



Leadership Council Meeting

July 14, 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
 - b. Roll Call, Len Dittmeier
 - i. 9 in attendance, 7 absent: **Quorum established**
 - c. AWH4T Trivia, Len Dittmeier
2. Discussion & Approval
 - a. June Meeting Minutes, Noe Rodriguez*
 - i. Shay Wilson advised that the attendance record in the June minutes was inaccurate. The record stated that Shay Wilson was absent when she was in attendance. This was noted and corrected.
 - ii. Motion to Approve: Shay Wilson; Second: Lauren Sherry
 1. 8 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstained (Michael Dupont): **Approved**
 2. Michael Dupont had to step away temporarily, so he was not present for the vote to approve June minutes.
 - b. Membership & Governance Charter Revisions
 - i. The annual review and revision of the AWH4T Membership and Governance Charters is currently being conducted by the Executive Committee.
 - ii. The review of new membership applications has been paused while revisions are being made. Anyone who wishes to submit comments or recommendations can contact Len Dittmeier.
 - iii. Revisions will be brought to Leadership Council in August or September to affirm changes and finalize the charters.
3. Lead Agency Updates
 - a. Data Updates, Olivia Denton Koopman
 - i. CoC Street Outreach programs show high success rates compared to last year. There was a decrease in successful exits in April, but this began to increase again in May and June. Successful exit locations include temporary locations deemed successful by HUD for individuals exiting from places not meant for habitation.
 - ii. An overview of individuals served in emergency shelters was presented.
 1. Emergency shelters are overutilized for nightly rates. For 2026, there are 675 general beds available for the public, and Tulsa is utilizing 124% of these beds every night. This includes the use of emergency hotel vouchers and overflow shelters.



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2. The average length of stay in an emergency shelter has decreased from 90 days to 85 days. System performance metrics for emergency shelters show positive outcomes with ongoing success for the shelter rapid exit strategy.
 - iii. Housing placements continue to trend upward. 20% of housing placements are directly from street outreach locations into permanent housing locations. 55% of placements are individuals being housed directly from emergency shelters. Since January 2026, there have been 654 housing placements, and Tulsa is averaging over 100 placements a month.
 - iv. HUD's shifting priorities emphasizes the importance of system performance measures. Housing retention rates show 96% retention rate for permanent housing which is above the system level goal of 95%. HUD has also emphasized the importance of CoC's tracking increases in participants' income. For current participants, Tulsa (27%) is currently below the national average (39%). However, for participant's exiting Tulsa's CoC programs, Tulsa's average (33%) is slightly higher than the national average (32%).
 - v. Data quality still has room for improvement. There has been an increase in the timeliness for recording exits, but "exit housing destination," "income data (at project exit)," and "personally identifiable information" are falling below the goal performance rate.
 - vi. Data Star Award: Tulsa County Social Services
 1. April and Savannah's team at Tulsa County Social Services received the Data Star Award for having the most complete data at time of exit.
- b. CoC Program Updates, Len Dittmeier
- i. CoC Program Competition Update
 1. Project applications for the local competition are due this Thursday, July 16th at 5pm via JotForm. Please reach out to nofo@housingsolutionstulsa.org with any questions.
 2. The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) along with several other CoCs previously filed a lawsuit against HUD regarding the FY25 CoC Program NOFO. A federal court ruled in favor of NAEH stating that HUD did not act in accordance with timeliness requirements. However, the court has not ruled on the other substantive claims NAEH made against the policy changes HUD has made regarding participation requirements, changes in funded project types, and shifts in funding for renewal projects. NAEH has filed a new lawsuit with similar claims to those in the previous suit that were not addressed. It is unlikely



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there will be an injunction against the current NOFO as the timeliness standards were adhered to.

ii. New CoC Funding Opportunities

1. New FY26 Youth Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) combined Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) and Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) opportunities into one. **All application materials are due August 10th.**

a. YHDP

- i. AWH4T is eligible to apply again. However, due to the short timeline for the opportunity and the application requirements which would require an additional local competition, it was determined that Housing Solutions does not have the capacity to facilitate this and it is not feasible to apply this year.

b. YHSI

- i. This opportunity is being explored as it focuses on system level changes and project initiatives. The application requirements for YHSI are significantly easier to meet.

