is reflected after the meeting minutes.

2. Discussion & Approval of*

- October Minutes
 - Melanie Stewart called for a motion to approve. Nancy Curry moved to approve. Jeff Jaynes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 18.2022 - PIT Count Survey & Action Plan, Josh Sanders & Olivia Denton Koopman
 - PIT Count is the literal count of people experiencing homelessness in a single night within the community
 - Conducted the last 10 days of January
 - Done nationwide
 - Unsheltered and sheltered individuals are counted
 - Will start the count Friday, January 27th. The count will be for the night of January 26th. The count will continue Saturday, January 28th and Sunday, January 29th.
 - The questions asked in the survey
 - Geolocation tag
 - Breakdown by location, branching tool with more specific locations
 - Where they slept January 26th
 - Names, DOB, spouse, children and their ages
 - Race and tribal citizenship
 - School district
 - Gender
 - Sexual orientation
 - Military service
 - History of homelessness
 - Barriers
 - Causes and Gaps

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- Additional resources
- Suggested to add to the PIT survey: Do you have access to housing through an employer, family, or church? What is preventing you from returning to housing
- Suggest adding after the PIT survey while outreach works: What barriers have you faced when trying to enter an emergency shelter? When did you last unsuccessfully enter an emergency shelter?
- Melanie Stewart called for a motion to approve. Greg Shinn moved to approve. James Rea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 19.2022 - 2023 Meeting Schedule, Erin Velez
 - Proposal to keep them on the second Tuesday of the month at the same time. May and November will be reserved for all member meetings.
 - Melanie Stewart called for a motion to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Lead Agency Updates

- Winter Weather, Becky Gligo & Travis Hulse
 - Becky will send out an email, there will be a site activated next.
- NOFO Debrief, Homebase
 - Recommendations
 - Greater recruitment to create a more diverse population within agencies
 - Better collection of information on members and agency leadership
- Data Report, Olivia Denton Koopman
 - Will be discussed in the January meeting
- Incoming/Outgoing Chair Update, Erin Velez
 - Melanie will be moving back to the provider role and Mack will be moving to the chair. Will open nominations for vice chair.
- New Member Agencies, Erin Velez
 - Will be discussed in the January meeting

4. Meeting Topics

- Spotlight Housing Insecurity Results, Aaron Bean
 - Focused on collecting data regarding the following question:
 - How many TPS students experienced housing insecurity between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2021?
 - The timing of the housing insecurity episode

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- Demographics and household information of the individuals experiencing the episode
- School and school level with the greatest number of students experiencing housing insecurity
- Housing situation of those experiencing housing insecurity
- Number of times experiencing housing insecurity
- Number of months experiencing housing insecurity
- 6,519 students experienced housing insecurity
- 2,458 students experienced homelessness
- Tulsa Eviction Diagram, Katie Dilks & Shandi Campbell
 - Tulsa Evictions Data Ecosystem Working Group
 - Multi-partner group that collects, uses, and distributes local and national data regarding evictions
 - This presentation compares the difference between the eviction process in Nashville and Tulsa because they have similar populations and median household incomes.
 - Tenants are evicted almost twice as fast in Tulsa as they are in Nashville
 - Tulsa has the 11th highest eviction rate in the country
 - The key differences
 - The length of time of the eviction notice is longer in Nashville
 - The length of time until the court date is longer in Nashville
 - Nashville has the option to delay the court date
 - The price of filing fees for a landlord is higher in Nashville

5. Meeting Wrap-Up

- 2022 Accomplishments
- Public Comments
 - Jeff Jaynes shared information about funding applications.
- Meeting Adjourned
 - Next LC Meeting – Tuesday, January 10th, 1:30 – 3:00 PM

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Y	Melanie Stewart, Chair	VA	Provider Representative, Elected	08/2021 - 01/2023
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A WAY HOME FOR TULSA

Request for CoC Leadership Council Committee Agenda Item

1. Brief Description of Proposed Item:

Community Service Council has requested a letter of support from the A Way Home for Tulsa Leadership Council. SSVF is applying for a Department of Veteran Affairs grant to serve low-income veterans and their families who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness in the Tulsa, OK Continuum of Care.

2. Date of Leadership Council Meeting:

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

3. Proposed Committee Resolution:

Approval of the letter of support.

