CoC Leadership Council
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

1. **Meeting Introduction**  
   - Call to Order, Mack Haltom  
   - Roll Call  

2. **Discussion & Approval of:**  
   - February 2023 Minutes*  
   - 5.2023 Removing VI* - Olivia Denton Koopman  

3. **Lead Agency Updates**  
   - Leadership Council Nominations, Becky Gligo  
     - Funder Representative – Elizabeth Hall  
     - Business Representative – Lauren Sherry, Kim Koch  
     - Provider Representative – Beth Svetlic, Sarah Grounds, Captain Dan Nelson  
     - At-Large Representatives – Stephanie Younis, Tim Newton  
   - New Member Applications, Erin Velez  
     - Beauty in the Faith Foundation  
     - The Ark of Dreams  
     - Pause4Paws  

4. **Meeting Topics**  
   - Tulsa Housing Study, Development Strategies & Homebase  
   - Point-in-Time Count Overview, Olivia Denton Koopman  
     - PiT Data Walk  

5. **Meeting Wrap-Up**  
   - Public Comments  
     - Charter Updates, Erin Velez  
   - Meeting Adjourn  
     - Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2023  
     - State of Homelessness Presentation: April 11, 2023 @ 10 a.m.

*Items to be voted on by Leadership Council
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1. **Meeting Introduction**
   - Mack Haltom called the meeting to order
   - Ginny Hensley was welcomed as the Vice Chair
   - Attendance is included after minutes

2. **Discussion & Approval of**
   - **January Minutes**
     - Mack Haltom called for a motion to approve. Richard Alexander moved to approve corrections. Josh Morrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with corrections.
   - **3.2023 – Termination Notice- Olivia Denton Koopman**
     - Olivia Denton Koopman advised our Service Standards require housing providers to send a termination notice to clients detailing reasons why they are being terminated, the effective date of the proposed notice, and the date termination was initiated if different from the effective date.
     - The clients may appeal the termination through an informal hearing or compliance review with the housing provider. The housing provider will be the one to perform the hearing.
     - A second form will be provided if the client does not agree with the decision to terminate participation and request an appeal. The client may provide additional documentation, adding if the case manager will be part of this appeal in any way.
     - Mack Haltom called for a motion to approve the termination notice. Jeff Jaynes moved to approve with discussed additional changes. Joshua Morrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
   - **4.2023 – Service Standards Review Task Force – Ben Naïfèh**
     - Benny Naïfèh asked for a task force to be established to review the grievance procedure and determine best practices.
     - Mack Haltom called for a motion to approve the task force. Joshua Morrison moved to approve. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Lead Agency Updates**
   - Deputy Director Introduction
- Laura Evanoff introduced herself – will be working with programs at Housing Solutions
- Leadership Council Terms and Nominations, Erin Velez
  - Executive members will be nominated in March and seated in April
  - Erin will send out email asking for nominations.
- Charter Review & Updates
  - Erin Velez announced that the charter is being edited
  - Erin will send out an email asking for edits
- Point in Time Count Debrief, Josh Sanders
  - 18 teams of full-time service providers
  - 50 volunteers
  - 3000 views on social media
- Data Report, Olivia Denton Koopman
  - 379 Clients served by LTRC December / a little over 1500 for the year 2022
  - Increase number in those experiencing homelessness
  - Time until contact has decreased – 2.5 months
  - Number of individuals on the by-name list is going down
  - Decrease in housing placement, 73 still need housing
  - Time until housed – 6.4 months goals for 30 days
  - 96% utilization for permanent supportive housing
  - There is a lack of affordable housing
  - There is an increase in project types and expansion of current projects
  - Rehoused 3000 people
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, Len Dittmeier
  - YHDP – program through which our community was awarded $5.5m towards ending youth homelessness allocated over two years
  - We will be collaborating to build a plan together for affected youth and create special services to assist
- Legislative update, Jeff Jaynes and Greg Shinn
  - Jeff encouraged everyone to call their legislators to express positioning on bills, especially the ones that impact those we serve
  - Bills at state level that also need your attention: Shell bill, 2058 Murphy’s Law 2109 House Bill, 201 Bill
  - Greg Shinn broke down expansion of 2040 tax credits for funding for affordable housing production - Increases from 4 million into 10 million
  - The expansion of the tax credit unanimously passed this house bill 2040
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- Travis Hulse with Homelessness, Housing and Mental Health Task Force status update
  - Question to be answered: what role the city plays in ending homelessness
  - Taskforce will be adding more members to that meeting as they go
  - First responders to mental health calls were the topic of the latest meeting
  - City council webpage has the landing page for this taskforce
  - Community meeting 2/28 5:30 Tue., @ OU Tulsa presentation

4. Meeting Wrap-Up

- Public Comments
  - Show up at the City Lights with Sarah announced by Becky
  - Rental assistance will be coming back, we are on standby for updates

