



Leadership Council Meeting

April 14, 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, Mark Smith
 - i. 14 in attendance, 2 absent: **Quorum established**
 - c. AWH4T Trivia, Mark Smith
2. Discussion & Approval
 - a. March Meeting Minutes, Noe Rodriguez*
 - i. Motion to Approve: Shay Wilson; Second: Lauren Sherry
 1. 13 in favor, 1 abstention (Shay Stanfill): **Approved**
 - b. Partner Agency Applications
 - i. Mercy Housing**
 1. Nick Emehiser, Associate Director for Mercy Housing's Tulsa Office, could not be present. Mark Smith spoke briefly about their work in affordable housing development as mentioned in their partner agency application.
 2. Mercy Housing is a national non-profit organization that develops affordable housing and permanent supportive housing. They have been working within Tulsa over the past few years, and are interested in joining AWH4T for continued involvement in affordable housing development in Tulsa.
 3. Leadership Council members Noe Rodriguez and Emily Hall offered positive comments on Mercy Housing's knowledge of affordable housing funding streams and involvement in service provision within their developments.
 - ii. Motion to Approve via Digital Vote: Shay Wilson; Second: Beth Edwards-Svetlic
 1. 14 in favor, none opposed or abstained: **Approved**
 - iii. Digital Vote
 1. All in favor: **Approved**
 - c. AWH4T Endorsement Policy, Jacob Beaumont
 - i. This policy outlines how, when, and to what extent partners may apply for and Leadership Council may grant endorsement of multi-agency community initiatives.
 1. This does not yet include Letters of Support, which will maintain their current process until otherwise detailed.
 2. This policy, drafted by Leadership Council member Michael DuPont, underwent review by the Leadership Council from April 6th -10th, and has been workshopped since mid-March.



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- ii. No further discussion was offered, so this policy will be finalized and fully presented for a Leadership Council vote at the May LC meeting.

3. Lead Agency Updates

a. Data Updates, Jacob Beaumont

- i. A snapshot of Exit Destinations from AWH4T Homelessness Programs during the month of February was presented. There were decreased exits into emergency shelters, and increased exits into places not meant for human habitation. This was likely due to the closure of emergency winter shelter services.
- ii. As of February, AWH4T is at 20% completion of its goal to have 1,000 housing placements by the end of 2026.

b. CEO Updates, Mark Smith

i. Follow-Ups from the March LC Meeting:

1. AWH4T Endorsement Policy created and currently in deliberation

2. In Development:

a. AWH4T Logo Use Policy

b. Annual review of the AWH4T Governance and Membership Charters

3. Safe Move Tulsa (SMT)

a. In advance of the City of Tulsa closing downtown to street sleeping in early April, a memo on this policy was distributed to AWH4T partners, and there were also one-on-one meetings held with partner agency leadership.

b. One-pager documents related to encampment decommissioning, shelter rapid exit, and other SMT activities are in development.

c. To improve clarity surrounding AWH4T activities and initiatives, review of AWH4T's Work Groups and Collaboratives has begun, with a focus on participation, decision-making, and participant feedback.

- ii. [OK House Bill 3985](#), the Oklahoma Safe Neighborhoods Act, proposes that municipalities can be sued for lack of enforcement of nuisance ordinances, or policies that damage a property's fair market value. This bill has passed the OK House and is now on the OK Senate floor, where it is likely to be passed into law. This would raise Tulsa's liability for issues related to public intoxication, camping, and nuisances near private properties.

4. City of Tulsa Updates, Emily Hall

- a. Emily Hall expanded the conversation around OK House Bill 3985 during her update, stressing that this bill increases the City's urgency to provide homeless services. She also indicated that



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there is coordination between the City of Tulsa and Oklahoma City leadership regarding this looming issue.

5. Meeting Topics

- a. Partner Spotlight: YWCA Tulsa, Molly Bryant, Benafsha Tasmim, and Olha Hrytsaniuk
 - i. [YWCA Tulsa](#) presented an overview of their mission and work, starting with their origins in immigrant settlement services, to their current partnership with Safe Move Tulsa providing case management. See slides for detailed information.

6. Meeting Wrap-Up

- a. Training Opportunities
- b. Public Comments
 - i. Savannah Crandall: Recent Success of Tulsa County Transitional Living Center
 - 1. Savannah was not in attendance. See slides for images.
- c. Adjourn
 - i. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12th at 1:30pm at Legacy Plaza East (5330 E 31st St)

* 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 |
| X | 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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 |
| X | 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 Action Board | Consumer Representative, Elected | 01/26 – 12/26 |
| X | 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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