



Leadership Council Meeting

April 8, 2025 | 1:30-3:30pm

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

Meeting Agenda

1. Leadership Council Meeting Introduction
 - a. Welcome & Call to Order, Beth Edwards-Svetlic
 - b. Roll Call, Amy Olsen
2. Discussion & Approval
 - a. March Minutes*
 - b. Partner Agency Application**
 - i. Healthy Minds Policy Initiative, Zack Stoycoff
3. Lead Agency Updates
 - a. Data & Analytics Report, Olivia Denton Koopman
 - b. Legislative/Policy Report, Mark Smith
4. City of Tulsa Update
 - a. Senior Advisor - Homelessness, Emily Hall
 - b. Senior Advisor - Housing, Gene Bulmash
5. Meeting Topic
 - a. ConnectFirst, Stefanie Menting & Catrice Brantley
6. Meeting Wrap-Up
 - a. Public Comments Update, Beth Edwards-Svetlic
 - b. Public Comments
 - c. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13th, 2025 (1:30-3pm)
7. Adjourn

* Items to be voted on by Leadership Council in-person

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Noe Rodriguez, Vice Chair	Tulsa Day Center	Provider Representative, Elected
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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 Rae 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 Rae 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.
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AWH4T Partner Agency Application

Agency Information

Name:	Healthy Minds Policy Initiative
Address:	5310 E 31st St, Ste. 300, Tulsa, OK 74135
Website:	https://www.healthymindspolicy.org/
Phone:	(539) 867-3698
Type:	Non-Profit
Faith-Based?:	No
Mission/Vision:	We help policymakers and community leaders advance data-driven strategies to overcome our state's substance use challenges and meet the mental health needs of all Oklahomans.
Reason for Joining AWH4T:	We facilitate mental health crisis system coordination in Tulsa, and lead work to address gaps in the mental health continuum of care in Tulsa including intersects with homelessness.
# of LC Meetings Attended:	1
Services Provided:	Advocacy (policy)
Subpopulation focus?:	None or N/A
Relationship to homelessness services:	Agency does not serve people experiencing homelessness.

Scope & Structure

Agency Operation Area(s):	Oklahoma (state-wide), including Tulsa City/County
CoC Program Funding:	Agency does not receive and has never received HUD CoC Program funds.

Other Government Funding:	None
Leadership team reflects the racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity of the clients served?:	N/A, agency does not serve clients
Organization's board reflects the racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity of the clients served?:	N/A, agency does not serve clients
Organization has a diversity, equity, and inclusion policy?	Yes
Organization employs people with lived experience of homelessness?	Unsure
Anyone in the leadership identifies as Black/African American or Indigenous/Native American?	Prefer not to answer
Anyone in leadership of your organization identifies as LGBTQIA+?	Prefer not to answer

Agency Contacts

Agency Leader Name	Zack Stoycoff
Agency Leader Title	Executive Director
Agency Leader Email	zstoycoff@healthymindspolicy.org

**A WAY HOME
for Tulsa**
COORDINATED BY HOUSING SOLUTIONS

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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IN-PERSON VOTE

Meeting Minutes



-  Review **March** meeting minutes
-  Discuss questions, comments, revisions
-  Vote to approve



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DIGITAL VOTE

Partner Agency Applications

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Data Dashboards & Reports

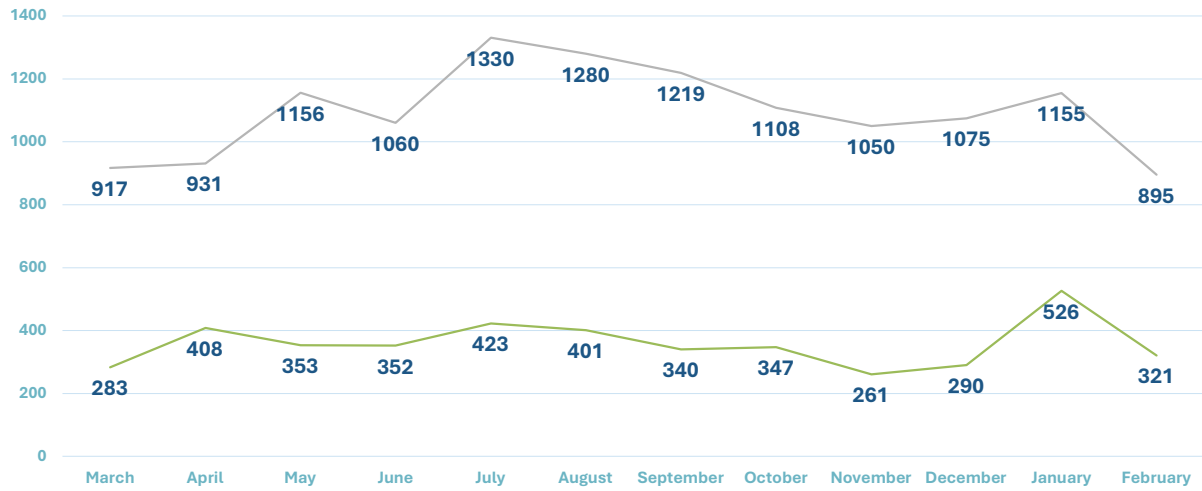
Presented by:

