

## Meeting Minutes

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### 1. Leadership Council Meeting Introduction

- Mack Haltom called the meeting to order.
- Roll Call – Attendance is included after minutes.
- Mack Haltom announced the call for nominations for a Provider Representative and At-Large Representative.
  - Provider Representative - All elected members should be executive leadership. AWH4T member agencies will nominate and elect provider representatives.
  - At-Large Representative - A poll of all AWH4T member agencies will be completed to collect suggestions or nominations of potential candidates.
  - Nominations Due by 8/18 to Erin Velez at [evelez@housingstulsa.org](mailto:evelez@housingstulsa.org)
- CoC FY23 NOFO Competition Overview
  - Laura Evanoff gave an overview of the HUD NOFO Competition. The presentation is included in minutes.

### 2. Discussion & Approval of:

- July 2023 Minutes\*
  - Mack Haltom called for a motion to approve the July minutes. James Rea moved to approve. Elizabeth Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 9.2023 ODOC ESG24 Focus Group/Public Input Session\*
  - Erin Velez called for a motion to approve the ODOC ESG Focus Group date – set for August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Claudia Brierre moved to approve. Mayor Bynum seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- 10.2023 FY23 CoC NOFO materials\*
  - Claudia Brierre & Laura Evanoff reviewed the proposed Standards of Operation and materials for the FY23 NOFO Competition. Materials are included in minutes.
  - Mack Haltom called for a motion to approve the Standards of Operation and NOFO Materials. James Rea moved to approve. Major Alexander seconded the motion. By-name vote is recorded after the meeting attendance record.

### 3. Meeting Topics

- Agency Feature: Salvation Army
  - Jennifer Leck gave an update on what has been happening at the Center of Hope – Salvation Army shelter at Denver/Archer.
  - In the past, Center of Hope has focused on emergency shelter and transition housing. They are working on streamlining services and merging services. All 180 beds are now emergency shelter beds.
  - Because of demand, they have doubled female bed space. They also have the capacity to serve around 15 families.
  - After reviewing the service standards and policies with Homebase, they are focusing on serving guests better through guest-centered services and empathy-driven training for staff.

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- Emergency Shelter beds are now reserved for people who stay overnight (beds & lockers). This allows people to leave their things instead of having to take them with them each day. They've gotten great feedback from guests/clients - Woman w/ carpal tunnel says she now has time to heal because she doesn't have to carry her stuff around all day.
- Recommendations from Tulsa's Housing, Homelessness & Mental Health Task Force
  - Mayor G.T. Bynum presented an update from the Housing, Homelessness, & Mental Health (3H) Task Force.
  - While a second community meeting is forthcoming, these action steps address immediate recommendations that can be put in motion right now, which include:
    - **Action Step 1: Emergency Temporary Housing** - The goal of this program is to get 100 people off of the streets at a time for one year. Supportive services will be offered.
    - **Action Step 2: Priority Housing Placement** - In partnership with Tulsa Housing Authority (THA), the City and THA will work to create a housing preference priority list for chronically homeless individuals. THA will also work to revisit its criminal background policies in regard to housing placement.
    - **Action Step 3: Low Barrier Shelter** - The City of Tulsa will work to open a Low Barrier Shelter to house 50-75 unsheltered individuals at a time. Shelter intake will include referrals from hospitals, shelters and outreach teams. Supportive services will be offered. Next steps include the issuance of an RFP for a shelter operator.
    - **Action Step 4: Animal Accommodation Expansion** - Permanent space will be made available at Tulsa Day Center for additional animal accommodations to reduce barriers to entry in a traditional shelter environment.
    - **Action Step 5: Open Containers in City Parks** - The City will submit a request to the Tulsa Park and Recreation Board to implement new rules allowing the Parks Director to regulate open containers or consumption of alcohol in individual parks.
    - **Action Step 6: Trespassing on Private Property** - This measure will go before the Council for consideration to strengthen the City's existing trespassing ordinance. The measure will provide details outlining an increased and modified penalty structure, as well as court-offered options and programs available.
    - **Action Step 7: Public Right-of-Way Obstruction** - This measure will go before the Council for consideration of an ordinance clarifying that it is illegal to obstruct the right-of-way. The measure will apply to all streets, alleys, crosswalks, sidewalks, driveways or trails, and exceptions will be provided for extenuating circumstances.
    - **Action Step 8: Private Right-of-Way Enforcement** - The City will be requesting trespassing letters from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA), Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Union Pacific (UP) and South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad (SKOL). This measure will allow the City to enforce trespassing laws related to camping, sleeping and littering/dumping.