January 10, 2023

Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa
16 E. 16th Street, Suite 202
Tulsa, OK 74119

Dear Ms. Pam Ballard:

I am pleased that the Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa (CSC) is again applying to the Department of Veteran Affairs for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant to serve low-income veterans and their families who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness in the Tulsa, OK Continuum of Care. The SSVF grant allows CSC and its community partners the opportunity to provide many needed services for veterans and their families, including supportive case management, tenant support, community referrals, outreach, and linkage to VA and other public benefits.

I know CSC has a long history in community partnerships and collaborative programs serving at-risk populations. The SSVF program has been involved from the inception of the Tulsa, OK-501 CoC Coordinated Entry System and helped launch the network in 2018. SSVF participates regularly with other continuum agencies in community staffing to ensure all those with a housing need are screened, assessed and referred for the best fit for each client's housing need.

Additionally, SSVF has been active in the Continuum's efforts to focus on homelessness in the Tulsa, OK area.

The CSC SSVF Program has assisted over 4000 veteran households and housed or prevented eviction for over 2600 of that total since 2011. In addition, over \$4,000,000.00 in temporary financial assistance has been provided during that time frame to those veteran families to secure permanent housing and meet the various needs essential to maintain their housing.

I would be happy to continue our collaborative relationship and look forward to serving veterans and their families in northeastern Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

Mack Haltom, 2023 Chair
A Way Home for Tulsa Leadership Council

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1. Brief Description of Proposed Item:

Volunteers of America (VOA) has requested a letter of support from the A Way Home for Tulsa Leadership Council. VOA is applying for a per diem-only grant to continue serving veterans with 7 transitional housing beds in Tulsa, Oklahoma, through the Veteran Administration's (VA) Grant Per Diem Transition in Place Program.

2. Date of Leadership Council Meeting:

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

3. Proposed Committee Resolution:

Approval of the letter of support.

January 4, 2023

Chelsea Watson
Director, VA Homeless Providers GPD Program Office
810 Vermont Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Chelsea,

The Tulsa City and County Continuum of Care: A Way Home for Tulsa understands Volunteers of America Oklahoma (VOAOK) is applying for a per diem-only grant to continue serving veterans with 7 transitional housing beds in Tulsa, Oklahoma, through the Veteran Administration's (VA) Grant Per Diem Transition in Place Program.

With the VA, VOAOK decided to move forward with this grant, although reducing the original number of per diem beds from 15 to 7. The initial grant proved difficult to fully implement, due to the impact of Covid, shifts in housing availability, and challenges with local landlords. We plan to increase the number of per diem beds.

VOAOK is dedicated to providing 7 units of scattered-site housing to assist veterans transitioning in place to permanent housing; employment services, money management services, and other supportive services, for veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

The VOAOK program provides intensive case management to veterans with physical or mental disabilities including substance use disorders. In addition to daily case management, VOAOK's program includes transportation, food and clothing assistance, and referrals to health care, behavioral health treatment, employment services, and legal assistance. Case managers work closely with participants to set and achieve goals that enable clients to become self-sufficient.

Housing Solutions is a non-profit organization located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is the lead agency coordinating the Tulsa County Continuum of Care (COC). Housing Solutions is a collective impact of over 30 organizations that exist to plan and implement strategies to support a system of outreach, engagement, assessment, prevention, and evaluation for those experiencing homelessness, or those persons at risk of homelessness, within Tulsa City/County.

VOAOK has had continuous participation in the Tulsa County CoC throughout this timeframe serving on the Coordinated Entry Task Group, HMIS Collaborative

Task Group, CoC NOFO Task Group, Equity Initiative Work Group, and B-Monthly Veteran Case Conferencing.

VOAOK works collaboratively to ensure the prioritization of individual client needs identified on the by-name list with data collected by and prepared for the existing Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Additionally, VOAOK serves veterans experiencing homelessness through the Dept. of Labor Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP). VOAOK participates in the annual Point-in-Time Count and supports the annual Veteran Stand Down.

As the Tulsa County CoC lead agency, it is Housing Solutions' recommendation to recommend VOAOK as it aids the Veterans Administration and Tulsa County in its efforts to address the city and county-wide problems that contribute to veteran homelessness and have prevent veterans from housing stability and reentering the workforce.

Thank you for your consideration of VOAOK's grant submission. We believe this partnership will assist in reducing the incidence of homelessness.

Sincerely,

Mack Haltom, 2023 Chair
A Way Home for Tulsa