2. Continuum of Care Builds

- a. **Applications are due by July 23rd.**
- b. This opportunity has been released and then rescinded about 3 times in the past 18 months, and it has very specific requirements.
- c. This opportunity is for “shovel-ready” projects for the construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing units. This is built to support construction costs and not supportive services. One challenge is that there is no opportunity to provide rental assistance at these properties using CoC Builds dollars.
- d. So far, no AWH4T partners have expressed interest in applying for these funds.

3. New AWH4T Projects:

- a. Temporary Housing, Heroes Hope
 - i. Classified as an emergency shelter program, this serves as a temporary housing option for veterans.
- b. Safe Move Tulsa Shelter to Housing Rapid Re-Housing
 - i. This initiative is in partnership with Family & Children’s Services, Tulsa Day Center, YWCA, and Housing Solutions.



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- c. Homeless Prevention, Tulsa CARES
- d. Admiral Community Resource Center Day Shelter, CREOKS

c. System & Policy Updates, Mark Smith

- i. Housing Solutions is reorganizing its team structure. The CoC programming team will transition under Olivia's leadership within the Data team. This will bring data, policy, and planning together under the same umbrella.
- ii. As the Housing Solution team grows, updates will be provided. Housing Solutions recently added Casey, a Housing Stability and Complex Case Project Manager, to the team. Casey will support stabilization efforts for individuals with complex needs and provide additional support to partners housing these individuals.

4. Meeting Topics

a. Partner Spotlight: Modus, Justice Jones

- i. Justice Jones, Director of Operations at Modus, presented an overview of Modus' mission and work since Modus launched in 2018. Modus removes transportation barriers, so our neighbors can reach the care, education, and opportunities they need to thrive. Modus offers ride packages to organizations to assist in transportation needs across the CoC. See slides for detailed information.

- a. For more information on partnering with Modus, organizations can contact Justice Jones at jjones@modustulsa.org

b. Resource Update: The Harbor, Jeff Hall

- i. Jeff Hall, Senior Program Officer at Anne & Henry Zarrow Foundation, and Kori Hall, Chief Strategy Officer at City Care, presented an overview and update on The Harbour. Set to open in December 2026, The Harbour will serve as a low-barrier, 24/7 shelter for the Tulsa community where they will partner with City Care to provide housing navigation and other supportive services. See slides for detailed information.

5. Meeting Wrap-Up

a. Training Opportunities

- i. Training opportunities for HMIS basics, HMIS skill building, and introduction to the CoC & CES are ongoing. If you would like to register for a training, please contact Olivia (odentonkoopman@housingstolutionsolutions.org) or Emily (ehambrick@housingstolutionsolutions.org)
- ii. AWH4T Mandatory Reporting and Unaccompanied Youth (Haruv USA) | July 22nd from 9am-11am | OU Tulsa | Breakfast provided and FREE CEUs available



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- iii. [AWH4T Professional Boundaries & Ethics](#) (Haruv USA) | August 26th from 9am-12pm | Virtual (Registration Required)
- b. Public Comments
 - i. Stephanie Horton, Executive Director of JusticeLink, provided an overview of the [City of Tulsa Warrant Clearing event](#).
 - a. Tulsa Municipal Court Event
 - i. Friday, July 31st from 8am – 11am & 1pm – 3pm
 - ii. Municipal Court Building | 600 Civic Center
 - b. Tulsa County District Court Event
 - i. Friday, July 31st from 9am – 3pm
 - ii. Arvest Convention Center | 100 Civic Center
 - c. Next Meeting: Tuesday, **August 4th** at Legacy Plaza East Conference Center
 - d. Adjourn at 2:30pm

* 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 – N/A
☐	Emily Hall , Vice Chair	City of Tulsa	Fixed Position, Appointed	07/24 – N/A
☐	Mark Vancuren	Tulsa County	Fixed Position, Appointed	07/25 – N/A
x	Noe Rodriguez , Chair	Tulsa Day Center	Provider Representative, Elected	01/24 – N/A
☐	Claudia Brierre , Treasurer	INCOG	Fixed Position, Appointed	07/24 – N/A
☐	Shay Stanfill	Cherokee Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	07/25 – N/A
☐	<i>vacant</i>	Muscogee Creek Nation	Tribal Representative, Appointed	
x	Sarah Grounds	City Lights Foundation	Provider Representative, Elected	01/24 – 12/27
☐	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
☐	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
☐	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