A WAY HOME for Tulsa

COORDINATED BY HOUSING SOLUTIONS

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

September 9th, 2025 | 1:30-3:00 PM | Boston Ave. Church

Agenda

- **Meeting Introduction**
  - Welcome & Call to Order, Beth Edwards-Svetlic
  - Roll Call, Amy Olsen
- **Discussion/Approval of:**
  - August Minutes
  - Coordinated Entry System Re-Prioritization
  - AWH4T Member Fund Policy
  - Representative Selection

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Meeting Minutes

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

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Coordinated Entry Re-Prioritization

What is CES Prioritization?

A Coordinated Entry System (CES) helps homeless service providers fairly connect people to housing by prioritizing those with the greatest needs rather than serving them in the order they apply.

People are scored (up to 100 points) in three areas:

1. **Current Living Situation** (shelter or unsheltered)
2. **Homeless History** (time homeless and system engagement)
3. **Housing Insecurity** (eviction, hospitalizations, justice involvement, DV)

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Coordinated Entry Re-Prioritization

Re-prioritization is the annual process whereby A Way Home for Tulsa evaluates the structure of Coordinated Entry System (CES) prioritization, the system through which individuals are matched to housing opportunities; includes discussion of effectiveness, impact, and alignment with community goals.

Key Changes:

- Phrasing streamlined to focus on the duration of a person's homelessness and the factors creating the greatest barriers to rehousing in Tulsa
- More emphasis placed on length of experience and time spent in homelessness system of care
- Elimination of certain self-reported data fields that have been identified as inconsistently influenced by the circumstances under which the data is collected

Prioritization Factors

Tulsa Prioritization Factors	Value
Current Living Situation	
Emergency Shelter	11
Unsheltered	19
Current Living Situation Total	19
Homeless Experience	
Number of months on the streets, in Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven in past 3 years	
1-5 months	2
6-12 months	5
1-2 years	15
2-3 years	20
3+ years	24
Length of Participation in Coordinated Entry System	
1-2 years	4
2-3 years	8
3-4 years	12
4-5 years	16
5+ years	20
Homeless Experience Total	44
Housing Insecurity	
Eviction in last 7 years	5
3+ Hospitalizations or Medical Care Facility Utilization in Last 12 Months	7
History of Systems Involvement (i.e., felony or misdemeanor conviction)	8
Survivor of Domestic Violence/Human Trafficking	17
Housing Insecurity Total	37
TOTAL	**100**

**Persons with the same score will be prioritized based on approximate date homeless experience*

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AWH4T Member Fund Policy

Purpose & Scope

Created to disburse funds collected via The City of Tulsa's Change the Way You Give campaign.

Currently $8,600 available. No funds have been utilized.

Intended to cover costs which are ineligible or otherwise not covered by existing funding sources.

Key Changes

- Clarified role of Housing Solutions and reformatted for easier reading
- Added a reporting requirement so that we can track impact
- Removed 1 request per 6 months limitation (organizations will need to expend/report all of 1st request to submit another)

Document has been considered, revised, and affirmed by the **AWH4T Funding Committee**.

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Representative Selection

Open Representative Seats

- 3 non-dedicated seats available
- To serve 2-year term: 10/25 – 6/27

Nominees:

Funding (1):

- Michael Dupont, Charles & Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies

At-Large (2):

- Annie Mitchell, Tulsa Area United Way
- Zack Stoycoff, Healthy Minds Policy Initiative

Selection Process

Step 1 ☑

- Representatives nominated

Step 2 ☑

- Nominees opt in or decline nomination
- Council receives list of Nominees

Step 3

- Nominees provide brief description of role, goals, and alignment with strategic vision
- Representatives elected by digital vote

Lead Agency Updates

- **CoC Programs Update,** Amy Olsen
- **Policy Update,** Mark Smith
- **Data & Analytics,** Olivia Denton Koopman
- **Coordinated Outreach,** Chelsea Butler

Housing Solutions

CoC Programs

Presented by:
Amy Olsen, aolsen@housingsolutionstulsa.org

CoC Program Funding

CoC Builds (again)

HUD rescinded the NOFO from May on September 5th. We're still reviewing, but initially the new requirements include:

- PSH units function as “medical respite” for elderly and/or *physically* disabled individuals
- Participation in services is *required*
- Municipality is “cooperating with law enforcement” and applicant “affirms fairness and reality”

Applications are due this Friday, **September 12th**

CoC Program Competition

- Still no word on Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) release date
- Funding Committee has RFP and Scoring Tools largely ready, with only NOFO-specific edits needed
- Will likely be a sprint when released since competition is typically wrapped up by end of October

