



# LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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

# Agenda

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- **Meeting Introduction**
  - Welcome & Call to Order, Beth Edwards Svetlic
  - Roll Call, Amy Olsen
- **Discussion and Approval of:**
  - October & Special Session (12/1) Meeting Minutes
  - Confirmation of Second Term (Sarah Grounds)
  - 2026 Meeting Schedule
  - PIT Count Date and Survey
  - OHFA HCV & TBRA Preferences
  - CoC Program Competition Process Change

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# Meeting Minutes



Review **October & Special Session (12/1)** minutes



Discuss questions, comments, revisions



Vote to approve



# Confirmation of Second Term

## Sarah Grounds

- Service Provider Representative from the City Lights Foundation
- To serve 2-year term: 1/26 – 12/27



## Confirmation 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

# 2026 Meeting Schedule

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***Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 1:30-3:00pm***

- **January 13**
- **February 10**
- **March 10**
- **April 14**
- **May 12 – ALL MEMBER**
- **June 9**
- **July 14**
- **August 11**
- **September 8**
- **October 13**
- **November 10 – ALL MEMBER**
- **December 8**

# HUD Housing Inventory & Point-in-Time Counts

- **PIT Count:** A single-night, unduplicated snapshot of the system's active population, capturing sheltered/unsheltered counts for trend and gap analysis
- **HIC:** An annual inventory dataset detailing system capacity (beds/units) by project type to assess resource availability, utilization, and alignment with population needs

Upcoming  
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Requirement

**Sheltered Count:** Night of Jan. 22nd | **Unsheltered Count:** Morning and Day of Jan. 23rd

# PIT Count Survey

- HUD requires collection of household composition, age, location, race, chronic status, disability, and DV survivor status
- Tulsa will continue collecting information on causes of homelessness, barriers to rehousing, and current service needs, and the location where a person's homeless experience began
- **PIT Count Survey**

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# OHFA HCV & TBRA Preferences

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- OHFA awarded 120 set-aside HCV and TBRA coupons for households meeting HUD homelessness or at-risk criteria at referral
- Assistance can be rapidly delivered through Coordinated Entry prioritization
- **Proposal:** Prioritize families with children to support stability and reduce extended shelter stays

**\*Effective immediately upon approval**

# CoC Program Competition

## Update: HUD withdrew the FY25 CoC Program NOFO

- Notice added to HUD CoC Program Competition landing page around 1pm, 12/8
- NOFO could be re-issued at any time
- NAEH lawsuit is working through the courts, which may affect re-issue

## Local Competition Changes

Application due date currently set for Friday, December 12 @ 5pm

### Proposal: Close the competition, but:

- Encourage ongoing development of projects for submission to future competition, maintaining Homebase and Housing Solutions TA availability
- Keep Rank & Review/Appeal Panels on deck, pending re-issue of NOFO

# Lead Agency Updates

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- **Data Spotlight**, Olivia Denton Koopman
- **Safe Move Tulsa**, Mark Smith
- **Winter Shelter (CREOKS x BeHeard Movement)**, Mark Smith



# Data Spotlight

**Presented by:**

Olivia Denton Koopman, [odentonkoopman@housingsolutionstulsa.org](mailto:odentonkoopman@housingsolutionstulsa.org)



# Data & Analytics: AWH4T Homeless Prevention

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- **Total Number of People Served:** 612 individuals within 284 households, including
  - 246 children
  - 57 veterans
- **Individuals with Disabilities:** 36%
- **Survivors of Domestic Violence:** 24%
- CoC Homelessness Prevention services helped 77% of households avoid being evicted

# Data & Analytics: People Served in Shelters

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- **Total Number of People Served:** 1,025 individuals in the last month
- **Average Length of Stay:** 88 days
- **Shelter Utilization Last Month:** 116%
- During cold weather months, data will be extracted from the Oklahoma Statewide HMIS on a recurring schedule and shared with Coordinated Outreach teams

# Data & Analytics: Housing Placement Tracker

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- Goal: 1,000 placements by end of year



