



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

April 14, 2026 | 1:30-3:00 PM | Legacy Plaza East

Agenda

- **Meeting Introduction**
 - Welcome & Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - AWH4T Trivia
- **Discussion & Approval of:**
 - March 2026 Minutes
 - New Member Application
 - AWH4T Endorsement Policy

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Roll Call

- Ginny Hensley, Tulsa Housing Authority
- **Emily Hall, Vice Chair**, City of Tulsa
- Mark Vancuren, Tulsa County
- **Noe Rodriguez, Chair**, Provider: Tulsa Day Center
- **Claudia Brierre, Treasurer**, INCOG
- Shay Stanfill, Cherokee Nation
- Sarah Grounds, Provider: City Lights
- Beth Edwards-Svetlic, Provider, Youth Services of Tulsa
- Shay Wilson, Participant Advisory Group
- Alexander Smith, Youth Action Board
- Lauren Sherry, Business: QuikTrip
- Michael DuPont, Funder: Schusterman Family Philanthropies
- Annie Mitchell, At-Large: Tulsa Area United Way
- Zack Stoycoff, At-Large: Health Minds Policy Initiative
- **Stephanie Horten, Secretary**, At-Large: JusticeLink
- Maj. Wes Phelps, At-Large: Tulsa Police Department

AWH4T Trivia



Which bill considered by the Oklahoma House of Representatives would hold landlords accountable for not meeting unit habitability standards?



House Bill 2015, which passed the House in late March and now advances to the Senate.



Meeting Minutes



Review **March** minutes



Discuss questions, comments, revisions



Vote to approve



Partner Agency Applications

Mercy Housing

Mission

Affordable housing and resident services. To create stable, vibrant, and healthy communities by developing, financing, and operating affordable, program-enriched housing for families, seniors, and people with special needs who lack the economic resources to access quality housing opportunities.

Reason for Joining AWH4T

We want to be involved with the local CoC to the extent appropriate for an affordable housing developer and manager, and continue to identify and align efforts to help house those experiencing housing instability.

AWH4T Endorsement Policy

An AWH4T policy which outlines how, when, and to what extent partners may apply for and Leadership Council may grant endorsement of multi-agency community initiatives.

- This does not yet include Letters of Support, which will maintain their current process until otherwise detailed.
- Underwent review by Leadership Council 4/6-4/10.

Next Steps:

- Council may move to approve this policy as is or continue revision.