Olivia Denton Koopman, odentonkoopman@housingsolutionstulsa.org



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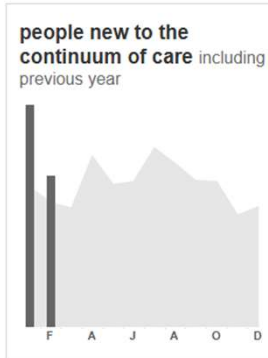
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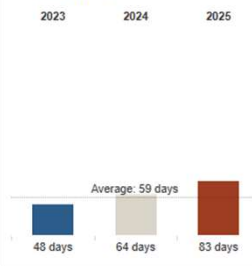
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Paths to Housing

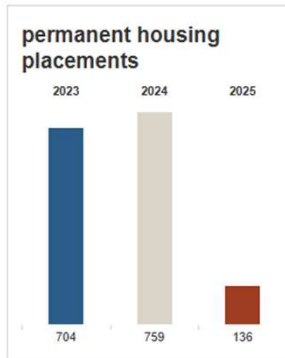
New Experiences of Homelessness



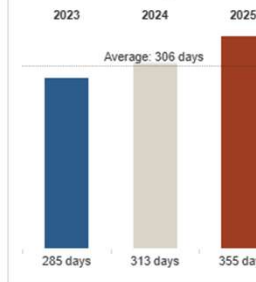
days of homelessness before continuum of care enrollment



Housing Placements through January 2025



days of homelessness before housing



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Housing Need

People assessed for housing assistance pending referral	3,012
Individuals pending short term assistance	1,744
Individuals experiencing chronic homelessness	1,268
Individuals in families	203
Youth & Young Adults aged 16 - 24	339
US Military Veterans	141

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Walk-In Emergency Shelter Utilization

Shelter	Details	Individuals Served	General Capacity	Utilization
Salvation Army Center of Hope	Serves Families	292	251	116%
John 3:16 Shelter	Men Only	266	185	144%
Tulsa Day Center Shelter	Adults Only	130	85	153%
Youth Services of Tulsa	12-17 Only	10	20	50%
TOTALS		698	541	129%

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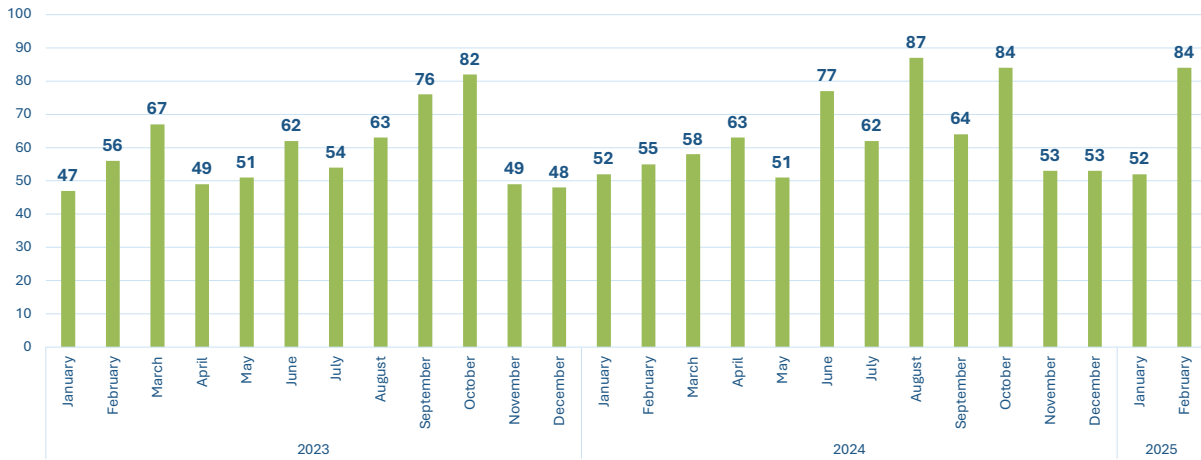
Housing Vacancies

