



Leadership Council Meeting

March 11th, 2025 | 1:30pm

Boston Avenue United Methodist Church
1301 S Boston Ave, Tulsa, OK 74119

Meeting Minutes

1. Leadership Council Meeting Introduction
 - a. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called the meeting to order.
 - b. Amy Olsen, Roll call
2. Discussion & Approval of:
 - a. Approval of February Minutes
 - i. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called for a motion to approve February minutes. Major Alexander moved to approve. James Rea seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - b. 2025 Vice Chair Election Results
 - i. Warm welcome to Noe Rodriguez!
 - c. Representative Nominations
 - i. 2nd Term: Lauren Sherry (Quick Trip)
 - ii. Beth Edwards-Svetlic called for a motion to approve the electronic vote to approve Lauren Sherry's 2nd term. James Rea moved to approve. Benny Naifeh seconded the motion. Lauren Sherry's 2nd term by electronic vote was approved.
 - d. Governance Charter Review is unclear how the charter is currently unclear. A Task Group was created to give more details on expired terms, nominations, extensions, etc. Next month we will have updates for you.
3. Lead Agency Updates
 - a. Data & Analytics report (Oliva Denton Koopman)
 - i. The average wait time on the By Name List for the last 3 years it's been 250 days for 2025 it has been 170 days we would like it to be a minimum of 30 days.
 - ii. The veteran subpopulation is decreasing with help from our partners.
 - iii. Temporary shelter utilization was able to serve 1,384 individuals.
 - b. Legislative/Policy Report (Mark Smith)
 - i. State bills, the anti-retaliation bill, did not get through. We are still working towards that.
 - ii. House Bill 129 increases the eviction filing amount from \$45 to \$85, data shows that with a cost increase, the Landlords will give tenants more time before they file for eviction.
 - iii. House Bill 128 will extend the eviction timeline from 5 days eviction to when the hearing needs to be filed to 10 days, to work on mediation or represent themselves.
 - iv. House Bill 275 creates an Oklahoma housing commission to address needs across income brackets.
 - v. There was also a bill to seal eviction filings especially if they get dismissed or that ruled in favor of the tenant to be sealed, however, that did not make it through the senate.



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- vi. Two concerning bills: House Bill extension on the camping ban, Bill 1764 unauthorized camps in county and municipal and has moved through the house and moved to the senate and Bill 484 municipal under 300,000 people on servicing shelters or outreach, the shelter has a setback requirement facility cannot be within 3,000 feet which means it can't be close to a school, daycare or nursing home or other types of facility
 - c. Winter Weather Response (Mark Smith)
 - i. 10 outreach teams along with the Tulsa Fire Department and first responders, including the Dream Center, worked to support individuals experiencing homelessness and get them into shelters.
 - ii. Iron Gate (in partnership with CFBEO) has about 6500 meals, hot breakfasts, and coffee.
- 4. City of Tulsa Update, Emily Hall
 - a. Executive Order of Decommissioning of encampments. Efforts would be overseen by internal teams, shelters, and outreach teams. These teams will work to ensure camps decommissioned have supportive assistance when individuals leave.
 - b. Establish a public permanent winter shelter that will be in operation from November to March. We must begin with low-barrier shelter.
 - c. The City of Tulsa is also working to establish a coalition for eviction mitigation with would bring groups together quicker and have greater impact.
 - d. Fire awareness of the weather next week will be very windy.
- 5. Meeting Topic, Tyler Parette (Housing Forward)
 - a. Housing Forward provides consulting services, research and data, and policy advocacy.
 - b. A stakeholder Task Force establishes a working group to receive regular feedback on zoning and permitting.
 - c. We have sufficient single-family homes, but we want to increase the number of townhomes and multifamily homes being built.
- 6. Meeting Wrap up
 - a. Jeff Jaynes is moving from Restore Hope to being the full-time Northeast Superintendent for the United Methodist Pastor effective July 1st. He will still be on the Board of Restore Hope and Mortan. It is Jeff's goal to get churches more involved in AWH4T work.
 - b. Chief Justin Lemery shared that TFD will be hosting a Pop-up Clinic. This will take place at Boston Ave Church on 3/19/25 from 9-12 pm. Services will include comprehensive support, outreach, medical and housing services, pet vaccinations, and more. About 20 organizations are expected to participate.
 - c. Next Meeting– April 8th, 2024, 1:30-3:00 PM
- 7. Adjourn



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Attendance

	NAME	REPRESENTING	CATEGORY
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ginny Hensley	Tulsa Housing Authority	Fixed Position, Appointed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emily Hall	City of Tulsa	Fixed Position, Appointed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Rea	Tulsa County	Fixed Position, Appointed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Noe Rodriguez	Tulsa Day Center	Provider Representative, Elected
<input type="checkbox"/>	Claudia Brierre	INCOG	Fixed Position, Appointed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rhonda Clemons	Cherokee Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>vacant</i>	Muscogee Creek Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Grounds	City Lights Foundation	Provider Representative, Elected
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beth Svetlic, Chair	Youth Services of Tulsa	Provider Representative, Elected
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ben Naifeh	Participant Advisory Group	Consumer Representative, Elected
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>vacant</i>	Youth Advisory Board	Consumer Representative, Elected
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lauren Sherry	QuikTrip Corporation	Business/Commerce Representative, Invited
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elizabeth Hall	Burnstein Family Foundation	Funder Representative, Invited
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jesse Guardiola	Tulsa Area United Way	At-Large Representative, Invited
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>vacant</i>		At-Large Representative, Invited
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Horten	JusticeLink	At-Large Representative, Invited
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Richard Alexander	Tulsa Police Department	At-Large Representative, Invited