87% as of October 31, 2025

# Data & Analytics: HUD System Performance Measures

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- System-level metrics that **quantify how effectively the homeless response system moves clients** from entry to permanent housing
- Measures include flow, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness, income growth, outreach engagement, and bed/unit utilization
- Used to **assess performance trends**, allocate resources, and drive data-informed improvements

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**Tentative Due Date:** April 2026 for HUD FY2025 Data

# Data & Analytics: HUD System Performance Measures

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- 96% of people in permanent housing programs either stayed housed in the program or successfully moved on to other permanent housing
- 25% of adults exiting CoC programs increased their total income during the reporting period
- 30% of adults actively enrolled in CoC programs increased their total income during the reporting period
- The system's return-to-homelessness rate declined to 16%, reflecting improved housing stability outcomes within the reporting period

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# Safe Move Tulsa

**Presented by:**

Mark Smith, [msmith@housingsolutionstulsa.org](mailto:msmith@housingsolutionstulsa.org)



# Winter Shelter

## CREOKS x BeHeard Movement

**Presented by:**

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# Meeting Topic(s)

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- **Success Stories & End of Year Celebrations**, Beth Edwards Svetlic
- **The Harbor**, Nancy Curry & Jeff Hall
- **Remembrance Ceremony**, Noe Rodriguez



# Success Stories & End of Year Celebrations

**Presented by:**

Beth Edwards Svetlic, AWH4T Chair



# MODUS

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## **Social Innovation Grant**

**MODUS was awarded the Tulsa Area United Way Social Innovation Grant to launch a workforce shuttle in 2026, connecting families in transit-deserts to steady employment.**

**Reliable transportation means paychecks stay consistent — a critical step in preventing eviction and housing instability.**

# Tulsa Housing Authority



## **36N – Phase 1**

**THA opened Phase 1 of 36N, which will bring 545 mixes-income housing units to North Tulsa when the project is complete. Phase I provides 100 mixed-income units and is almost fully leased.**

# Lindsey House

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**Lindsey House is especially proud of a few big achievements this year.**

- **15 families have graduated and moved to a place of their own so far this year, two of them left as homeowners. These graduates left with an average of \$6,500 in their emergency savings funds.**
- **As of October, Lindsey House participants eliminated a collective \$58,907 in debt so far this year.**
- **10 Lindsey House participants started a new job or received a promotion in our effort to connect**
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- **14 kids have completed or are in the process of reunifying with their moms, leaving foster care behind for good.**
- **75% of Lindsey House participants have completed at least one of their personal goals.**

# Tulsa Day Center (Blue Team)

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**Oklahoma Watch: Tulsa's Blue Team builds trust, breaks cycle of chronic homelessness**

Ginnie Graham Special to Oklahoma Watch Nov 9, 2025 Updated Nov 9, 2025 0

A photograph of a woman with blonde hair tied up in a bun, wearing a purple t-shirt and black pants, sitting cross-legged on a light-colored floor. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. Behind her is a wall covered in various pieces of colorful artwork, including a large painting of a garden scene with a ladybug and several smaller, abstract or nature-themed pieces. To her right, there is a table with some items on it, including a black container and a plastic bag.

# MHAOK (Part 1)

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## **Richard's Road to Recovery and Reconnection**

**Richard experienced homelessness for 2+years and received several municipal citations during that time.**

**He was successfully enrolled into the Special Services Docket, where he began working closely with his case manager to stabilize his situation.**

**Approximately two months into the docket, Richard was physically assaulted, resulting in serious injuries that required surgery and an extended hospital stay. Throughout his recovery, his case manager remained consistently engaged, providing support and advocacy to keep him connected to services.**

**With continued collaboration, Richard was able to reconnect with family in Kansas, secure transportation, and ultimately obtain permanent housing and family reunification. He is scheduled to graduate from the docket this month, at which time his fines and fees will be forgiven and his charges expunged.**

