

# CoC Leadership Council

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



## Minutes

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### 1. Meeting Introduction

- Mack Haltom called the meeting to order
- Attendance is included after minutes

### 2. Discussion & Approval of\*

- February Minutes
  - Mack Haltom called for a motion to approve. Nancy Curry moved. Richard Alexander seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously with no corrections.
- Removing VI restrictions, Olivia Denton Koopman
  - The coordinated entry system group noticed that using the VI for eligibility for permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing was a limitation for people on the by-name list. The group proposed to only use the HUD eligibility requirements.
  - Nancy asked what are the HUD requirements - HUD requires people to have a disability or 12 months homelessness.
  - Removing the VI will allow us to assist people that may have scored low on VI. Jeff Jaynes made a comment that the VI tool has come under fire before.
  - Mack Haltom called for a motion to approve the resolution. Jeff Jaynes moved to approve. Nancy Curry seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

### 3. Lead Agency Updates

- Leadership Council Nominations, Becky Gligo
  - Becky thanked all of the Leadership Council members who had terms ending.
  - We have 5 vacant seats on the Leadership Council – information on each nominee was included in the meeting packet and can be found online at [www.housingsolutionstulsa.org](http://www.housingsolutionstulsa.org).
    - The four categories we have openings are:
      - Funder Representative, there is one seat open and one nominee - Elizabeth Hall from the Burnstein Family Foundation
      - Business Representative there is one seat and one nominee - Lauren Sherry from QuikTrip Corporation
      - Provider seat there is 1 seat and 3 nominees

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- At-large Representatives - two seats available and two nominees
  - Tim Newton with Tulsa Dream Center and Stepha
- Elizabeth Hall works is the Program Director with Stanford and Irene Bernstein Family Foundation. Their funding goes towards safety nets and human service programing for Tulsa. Elizabeth wants to better understand the Tulsa community and their needs. This opportunity gives space to listen and learn from people with lived experience and experts to know how to better serve the community.
- Lauren Sherry is the Community Relations Manager at the QuikTrip Corporate office and has been with them for 13 years. They put 5% back into the community where employees live and work. Usually, they support at risk youth to succeed and grow. She is excited about the collaboration of the community and wants to find out how they can help more.
- Beth Svetlic is the Assistant Executive Director with Youth Services of Tulsa. She has been a licensed social worker for over 20 years. They have been helping through YST, providing housing for young people since 2004. They are the largest exclusively youth serving agency and think they would be an asset on the board.
- Sara Grounds is the Executive Director and co-founder of City Lights of Oklahoma. She was a nurse at Saint Francis in the trauma Neuro ICU for 13 years. In that position she saw a lot of things people deal with, especially homelessness and the effects of that in the medical world. Throughout Covid, they ran the City Lights Hotel and have still been helping with shelter.
- Captain Dan Nelson from Salvation Army has noticed that in their service they are starting to have more and more people that need shelter, they want to stay informed and be able to help,. They are lowering their barriers and also gaining more knowledge to be trauma informed. They want to be a first stop for people navigating homelessness.
- Stephine Younis is a prosecutor in Tulsa DA office. They are seeing that diversion has helped reduce crime. They have noticed that homelessness is a barrier to following the state pathways for offenders. About 50% of



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their clients are experiencing housing insecurity and feel they would be a great asset to the council.

- Tim Newton from Tulsa Dream Center has been working there for over 15 years. The focus is the primary 6 - food, clothing, medical, recreation, education, and housing. They serve families of all ages and they want to keep families from becoming homeless or returning to homelessness.
- Erin will send out an email with electronic voting system. They will be seated in April.
  
- New Member Application, Erin Velez
  - Three organizations have applied to be members in the last 2 weeks
    - Christopher Drake is the Executive Director of Ark of Dreams. They want to come alongside the housing initiative and support the clients. Christopher has lived experience being homeless. When clients walk through the door and apply for housing, they offer care for the first 9 months so that this population is not on the streets. They offer somewhat of a sober living situation and all the help they would need under one roof. Homelessness is not just physical, it's also mental.
    - Pause for Paws offers short term foster care for pets of those impacted by mental illness, homelessness, or addiction. According to last year's PIT count, 15% of people have pets. Pets are sometimes a reason someone stays alive, and that is very important to stability for Tulsans in this situation.
  
- Tulsa Housing Study by Development Strategy and Homebase- Development Strategies & Homebase
  - Development Strategies partnered with the City of Tulsa, Partner Tulsa, Tulsa Housing Authority, Downtown Tulsa Partnership, and Housing Solutions to conduct a study that would answer the question: How much housing do we need and how much will it cost?
    - Tulsa needs 12,900 units over 10 years and \$40 million new resources each year to meet that need.
    - Tulsa needs housing of all types and price points in all areas of the city.
    - Why invest in housing? Because housing is vital to a person's life, housing development builds the economy, secure housing strengthens education, stable housing improves financial security, and stable housing supports health.
    - Prices of housing are increasing.
    - More jobs are opening and attracting new residents.
    - Nearly half of Tulsa's housing stock is more than 50 years old.

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- Most people cannot afford \$948 in rent, for over 30% of people that rent is 46% of their income.
- Its more cost effective to offer supportive housing over time. It costs \$46,000 per year for taxpayers to provide emergency housing and health services for each individual experiencing chronic homelessness vs \$16,700 per year to provide supportive housing.
- Tulsa needs to add housing of every type which will lead to greater regional affordability.
- The full report can be found at [www.housingsolutionstula.org](http://www.housingsolutionstula.org) - [Tulsa Housing Study | Housing Solutions Tulsa](#)
- 2023 PIT Count Overview, Oliva Denton Koopman
  - 1,133 individual were experiencing homelessness on the night of the Point-in-Time count this year. This included anyone staying in emergency shelter, transitional housing, safe havens, encampments and unsheltered. This is a 6.6% increase from last year.
  - Biggest trends in order of impact were lack of affordable housing, loss of job, and relationship breakdown
  - Top three services needed in order of priority are housing placement, transportation, case management
  - 14% are employed
  - 25% were a a member of a tribe
  - 30% said that mental health is a cause of their homelessness
  - 54% said that domestic violence contributed to their homelessness
  - 3% decrease in transitional youth homelessness (18-24 years)
- Table Talks members broke up into groups and went to a table topic in which they wanted more information about.
  - Tribal citizenship
  - Sexual orientation/ Gender Identity
  - Demographics
  - Schools and households with children
  - Geography and Outreach
  - Eviction
  - Justice Involvement
  - Veterans
  - Youth Homelessness

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4. Next LC Meeting – Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 3:00 PM



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## Attendance

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