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- **Action Step 9: Consistent Approach to Public Safety** - Mayor Bynum will give a directive to Tulsa Police asking them to apply laws consistently regardless of housing status.
- More information on housing resources can be found online at [www.cityoftulsa.org/housing](http://www.cityoftulsa.org/housing).

## 4. Meeting Wrap-Up

### □ Public Comments

- Kari Monday, YAB – Squatters law – Homeless youth are trying to use that law to acquire housing.
- Sarah Grounds, City Lights Foundation – Are we going to have a plan to leave space for people before ordinances are enforced?
  - ◆ Mayor Bynum - At the council's discretion, will be enforcing ordinances that are already in place. These will be enforced equally to all Tulsans.
  - ◆ Councilor Lori Decter Wright – I'm sponsoring the ordinance to align with state statute, and I get the most complaints in district 7 about trespassing. We are working to meet the needs of all community members.
  - ◆ Councilor Phil Lakin – We knew based on the reaction of people in this room that edits needed to happen to the first proposed ordinances, and we will look for balance between helping people experience homelessness and business owners.
- Benny Neifeh, PAG – Can we work to make diversion programs more known and accessible?
- Sharolyn Whiting-Ralston, Tulsa Day Center Board – Are we going to have training for TPD to make sure they know about programs? Public education?
- Leslee Clingenpeel, The Spring – Is there going to be a minimum number of beds for the referral shelter?
  - ◆ Mayor Bynum – Each idea is a pilot project to show that the need is there for additional funding We are currently engaging hospitals in this effort.
  - ◆ City will cover cost in the first year, Referral shelter will have up to 70 rooms
- Jill Young, F&CS – Emphasized the need for mental health services and substance use services.
- Twanna Johnson, Tulsa Public Schools – What are we going to be doing about unaccompanied youth?
  - ◆ YHDP will increase beds
- Maggie Hoyt, Lindsay House – The 9 recommendations seem to address homelessness/mental health. What is next to address housing?
  - ◆ Mayor Bynum – The Improve our Tulsa vote will determine next steps for housing opportunities. The City is working with Housing Solutions and Zarrow Family Foundations to develop a response/solutions to the housing study data.
  - ◆ Councilor Lakin – We are working on learning about mixed income properties.

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- Burnita Smith, Housing Solutions – What is going to be done to balance out the justice involvement for additional ordinances?
    - ◆ Mayor Bynum – We are working through this with THA to change criminal background checks (from 5 years-2 years), eliminating 37 of the 44 criteria used to keep people from being able to access THA housing.
    - ◆ Councilor Decter Wright – We are also working on ordinances that will address habitability for renters - guaranteed safe, clean, and affordable for people in the rental market.
  - Laura Evanoff, Housing Solutions – Noted the importance of having a public data dashboard around the impact of the ordinances.
  - Terri White, MHAOK – I’m surprised by how enforcement heavy this feels as opposed to alternative options, and am hoping the council will consider “at what point do we implement these ordinances?” What are the mental health supports being recommended? Is there an alternative like a sobering center for mental health?
  - Alice Doyle, VoA – This seems enforcement heavy. Recognizing that the laws have been in place, are the laws in place going to be enforced for everyone?
  - Kari Monday, YAB – I’m concerned about the youth perspective because they’ve been on waiting lists for a long time, and they don’t know what the next steps are when they apply.
  - Evan Dougoud, BeHeard Movement – Will the shelter be in downtown or can it be in east Tulsa? Not everyone can get downtown.
    - ◆ Mayor Bynum – The emergency temporary housing with hotels will put 10-20 people in spots across town. The RFP for referral shelter will be open to ideas on location.
  - Ginny Hensley, THA – I want to recognize all of the hard work that got us to this conversation.
  - Mack Haltom, TDC – I’d like to ask that the city keep data on all this work. We are currently putting people with mental health issues in jail to solve it and need proper resources for mental health and poverty.
  - Becky Gligo, Housing Solutions – Thank you to everyone on the task force and all who came to speak to the task force. It is powerful that we are talking about these issues as a community, and I’m excited about the council’s willingness to engage in these conversations with service providers.
- Next LC Meeting – September 12, 2023
  - Adjourned
    - Mack Haltom called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Rea moved to approve. Richard Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*\*Items to be voted on by Leadership Council*