**Since being housed, Richard has also achieved sobriety and continues to build stability in his life.**

# MHAOK (Part 2)

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**This year, Street Outreach successfully housed over 50 individuals experiencing homelessness through a range of housing options, including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Youth Supportive/YST, Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), Fair Market units, and Tulsa Housing Authority (THA) placements. One of those individuals was Wendy, who experienced four years of homelessness and required more than two years of consistent, relationship-based outreach before achieving housing stability. Despite repeated displacement and significant trauma, Wendy was ultimately housed, supported in securing SSDI benefits, and is now living safely and thriving—demonstrating the long-term impact of sustained street outreach and coordinated systems.**

# City Lights Foundation (Part 1)

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# City Lights Foundation (Part 2)

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# CREOKS

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**Over the past year, CREOKS has witnessed several individuals transition into stable housing. These outcomes were made possible through close collaboration with service providers across A Way Home for Tulsa. Each person not only secured housing, but will continue receiving supportive services that help maintain employment and provide ongoing behavioral health care. This reflects the power of a community working together to strengthen long-term stability and well being for people moving out of homelessness.**

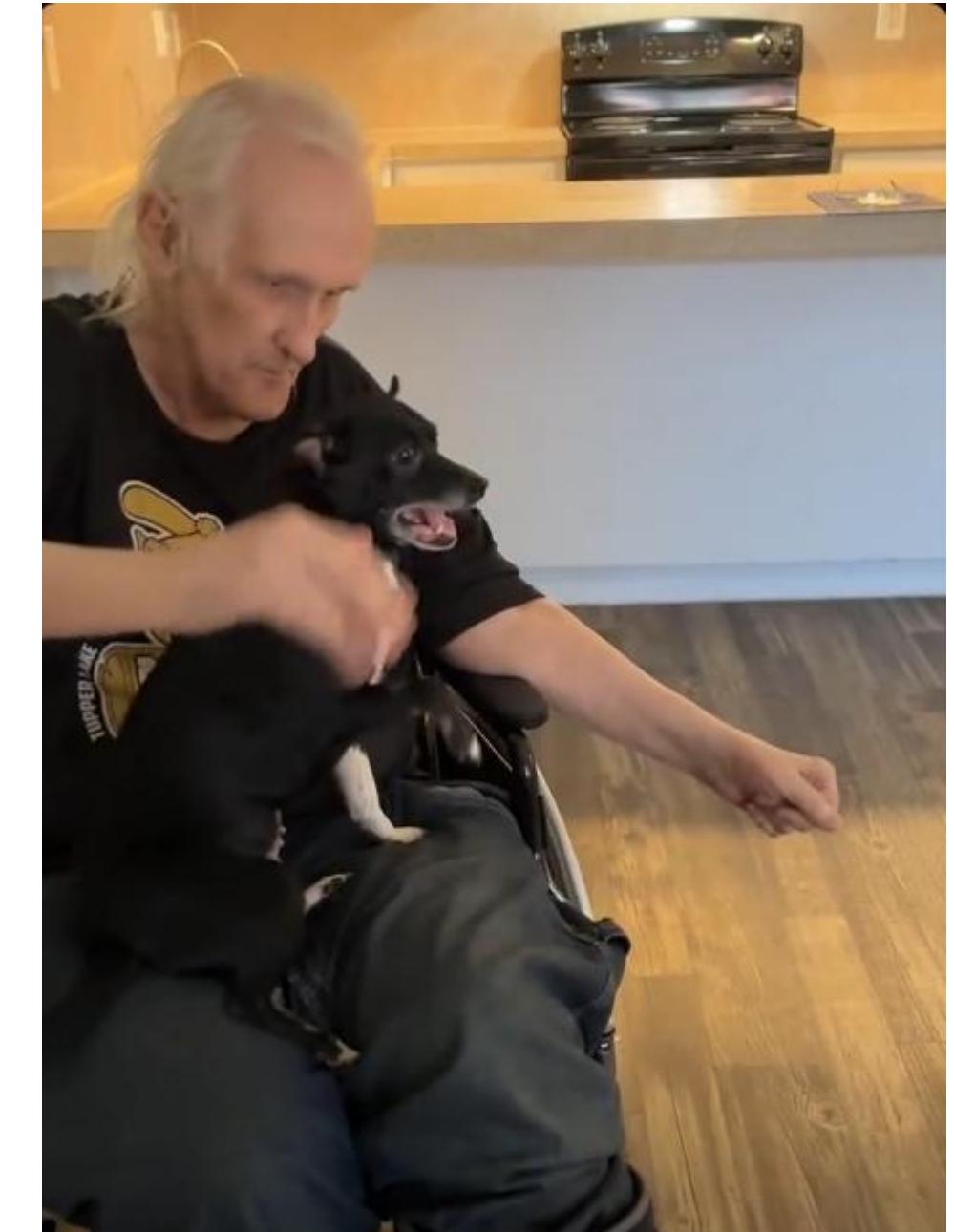
# Pause4Paws

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## Reuniting Derry and Lulu

Oklahoma Veterans United contacted Pause4Paws to help a hospitalized veteran named Derry, who was experiencing homelessness and worried about his beloved dog, Lulu.

Pause4Paws placed Lulu in a caring foster home, arranged her spay appointment, and kept Derry updated throughout his recovery. When Derry was ready to leave the hospital, his caseworker had secured a new apartment for him. Lulu was returned to him the same day, healthy and happy. Thanks to coordinated support, Derry and Lulu reunited in a safe home where they could begin their next chapter together.



# Iron Gate

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**In November, Iron Gate rose to the challenge presented by the government shutdown and delay in distribution of SNAP benefits. We served more guests through our three programs; the community meal, grocery pantry and kids packs, than any month in our history. Nearly 40% of our self-select pantry guests in November were visiting Iron Gate for the first time in 2025.**