- Tulsa City behavioral health employee council 2nd annual Mental health event in May - there will be opportunities for organizations to have booths Meeting Adjourned
  - Next LC Meeting – Tuesday, March 14th, 1:30 – 3:00 PM
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A WAY HOME FOR TULSA
Request for CoC Leadership Council Committee Agenda Item

1. **Brief Description of Proposed Item:**

   At present, the Tulsa housing opportunities for persons experiencing homelessness include additional eligibility factors prior to referral matches. In addition to the HUD eligibility restrictions, the client’s VI assessment score dictates whether a client can proceed with a PSH or a RRH match. With this method in place, there are several hundred individuals that are not accounted for on the Permanent Supportive Housing/Chronic By-Name List, nor the Rapid Re-Housing By-Name List.

   To rectify this process, eliminate unnecessary barriers, and “right-size” the CES portfolio of persons pending housing, the CES Task Group approved unanimously to remove the VI as the determining factor of which housing opportunity a client is eligible for, relying solely then on the HUD requirements.

2. **Date of Leadership Council Meeting:**

   Tuesday, March 21, 2023

3. **Proposed Committee Resolution:**

   Approval of removing the VI as the determining factor of which housing opportunity a client is eligible for, relying solely then on the HUD requirements.
Leadership Council Nominations, 2023

FUNDER REPRESENTATIVE
1 Nomination for 1 Seat

- **Elizabeth Hall, Burnstein Family Foundation**
  Elizabeth directs all programming for the Sanford & Irene Burnstein Family Foundation, a family-based charitable foundation in Tulsa. The Foundation’s portfolio extends to organizations addressing education, health and well-being, community safety nets, and quality of life. Prior to returning to Tulsa in late 2018, she spent over a decade in progressive positions with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) based in Lander, Wyoming. Her role as Senior Development Officer included the management of a portfolio of more than one hundred donors across twenty-one states to support NOLS’ mission as the leading source for education and leadership through wilderness programs. As a Native Tulsan, Elizabeth focuses on using her experience and skills to promote community connection, volunteerism, and civic engagement.

BUSINESS/COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE
2 Nominations for 1 Seat

- **Lauren Sherry, QuikTrip Corporation**
  Lauren Sherry currently serves as Manager of Community Relations for the QuikTrip Corporation, headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She oversees all of QuikTrip’s philanthropic investments, Safe Place programs and United Way campaigns and has been with QT since 2010. Prior to QuikTrip, Lauren was a Production Manager for Winnercomm, a television sports production company that at one point produced 85% of ESPN programming. Lauren is a native Tulsan and graduate of the University of Oklahoma and Bishop Kelley High School. She currently serves on the board for the Foundation for Tulsa Schools, is Chair of Resource Development on the board for Family and Children’s Services and is the Chair for Strategic Initiatives on the board for National Safe Place. Lauren resides in Tulsa with her husband and three children.

- **Kim Koch, Saied Music**
  Kim Koch represents the third generation as Vice President at Saied Music Company, founded by her grandfather Jimmie Saied and now celebrating their 77th year under the leadership of her father, Bob Saied. Saied Music is a full-line music retail store with six locations, headquartered in Tulsa, OK. A University of Tulsa grad holding a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance, Kim pursued graduate studies in opera at Manhattan School of Music. After teaching for five years in Tulsa Public Schools, and staying home while her children were young, Kim returned to the family business in 2011. Kim is currently serving on the Board of Directors for NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants). Kim also serves as Chairman of the Board of the Starlight Band, one of the nation’s few professional concert bands. She serves on the AIMM (Alliance of Independent Music Merchants) advisory board and has served on the board of directors for
NASMD (National Association of School Music Dealers). Kim also serves on the Tulsa Police Department Community Advisory Board, Mingo Valley Division. Kim enjoys lunching with her dad and siblings, drinking morning coffee at the lake, and wrangling her three teens, Samantha, Mackenzie and Tucker Wyatt.

**PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVE**

3 Nominations for 1 Seat

- **Sarah Grounds, City Lights Foundation**

  Sarah is a founding member of The City Lights Foundation of Oklahoma. With her husband, and a small group of friends, Night Light Tulsa was started in 2013. That outreach led to the forming of City Lights as a non-profit in 2015. Some of her most proud work includes efforts during the pandemic leading and operating the City Lights Hotel.

  Sarah is responsible for ensuring the mission, vision, strategies, core values, and goals of City Lights are carried out. She believes deeply in these things and strives daily to carry out a lifestyle of service and community. She is grateful to be trusted with others' stories and to walk with them through difficult times. She believes each of us are equipped to make our community a better place for all people.