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## LC Attendance

	Name	Representing	Category	Term
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mack Haltom, Chair</b>	Tulsa Day Center	Provider Representative, Elected	10/2021 - 01/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mayor Bynum</b>	City of Tulsa	Fixed Position, Appointed	09/2022 - 08/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>James Rea</b>	Tulsa County	Fixed Position, Appointed	09/2022 - 11/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ginny Hensley</b>	Tulsa Housing Authority	Fixed Position, Appointed	03/2022 - 02/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Claudia Brierre</b>	INCOG	Fixed Position, Appointed	03/2022 - 02/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>VACANT</b>		Provider Representative, Elected	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Beth Svetlic</b>	Youth Services of Tulsa	Provider Representative, Elected	04/2023 – 3/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Benny Naifeh</b>	Participant Advisory Group	Consumer Representative, Elected	12/2022-11/2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>VACANT</b>	Youth Advisory Board	Consumer Representative, Elected	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Lauren Sherry</b>	QuikTrip Corporation	Business/Commerce Representative, Invited	04/2023 - 03/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Elizabeth Hall</b>	Burnstein Family Foundation	Funder Representative, Invited	04/2023 - 03/2025
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Crystal Hernandez</b>	ODMHSAS	At-Large Representative, Invited	05/2022 - 04/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tim Newton</b>	Tulsa Dream Center	At-Large Representative, Invited	04/2023 - 03/2025
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>VACANT</b>		At-Large Representative, Invited	04/2023 - 03/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Richard Alexander</b>	Tulsa Police Department	At-Large Representative, Invited	05/2022 - 04/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rhonda Clemons</b>	Cherokee Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	05/2023 - 04/2025
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Thomasene Osborn</b>	Muscogee Creek Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	05/2023 - 04/2025

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## By-Name Voting Record

Name	Representing	FY23 NOFO Competition Materials
Mack Haltom, Chair	Tulsa Day Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
Mayor Bynum	City of Tulsa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
James Rea	Tulsa County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
Ginny Hensley	Tulsa Housing Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
Claudia Brierre	INCOG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
VACANT		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
Beth Svetlic	Youth Services of Tulsa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
Benny Naifeh	Participant Advisory Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
VACANT	Youth Advisory Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
Lauren Sherry	QuikTrip Corporation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
Elizabeth Hall	Burnstein Family Foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
Crystal Hernandez	ODMHSAS	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
Tim Newton	Tulsa Dream Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
VACANT		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
Richard Alexander	Tulsa Police Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
Rhonda Clemons	Cherokee Nation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> R
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## Member Agency Attendance

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	Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BeHeard Movement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block Builderz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City Lights Foundation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Tulsa – Grants Administration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Service Council
<input type="checkbox"/>	Counseling & Recovery Services of OK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Department of Veterans Affairs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Violence Intervention Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Downtown Tulsa Partnership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Family & Children's Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Promise of Tulsa County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gatesway Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Mental Health
<input type="checkbox"/>	Healing Houses of Recovery
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing Solutions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunger Free Oklahoma
<input type="checkbox"/>	INCOG
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Iron Gate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Isaiah 58: In his Service
<input type="checkbox"/>	Just The Beginning Inc
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JusticeLink
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Aid Services of OK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lindsey House
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mental Health Association Oklahoma
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AWH4T Participant Advisory Group
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AWH4T Youth Action Board

	Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Morton Comprehensive Health Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Resource Center for Youth Svcs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oklahoma Dept. of Human Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	ODMHSAS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pause4Paws
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restore Hope Ministries
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Salvation Army Tulsa
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surayya Ann Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Terence Crutcher Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Ark of Dreams
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Bail Project
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Merchant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TheSpring
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tulsa Area United Way
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tulsa CARES
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tulsa County Public Defenders
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tulsa County Social Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tulsa Day Center
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tulsa Housing Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tulsa Police Department
<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteers of America
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Youth Services of Tulsa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Youth Villages
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Zarrow Family Foundations