**Our Community Meal averages 856 plates served over the first 12 days of the month. In the first ten months of 2025, we averaged 698 plates per day in the first twelve days of the month. In 2023 and 2024, we averaged 717 plates per day in the first twelve days of November so looking at it from either side, we were much busier, serving far more guests than we typically see.**

**November 2025 also saw more kids packs distributed than any month in the history of that program. We distributed 5629 kids packs in November and the previous high was 4417 in November 2024. We had averaged 3341 per month in 2025 prior to November.**

# Tulsa Higher Education Consortium

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# Oklahoma Veterans United

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**Oklahoma Veterans United, with the amazing help of our partners across Oklahoma, housed 719 Veterans across Oklahoma in FY25. 405 of those Veterans had families. In the Tulsa CoC alone, we provided rapid rehousing to 331 Veterans.**

# Volunteers of America

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## Client Story #1

**Client originally was working full time and married with three children. She and her husband divorced and she started to drink heavily. She lost her job lost her children and became homeless. After years of drinking and living on the streets she had several surgeries. One surgery remove part of her lung and the over removed a kidney. While on the streets she had additional health complications and her Dr informed her she needed to get housing and become sober or she would die in less than a month. She became sober and obtained housing with VOA. Four years later she has reconnected with her children and babysits her granddaughter. Client remains sober and is healthy.**

## Client Story #2

**Client was in an abusive relationship for years and during this time she started drinking and using meth. Her and her husband became homeless. After several years she decided to leave her husband and moved to Tulsa where she stayed homeless. She continued to use and was in and out of abusive relationships. She was living on the streets and experience abuse at that time including being set on fire while sleeping. After this she decided to get help including mental health treatment and was able to obtain housing through VOA. She has been at VOA for three years and continues to work on her sobriety and seeking therapy.**