Project Type	Vacancies Pending Referrals	Active Referrals	Individuals Present	Capacity	Utilization
Safe Haven	0	0	8	8	100%
Transitional Housing	32	10	86	115	83%
Permanent Supportive Housing	13	13	607	633	98%

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Housing Placements

AWH4T CoC Projects, 2023-Present



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Policy Report

- State bills/policies
- Federal bills/policies

Contacting Your Lawmakers

- Find your district/representatives here: [OK Voter Portal](#)
- Contact information:
 - [State Senators / State Reps](#)
 - US Senators: [Mullin](#) + [Lankford](#)
 - [US Representatives](#)
- Keep it brief, relevant, and note how it will affect *you* and *the people you serve*
- Calling is always better, but email is fine too! (Check out 5 Calls)

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Update from the City of Tulsa

Presented by:

Emily Hall, emilyhall@cityoftulsa.org

Gene Bulmash, gbulmash@cityoftulsa.org



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Project Spotlight

ConnectFirst

Presented by:

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Catrice Brantley, catrice@gkff.org



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BIRTH THROUGH EIGHT
STRATEGY FOR TULSA

thriving kids, vibrant community

BEST is an initiative of George Kaiser Family Foundation.

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Our Vision

BEST envisions a day where all of Tulsa's children living in poverty have access to the opportunities and resources they need and deserve.



Our Mission

BEST works shoulder-to-shoulder with parents, caregivers, and community leaders to enable access to programs and services that nurture strong brain development and adult-child experiences, putting children on a path toward lifelong success.



Our Commitment

BEST is committed to supporting vulnerable Tulsans who experience challenges through continuous learning, shared leadership, intentional resource allocation and maintaining community to increase successful life outcomes for young children and families.

BIRTH THROUGH EIGHT STRATEGY FOR TULSA'S FOUR MAIN GOALS ARE TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN:



ENABLING CONDITIONS: BEST Partners supporting enabling conditions provide services and programs that allow children across the continuum to thrive. Examples: Workforce training and development, Economic mobility supports, Immigration navigation supports, etc.



What is ConnectFirst?

- ConnectFirst serves as the navigation function for BEST
- Designed to create a more seamless and streamlined set of supports to meet an individual family's needs
- Maternal Child Health focus
- Services provided
 - Support/Referrals
 - Parenting Resources



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THD Family Advocates

- Provide ongoing personalized support during pregnancy and throughout a child's early years
- Help with any immediate needs by connecting pregnant individuals and mothers to services and resources



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Referral to THD Family Advocates

Eligibility:

- Pregnant or parenting a child(ren) birth through school entry
- Enrolled in Medicaid or Medicaid-eligible
- Reside in Tulsa County

How to make a referral:

- **Unite Us**
 - Tulsa Health Department Family Advocates (ConnectFirst)
- **ConnectFirst website** (www.connectfirsttulsa.org)
 - Complete the contact form



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THD Family Liaisons

- Embedded in community organizations with variety of services available
- In person supports to assist with immediate needs



North Tulsa TPS Parent Resource Center
525 E 46th St N
Tulsa, OK 74126



South Tulsa Community House
5780 S Peoria Ave
Tulsa, OK 74105



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Meeting Wrap-Up

- Public Comment Process, Beth Edwards-Svetlic
 - Public Comments
 - Adjourn
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Public Comment



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New Process

- Commenters may submit comments via this form
- Comments need to be submitted by 5pm the Monday before LC meeting
- All comments must pertain to the agenda or provide information on a community resource relevant to AWH4T providers
- Effective next month

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Adjourn

Next Meeting

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- Boston Avenue United Methodist

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