



Leadership Council Meeting

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

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

Meeting Agenda

1. Leadership Council Meeting Introduction
 - a. Welcome & Call to Order, Noe Rodriguez
 - b. Roll Call, Amy Olsen
 - c. AWH4T Trivia, Amy Olsen
2. Discussion & Approval
 - a. February Meeting Minutes, Noe Rodriguez*
 - b. Partner Agency Applications
 - i. Gaining Ground**
3. Lead Agency Updates
 - a. Data Updates, Olivia Denton Koopman
 - i. Data Star Award
 - b. Policy Updates, Mark Smith
4. City of Tulsa Update, Emily Hall
5. Meeting Topic(s)
 6. Safe Move Tulsa, Noe Rodriguez & Jacob Beaumont
 7. YWCA Tulsa, Julie Davis & Molly Bryant
8. Meeting Wrap-Up
 - a. AWH4T Trivia Results
 - b. Training Opportunities
 - c. Public Comments
 - d. Adjourn

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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

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AWH4T Partner Agency Application

Agency Information

Name: Gaining Ground

Address: 907 S Detroit Ave, Tulsa OK 74120

Website: gaininggroundliteracy.org

Phone: (918) 850-2062

Type: Non-Profit (501c3)

Faith-Based: No

Mission/Vision: Our mission is to bridge the equity gap for families in underserved communities by providing high quality literacy instruction, family engagement opportunities, and building home libraries.

Reason for Joining AWH4T: We work with over 500 families in underserved communities whose needs we cannot meet. Being part of A Way Home for Tulsa would allow us to refer families to critical services and resources that support them and ensure their needs are met. This would also help us become aware of the many services in the community and collaborate with new organizations to support families across the city.

of LC Meetings Attended: 0

Relationship to homelessness services: My agency serves people experiencing homelessness, but it is not our primary function.

Scope & Structure

Agency Operation Area(s): Tulsa City and County

CoC Program Funding: My agency does not receive (or has never received) CoC HUD funding

Other Government Funding: Not applicable

Services Provided:	Education
Subpopulation focus:	Families with children,
Does your organization have policies in place to support fair and equal access for individuals and families seeking services from your organization?	Yes
In each of the identified levels, does your organization's staff/membership reflect the experiences and background of the people you serve?	Direct Service Staff: Somewhat Program Mgmt/Coordination: Somewhat Executive Leadership: Yes Board Members: Somewhat
In each of the identified levels, does your organization's leadership include individuals with lived experience of homelessness?	Program Mgmt/Coordination: No Executive Leadership: No Board Members: Not applicable or unsure
Does the organization's board of directors include at least one person with lived experience of homelessness?	Not applicable or unsure
Does the organization have a process for regularly receiving and incorporating feedback from participants or other individuals with experience of homelessness?	No

Agency Contacts

Agency Leader Name	Lisa Shotts
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Agency Leader Title

Executive Director

Agency Leader Email

lisashotts@gaining-groundliteracy.org

Secondary Contact Name:

Secondary Contact Title:

Secondary Contact Email:



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LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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 - Roll Call
 - AWH4T Trivia
- **Discussion & Approval of:**
 - February 2026 Minutes
 - New Member Application

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Roll Call

- Ginny Hensley, Tulsa Housing Authority
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IN-PERSON VOTE

Meeting Minutes



- 🔍 Review **February** minutes
- ❓ Discuss questions, comments, revisions
- ✓ Vote to approve



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Partner Agency Applications

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Lead Agency Updates

- **Data Updates**, Olivia Denton Koopman
- **Policy Update**, Mark Smith



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Data Update

Presented by:

Olivia Denton Koopman, odentonkoopman@housingsolutionstulsa.org



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Policy Update

Presented by:

Mark Smith, msmith@housingsolutionstulsa.org



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City of Tulsa Update

Presented by:

Emily Hall, Senior Advisor for Homelessness, Mayor's Office



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Safe Move Tulsa

Presented by:

Noe Rodriguez, Chair

Jacob Beaumont, Chief Strategy Officer, Housing Solutions



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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

YWCA Tulsa

Presented by:

Julie Davis, Chief Executive Officer

Molly Bryant, Senior Director of Programs



Meeting Wrap-Up

- Training Opportunities
- Public Comments
- Adjourn

Training Opportunities

Introduction to the CoC & CES

Introductory training to the Continuum of Care and Coordinated Entry System offered to new and long-term partners alike.

- March 17th, 10-11:30 am
- March 31st, 9-10:30 am

HMIS Basics & Skill-Building

Introduction to HMIS:

- March 19th, 2-3:30 pm
- April 2nd, 2-3:30 pm

HMIS Data Entry Skill-Building:

- March 24th, 9-10am
- April 7th, 9-10am

To register for a training or schedule a 1:1/Small Group training, reach out to Olivia Denton Koopman (odentonkoopman@housingsolutionstulsa.org) or Emily Hambrick (ehambrick@housingsolutionstulsa.org).

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Public Comment



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Adjourn

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, April 14th at 1:30pm
- Legacy Plaza East (5330 E. 31st Street)

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