Lead Agency Updates

- **Data Updates, Mark Smith**
- **CEO Updates, Mark Smith**



Data Update

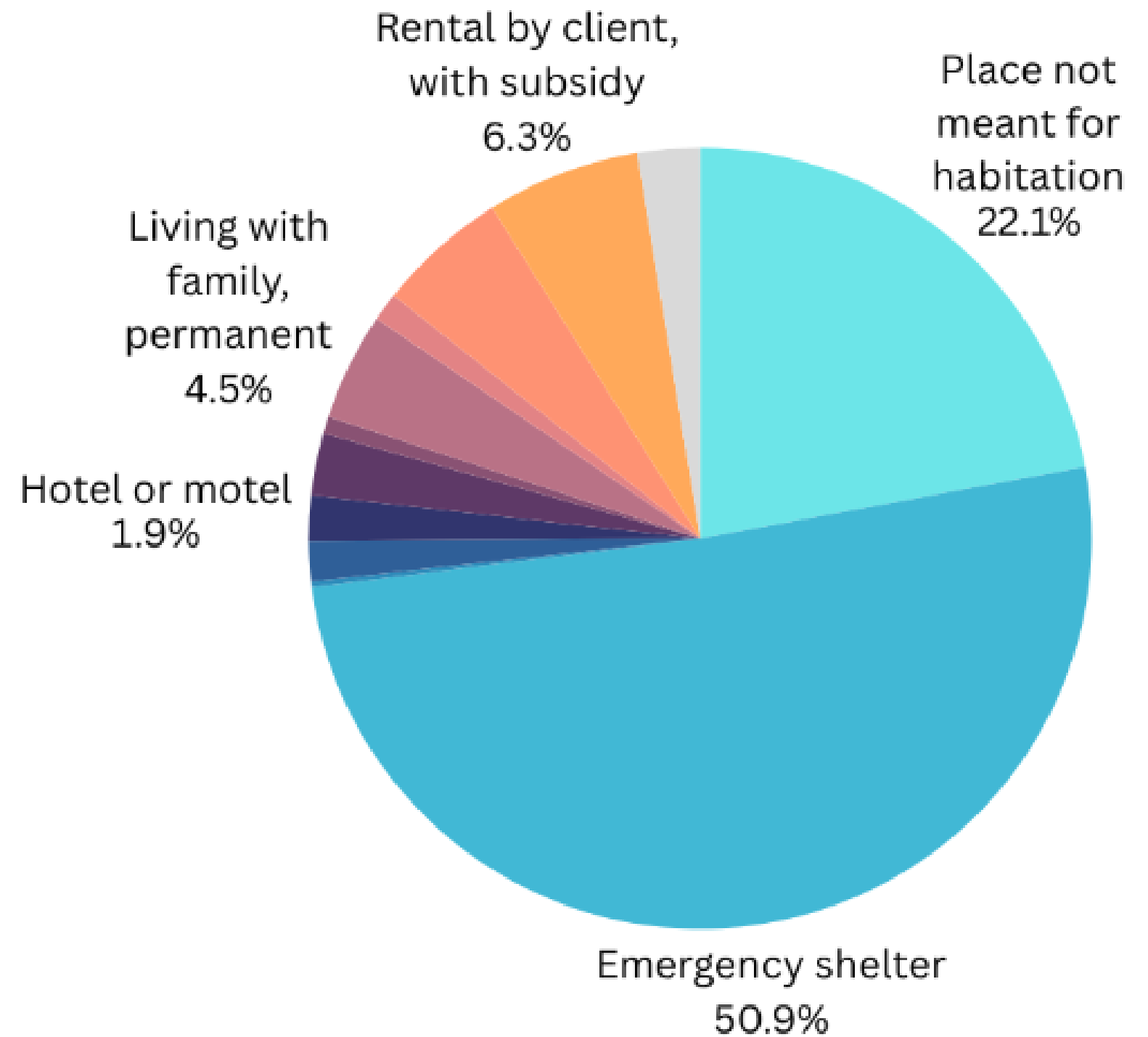


Exit Destinations

Monthly Snapshot

Exits from AWH4T

Homelessness Programs



Housing Placements

AWH4T Placement Tracker

Goal: 1,000 placements by end of year

20%

as of February 2026



CEO Updates

Presented by:

Mark Smith, msmith@housingsolutionstulsa.org



Follow Up from Last LC Meeting

Policy Updates

- AWH4T Endorsement Policy
- In Development:
 - Policy on Use of AWH4T Logo, Review of Governance Charter and Membership Charter

Partner Engagement and Information Relating to Safe Move Tulsa

- Memo on closing downtown to street sleeping distributed in advance of implementation
- 1 on 1 meetings with leadership of partner agencies in and around the IDL
- Discussion and Engagement with PAG and YAB
- Additional 1-pagers and Memos in development relating to Encampment Decommissioning, Shelter Rapid Exit, and Safe Move Tulsa high-level overview.
- Review of AWH4T Work Groups and Collaboratives re: participation, decision-making processes, and participant feedback.



City of Tulsa Update

Presented by:

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



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

YWCA Tulsa

Presented by:

Molly Bryant, Senior Director of Programs

Benafsha Tasmim, Director of Housing

Olha Hrytsaniuk, Housing Manager



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YWCA Tulsa Housing Program

A Way Home for Tulsa Leadership Council

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YWCA Mission

Eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

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HOUSING PROGRAM



YWCA IS ON A MISSION



Building on Years of Work

- Building off the work of AWH4T and decades of commitment to the community
- TA from Housing Solutions and HomeBase
- Learning about best practices and local landscape from Tulsa Day Center
- Early moments of progress



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Community Support

- Housing Solutions
- BeHeard
- GRAND
- Tulsa Day Center
- Family and Children's Services
- MHAOK
- 211
- Justice Link



Our Team

- 14 team members
- 11 refugees or immigrants
- 1 previously unhoused

Our housing caseworkers have lived experience of:

- Displacement and rebuilding their lives
- Navigating complex systems
- Overcoming barriers to stability

This creates

- Faster trust building
- Stronger client relationships
- Deeper empathy and understanding



Trust Is the Foundation of Housing Stability

Examples from the field:

- Shared language and cultural connections
- Human-to-human relationships at encampments
- Caseworkers with lived homelessness experience

These connections help build trust and engagement.

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OUR WORK

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Housing first. Stability always.

We build community where our clients have access to safe housing, dignity, and the support needed to remain housed.

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Partnership with Safe Move Tulsa

WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER, WE ACHIEVE RESULTS

How Our Partnership Works

Housing Solutions:

- Leads encampment outreach
- Maintains daily engagement with client
- Leads housing placement

YWCA:

- Supports housing placement
- Provides wrap-around case management after move-in

We coordinate regularly to support housing success.



Demographics

Currently serving **55 clients**

Majority single adults, including 5 couples and 1 family with five children

Housing History

- 23 chronically homeless
- 22 unhoused for more than two years

Age

- 25–54 years old

Reported Barriers

- 18 with mental health conditions
- 3 reporting substance use disorder
- 10 with chronic health conditions
- 12 with physical disabilities
- 25 survivors of domestic violence
- 95% currently have no income





Human Impact

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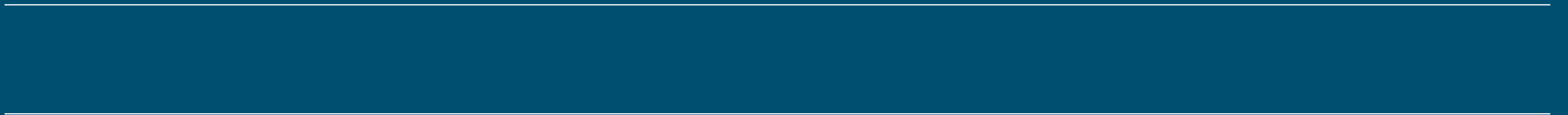
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Meeting Wrap-Up

- 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.

- April 16th, 9-10am
- March 31st, 9-10:30 am

HMIS Basics & Skill-Building

Introduction to HMIS:

- April 16th, 2-3:30 pm
- April 30th, 2-3:30 pm

HMIS Data Entry Skill-Building:

- April 21st, 9-10am
- May 5th, 9-10am

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

Training Opportunities

Peaceful Communication Workshop

Presented for AWH4T partners by **The Opp Project**

Details

Thursday, April 30 from 10am – 12pm

In-Person @ the Sun Building



This interactive workshop will provide social and emotional learning skills to communicate more effectively regarding needs and feelings within a wide range of situations. These methods have been tailored by the Opportunity Project to include scenarios and conflicts we often face as service providers working with individuals experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

Public Comment



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Comments

- **Savannah Crandall:** Recent Success at Tulsa County Transitional Living Center!

Tulsa County Transitional Living Center



Adjourn

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, May 12th at 1:30pm
- Legacy Plaza East (5330 E. 31st Street)

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