# The Harbor

## Low-Barrier Shelter

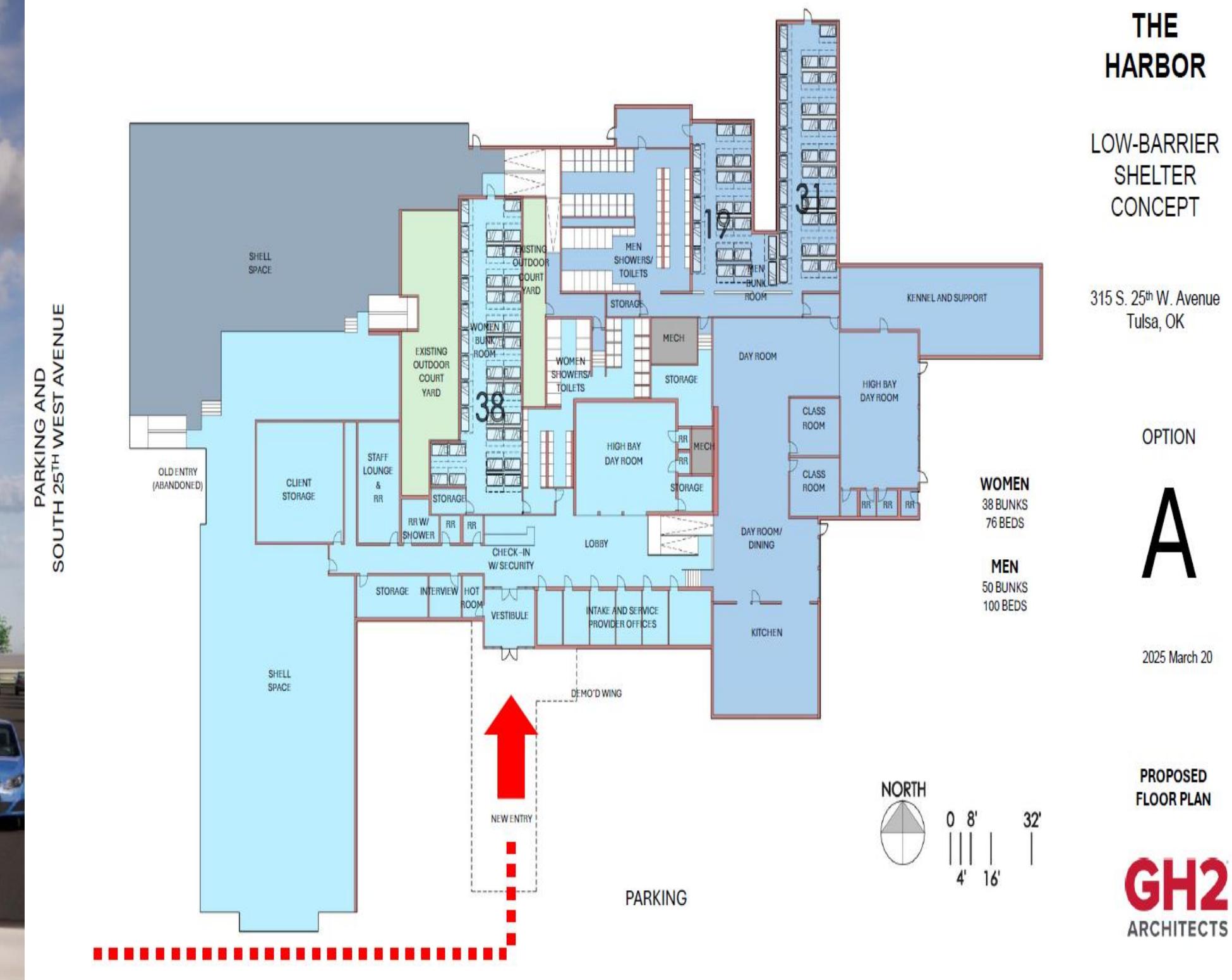
**Presented by:**

Nancy Curry, Senior Program Officer

Jeff Hall, Senior Program Officer



# The Harbor



# Remembrance Ceremony

**Presented by:**

Noe Rodriguez, AWH4T Vice Chair





Join us to remember the lives of  
the neighbors we lost in 2025



# Memorial Service Candlelight Vigil

**Thursday, December 18, 2025  
at 5:30 pm**

**Tulsa Day Center  
415 West Archer St**

For more information: 918-638-9244,  
[mpearson@tulsadaycenter.org](mailto:mpearson@tulsadaycenter.org)

# Meeting Wrap-Up

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- Thank you, Beth!
- Future Meetings at Legacy Plaza East
  - Be on the lookout for how to register for these events moving forward
- Public Comments
- Adjourn

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# Public Comment

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# Adjourn

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## Next Meeting

- Tuesday, January 13th at 1:30pm
- Legacy Plaza East (5310 E. 31st Street)
  - 31st between Yale and Sheridan
  - Conference Room

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