  Sarah and her husband Jason have 3 children, Benjamin, Elizabeth, and Isaac. Prior to City Lights, Sarah worked as an RN in the Neuro/ Trauma ICU unit for thirteen years at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa. She maintains her license and continues nursing through volunteer work.

  Sarah was awarded the Paragon Award from Leadership Tulsa in 2021 and the City Lights team received an Excellence Award nomination from The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits in 2022. She was also noted as Tulsa World's Top 10 people to watch in 2023.

- **Beth Svetic, Youth Services of Tulsa**

  Beth Edwards Svetic is a licensed clinical social worker who has been practicing since 2002. Since receiving her masters in social work from the University of Oklahoma she has worked with children, youth, families and adults in the areas of school social work, mental health, housing and homeless services in both urban and rural settings. In her current role with Youth Services of Tulsa she oversees programs that provide a wide range of services to youth ages 12-24 and their families. Serving over 5,000 youth a year, YST provides services in the areas of delinquency prevention, positive youth development, counseling and substance abuse services and runaway and homeless youth services. Beth currently lives in Tulsa with her husband and three kids and while she is sure she has hobbies she would enjoy, most of her time is spent driving kids around to various activities.
**Captain Dan Nelson, Salvation Army**

Captain Dan Nelson currently serves as Area Commander for The Salvation Army of Tulsa which gives oversight to the organization’s work in Tulsa, Rogers, Wagoner, Creek and Okmulgee counties. He does this work alongside his wife, Major Sarah Nelson. Their previous appointments together were in Knoxville, TN, Atlanta, GA and Danville, KY. Born and raised in Rockford, IL, Dan was ordained and commissioned a Salvation Army officer in 2008. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Western Illinois University and a Master of Arts in Religion from Trevecca Nazarene University. The Nelsons have two children. Their daughter, Hannah, recently graduated from Trevecca Nazarene University and began professional employment with The Salvation Army in Tampa, FL. Their son, Nolan, is a 9th grader at Edison Preparatory High School. Dan enjoys running, then relaxing, and traveling with his family. He is thoroughly enjoying his experience in Tulsa thus far and value the strong community support of The Salvation Army in service to its neighbors.

**AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE**

2 Nominations for 2 seats

- **Tim Newton, Tulsa Dream Center**

  Tim is the Tulsa Dream Center’s third executive director since its inception more than 20 years ago. He started in 2010 as Programs Director following five years in international missions and five years in civil engineering. He has a Master’s Degree in Divinity from Oral Roberts University and a Bachelor’s Degree in Engineering from Georgia Tech. Tim oversees an organization that touches more than 5,000 lives each year, a $2 million+ annual operating budget, and serves as the organization’s lead minister and spokesman. Tim has a huge heart for at-risk youth, community development and entrepreneurship.

- **Stephanie Younis, Tulsa County Alternative Courts**

  As Director of the Alternative Courts Team in the Tulsa County District Attorney’s office, Stephanie Younis is a prosecutor focused on alternatives to incarceration for crimes stemming from mental illness and substance use disorder. Her team handles Drug Court, Criminal Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Mental Health Diversion, and Misdemeanor Diversion cases. She is the lead prosecutor charged with implementing the Tulsa County Justice Reinvestment Act award ($1 million, 2020) and the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program award ($1.2 million, 2021). Before joining the District Attorney’s Office, Stephanie represented children and indigent parents with cases in the child welfare system in Wagoner County, Oklahoma. Stephanie also worked as a Policy Analyst for the City of San Jose, California, focused on public safety, transportation, and the environment for five years. She holds a J.D. from the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco and a B.A. in Criminology, Law and Society from U.C. Irvine. Stephanie has been a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association since 2013. She is married to Rami Younis, a Professor at the University of Tulsa and they have two children.
• **Beauty in the Faith Foundation** – [www.beautyinthefaith.org](http://www.beautyinthefaith.org)

We help women that are coming out of programs for drug addiction, sex trafficking, abuse, prison, or other hardships obtain education, employment and housing. We strive to meet any other needs they might have and keep them from incurring debt while they transition into the next steps after recovery.

Executive Director: Trina McGill

• **The Ark of Dreams**

Our mission is to address the primary causes of homelessness by addressing the 2 root causes of homelessness (addiction and mental health challenges) to help ensure that those who are being housed have the long-term skills and tools to have a chance at long-term recovery from chronic homelessness.

Executive Director: Christopher Drake

• **Pause4Paws** – [www.pause4pawsok.org](http://www.pause4pawsok.org)

Pause4Paws helps people in the Tulsa, Oklahoma metro area in need of emergency medical, mental health or addiction treatment find loving and safe foster homes for their beloved pets. Pet fostering helps minimize a primary barrier preventing pet owners experiencing homelessness, mental illness, or addiction from seeking the healthcare they would not otherwise receive.

Executive Director: Clara Ndiraya