



Leadership Council Meeting  
October 8, 2024 | 1:30 p.m.  
Boston Avenue Church/ Zoom

## Meeting Minutes

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1. Leadership Council Meeting Introduction
  - a. Beth Svetlic called the meeting to order.
  - b. Attendance is recorded after minutes.
2. Discussion & Approval of:
  - a. Approval of October Minutes
    - i. Beth Svetlic called for a motion to approve September minutes. We will do this at the next meeting.
  - b. Review and Approve FY24 NOFO Priority Ranking\* Joshua Knowles
    - i. There was no quorum to vote so we will update the results of this vote as soon as we have them.
3. Lead Agency Updates
  - a. Strategic Planning Updates, Nancy Curry
    - i. We are focusing on refreshing the existing strategic plan, not creating a new one.
    - ii. Better service coordination and maximizing Medicaid resources.
    - iii. Our next steps are to add Community input through feedback forms and spreading the word to ensure broad participation.
    - iv. Shift to getting people experiencing homelessness into housing and ensuring long-term stability.
    - v. Using collective voice to amplify needs and advocate for policy reforms to improve housing access.
    - vi. Potential for higher HUD allocation and exploring additional funding options.
    - vii. Upcoming meetings and events: **October 18th**: Combined meeting of the PAG and YAB at noon, **October 29th**: Virtual town hall to discuss the strategic plan and answer questions, **November**: All-member meeting for Way Home for Tulsa partner organizations, with a dedicated session on the strategic plans.
    - viii. The draft version of the plan is available with links to the feedback form.
    - ix. Attendees are encouraged to review the draft and provide feedback.
  - b. October Communications, Erin Velez
    - i. Focus on the root causes of homelessness for October.
    - ii. Encouraging communication personnel to share prepared messages and images.



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- iii. Shifting the narrative from personal responsibility to collective system support.
- iv. Summary of services accessed through the continuum of care, with nearly 17,000 individuals served this year.
- c. Data Dashboards, Oliva Denton Koopman
  - i. 34 of 45 units occupied (75% utilization), with ongoing efforts to prepare remaining units.
  - ii. Emphasized the need for unified data on both housed and unhoused individuals.
  - iii. Approximately 3,000 individuals are awaiting housing, including those in various shelters.
  - iv. 395 youths (ages 16-24) engaged with care services, noting discrepancies in hidden homelessness.
  - v. Adherence to HUD's narrow definition contrasts with McKinney-Vento's broader scope, which includes about 2,500 students facing homelessness.
  - vi. Standardized data collection required by state law, with smaller districts facing implementation challenges.
  - vii. Significant shortages for families, especially those with multiple children and those on the HUD waiting list.
  - viii. McKinney-Vento includes doubled-up households, impacting school attendance and stability.
  - ix. Focus on expanding housing stability and prevention efforts to more school districts.

#### 4. Meeting Wrap-Up

##### a. Public Comments

- i. CcC Builds NOFO:
  - 1. HUD's new funding opportunity from unspent or unallocated funds.
  - 2. Focus on permanent supportive housing development, acquisition, or renovation.
  - 3. National competition with \$175 million available, \$65 million reserved for low-population states.
  - 4. Tulsa's cap is around \$5 million per application, with potential for two applications if involving tribal entities.
  - 5. Application deadline around November 21st or 22nd.
- ii. Emergency Rent Assistance:



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1. Restore Hope spent nearly \$70 million to help almost 20,000 families.
  2. Last funds spent on September 27th.
  3. Limited resources available for the next 15 months.
  4. New restrictions on eligibility and assistance due to reduced funding.
  5. Focus on individuals experiencing domestic violence, previously incarcerated, previously homeless, and families with children.
  6. Income eligibility is limited to under 50% of the area median income.
  7. Special funding received from various foundations.
  8. Ongoing applications for additional funding.
  9. Encouragement to introduce potential donors to support homelessness prevention.
- b. Next Meeting– November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 12:30-4:00 PM
- c. Adjourn



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## Attendance

	Name	Representing	Category	Term
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ginny Hensley, Chair</b>	Tulsa Housing Authority	Fixed Position, Appointed	03/2024 - 02/2026
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Travis Hulse</b>	City of Tulsa	Fixed Position, Appointed	09/2022 - 08/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>James Rea</b>	Tulsa County	Fixed Position, Appointed	09/2022 - 11/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Noe Rodriguez</b>	Tulsa Day Center	Provider Representative, Elected	02/2024-01/2026
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Claudia Brierre</b>	INCOG	Fixed Position, Appointed	03/2024 - 02/2026
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rhonda Clemons</b>	Cherokee Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	05/2023 - 04/2025
<input type="checkbox"/>		Muscogee Creek Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sarah Grounds</b>	City Lights Foundation	Provider Representative, Elected	010/2023 - 09/2025
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Beth Svetlic</b>	Youth Services of Tulsa	Provider Representative, Elected	04/2023 – 3/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Lacreshia Jackson</b>	Participant Advisory Group	Consumer Representative, Elected	1/2024-12/2024
<input type="checkbox"/>		Youth Advisory Board	Consumer Representative, Elected	1/2024-12/2024
<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>Jesse Guardiola</b>	Tulsa Area United Way	At-Large Representative, Invited	10/2023 - 09/2025
<input type="checkbox"/>			At-Large Representative, Invited	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Stephanie Horten</b>	JusticeLink	At-Large Representative, Invited	10/2023 - 09/2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Richard Alexander</b>	Tulsa Police Department	At-Large Representative, Invited	05/2024 - 04/2026