Housing Solutions

Policy Update

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Data & Analytics

Presented by:

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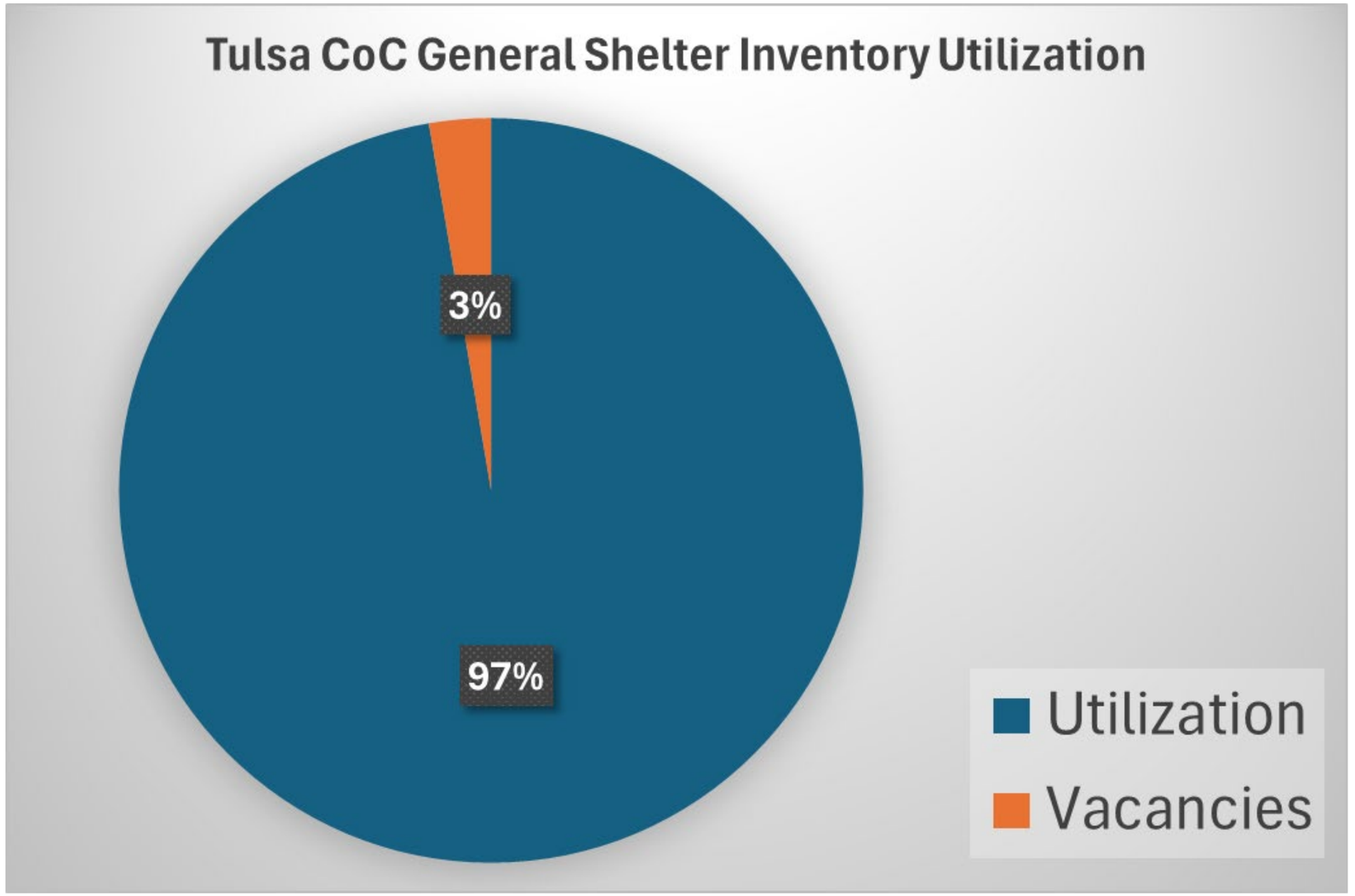
Upcoming Changes to HUD Data Standards

- Data standards are the **rules and definitions** that tell us **what information to collect**, **how to collect it**, and **how to report it** — so that everyone is speaking the same data language
- **Why are they updated?**
  - Consistency with federal priorities
  - Improve accuracy
  - Make data more useful
  - Help communities make data-informed decisions to help people

