



Leadership Council Meeting

February 10, 2026 | 1:30-3:30pm

Legacy Plaza East, Conference Rooms ABC
5330 East 31st Street | Tulsa, OK 74135

Meeting Minutes

1. Leadership Council Meeting Introduction
 - a. Welcome & Call to Order, Noe Rodriguez: Meeting called to order at 1:31pm
 - i. Chair thanks AWH4T teams for dedication and support during recent cold weather emergency.
 - ii. Moment of silence to remember Glen Reed, a participant in several AWH4T programs who was killed recently.
 - b. 2026-2027 Vice Chair Welcome: Emily Hall
 - c. Roll Call, Amy Olsen
2. Discussion & Approval
 - a. January Meeting Minutes, Noe Rodriguez*
 - i. Motion to Approve: Noe Rodriguez; Second: Zach Stoycoff
 1. All in favor: **Approved**
 - b. Partner Agency Applications
 - i. Eastside Rise**
 1. Luisa Krug explains the mission and role of the organization, rooted in East Tulsa, including community leadership and housing (homeowner repair and rental assistance) initiatives.
 - ii. Community Higher Education Institute**
 1. Dr. Kimberly Sebastian speaks to the mission of Community HigherEd Institute, a non-profit organization comprised of Community Care College, Clary Sage College, and Oklahoma Technical College. With many of its students experiencing homelessness and financial struggles, the organization provides vital support for them to complete their education.
 - iii. Motion to Approve via Digital Vote: Claudia Brierre; Second: Sarah Grounds
 1. All in favor: **Approved**
 - c. Letter of Support: Volunteers of America Oklahoma*
 - i. Maggie Brooks discusses the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP), which has been provided by VOA Oklahoma since 2015, serving over 1500 veterans. Josh Etheridge notes that the services are geared toward veterans at risk of homelessness in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, providing employment support and resources.
 - ii. VOA is requesting a now-required letter of support from the CoC for their renewal application to the HVRP.



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iii. Motion to Approve: Noe Rodriguez; Second: Major Phelps

1. All in favor: **Approved**

3. Lead Agency Updates

a. CoC Program Competition Update, Amy Olsen

i. AWH4T's FY25 NOFO Priority Listing was submitted yesterday, per HUD requirements. We are still awaiting word on the Court's final judgment in the case against the now-rescinded FY25 NOFO, which will be required before FY25 awards can be finalized.

b. Data Updates, Olivia Denton Koopman

- i. Homelessness Prevention: Over 700 individuals were served in January 2026. There's a slight increase in the presence of DV reported, and also a slight decrease in the number of children served.
- ii. Emergency Shelter Utilization: Due to the emergency cold weather, there was a 134% shelter utilization rate in January, with 1,678 individuals served. From January 23rd through the 29th, 1,343 individuals were served at Emergency shelters.
- iii. Exit Destinations: There was a sharp increase in exits to emergency shelters (as opposed to places not meant for human habitation).
- iv. Housing Placements: AWH4T exceeded its 2025 goal of 1,000 housing placements by 6%, ultimately housing 1,064 individuals by the end of December.

c. CEO Updates, Mark Smith

- i. Thank you for winter weather response, particularly to those organizations that expanded their capacity or opened their doors to folks seeking shelter. The Point in Time Count served as a helpful launch point for winter outreach, ensuring that folks were able to access shelters quickly. The number of EMSA calls related to cold exposure was down, likely because of this work. There were also a few individuals able to move into housing directly from the emergency shelters.
- ii. Policy Update:
 1. OK Legislature: Senator Kirt continues to be an ally, particularly regarding support for eviction prevention and affordable housing investment; see slides for bill information.
 2. Federal THUD Appropriations Bill: While there are some protections for annual CoC funding renewals (at least 60% of funding demand), there are no restrictions on limiting permanent housing programs. See slides for specific information.



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- a. There was a slight increase in funding overall, which would essentially allow for flat funding of renewals, with some discretion for bonus (new project) funding.

4. City of Tulsa Update, Emily Hall

a. Safe Move Tulsa Updates:

- i. Last week, two encampments were decommissioned, bringing SMT to a total of 5 encampments decommissioned as of February 5th.
- ii. It's important to note that SMT funds are one-time investments by the City, so we will need to collectively engage with the community to continually prioritize investments in homelessness response and housing accessibility.
- iii. There is now a [public-facing dashboard](#) for keeping up with Safe Move Tulsa progress.

5. Meeting Topic(s)

a. Resource Spotlight: Community Higher Education Institute, Dr. Kimberly Sebastian

- i. Community HigherEd presented an overview of its colleges and educational program offerings. As an educational institute providing career-focused training, Community HigherEd supports its students in overcoming financial and career navigation barriers to finish their education and begin their new careers. See slides for detailed information.
- ii. Recently partnered with CREOKS to offer in-person mental health services on campus, connecting students to resources that help ensure stability and success.

6. Meeting Wrap-Up

a. Training Opportunities:

- i. Monthly Trainings: Introduction to the CoC and CES, HMIS Introduction, and HMIS Data Entry Skill-Building
- ii. Family and Natural Supports: March 30th-31st from 9am to 4pm

b. Public Comments

c. Adjourn: Meeting ends

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

** Items to be voted on by Leadership Council electronically



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Attendance

	NAME	REPRESENTING	CATEGORY	TERM
X	Ginny Hensley	Tulsa Housing Authority	Fixed Position, Appointed	07/24 – 06/26*
X	Emily Hall , Vice Chair	City of Tulsa	Fixed Position, Appointed	07/24 – 06/26
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Vancuren	Tulsa County	Fixed Position, Appointed	07/25 – 06/27
X	Noe Rodriguez , Chair	Tulsa Day Center	Provider Representative, Elected	01/24 – 12/27
X	Claudia Briere , Treasurer	INCOG	Fixed Position, Appointed	07/24 – 06/26*
X	Shay Stanfill	Cherokee Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	07/25 – 06/27
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>vacant</i>	Muscogee Creek Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	
X	Sarah Grounds	City Lights Foundation	Provider Representative, Elected	01/24 – 12/27
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beth Edwards-Svetlic	Youth Services of Tulsa	Provider Representative, Elected	01/25 – 12/26*
X	Shay Wilson	Participant Advisory Group	Consumer Representative, Elected	01/26 – 12/26
X	Alexander Smith	Youth Advisory Board	Consumer Representative, Elected	01/26 – 12/26
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lauren Sherry	QuikTrip Corporation	Business/Commerce Representative, Invited	01/25 – 12/26*
X	Michael DuPont	Charles & Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies	Funder Representative, Invited	07/25 – 06/27
X	Annie Mitchell	Tulsa Area United Way	At-Large Representative, Invited	07/25 – 06/27
X	Zack Stoycoff	Healthy Minds Policy Initiative	At-Large Representative, Invited	07/25 – 06/27
X	Stephanie Horten , Secretary	JusticeLink	At-Large Representative, Invited	01/24 – 12/27
X	Maj. Wes Phelps	Tulsa Police Department	At-Large Representative, Invited	07/25 – 06/27

* indicates 2nd term