Upcoming Changes to HUD Data Standards

- Updated ***Race & Ethnicity*** values
- New ***Sex*** field
- New ***Mental Health Consultation*** field
- Some fields no longer federal reporting field, remaining in place as local value
  - ***Gender***, ***Sexual Orientation***, ***Translation Services***
- Updates to federal reporting

CoC General Shelter Utilization in August



By the Numbers…

- People served ***in homeless programs*** in August: **2,388**
  - Total for 2025 YTD: **5,104**
- People experiencing first-time homelessness in August: **304**
  - Total for 2025 YTD: **2,134**
- People exiting to housing in August: **72**
  - Total for 2025 YTD: **675**

Housing Placement Tracker

Goal: 1,000 placements by end of year

68% as of August 31st, 2025

Housing Placements

*With an above average rate of returns to homelessness, there is a need for more ongoing supportive services after the point of housing

***Where are people going?**

- **68% Rental without subsidy**
- **24% Rental with subsidy**
  - Nearly three-quarters of subsidized exits are with Housing Choice Vouchers or Public Housing
  - 2% Permanent Supportive Housing
  - 1% Rapid Rehousing
- **8% Family/Friends**
  - 54% of family reunifications are permanent vs. 27% of exits to live with friends

Housing Solutions

Coordinated Outreach

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Response to Operation SAFE

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Meeting Wrap-Up

- Public Comments
- Training Opportunities
- Adjourn

Public Comment

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Training Opportunities

Mandatory Reporting: Child Maltreatment & Unaccompanied Minors

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Tuesday, September 30th
9:00 - 11:00am
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Save the date for **Trauma-Informed Care** (Nov. 3) & **Motivational Interviewing** (Dec. 3)

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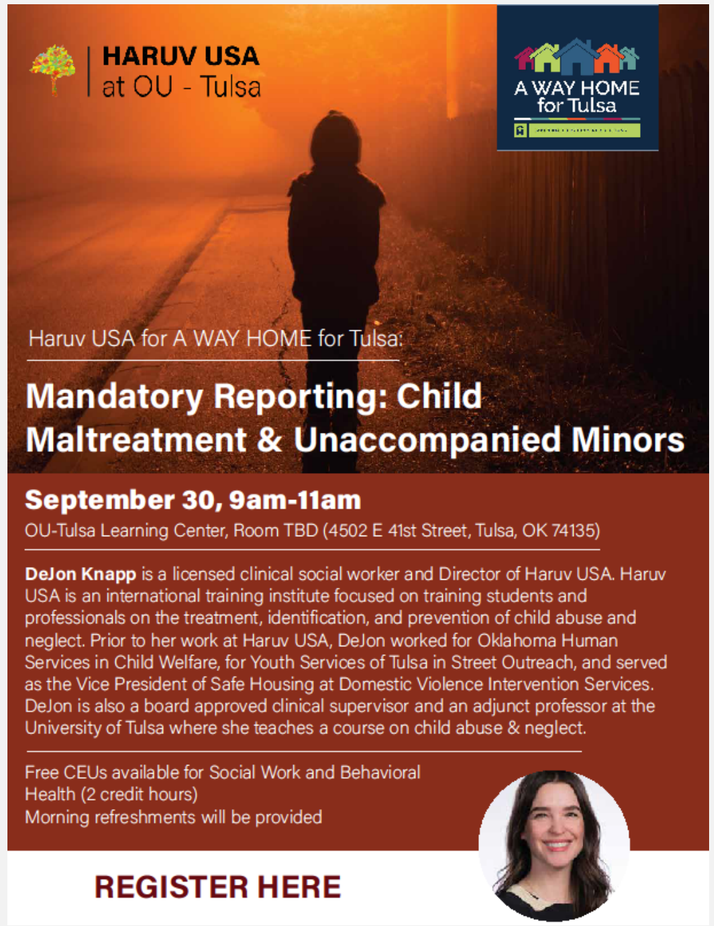

Training Opportunities

Data & Coordinated Entry

Learn the Basics & Build Skills

- Intro to CoC & CES
  - September 23rd, 10-11:30a
- Intro to HMIS
  - September 16th, 10-11:30a
- HMIS Data Entry Skill Building
  - September 11th, 10-11a

Understanding System Changes

- Updates to CES & HUD Data Fields
  - September 11th, 11a-12p
  - September 18th, 2-3p
  - September 22nd, 1-2p
  - September 24th, 1-2p
  - September 25th, 10-11a

Adjourn

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, September 9th, 1:30-3pm
- Boston Avenue United Methodist

All-Member Meeting

- Will replace LC meeting in November
- Date, time, and location info to be released soon!

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