



Leadership Council Meeting

August 4, 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. 12 in attendance, 4 absent: **Quorum established**
2. Discussion & Approval
 - a. July Meeting Minutes, Noe Rodriguez*
 - i. Motion to Approve: Beth Edwards-Svetlic; Second: Stephanie Horten
 1. 12 in favor, none opposed or abstained: **Approved**
 - b. CoC Program Competition Priority Listing, Len Dittmeier*
 - i. Applications for the CoC Program Funding Competition's local competition closed on July 16th, and AWH4T received 31 applications from 18 different organizations.
 - ii. The Rank and Review Panel reviewed the applications and created the Preliminary Priority Listing. This is a list of projects AWH4T wishes HUD to fund in order of priority and importance to the Tulsa community.
 - iii. Applicants were notified of what projects were selected to be ranked, and applicants were provided the opportunity to appeal the Panel's decisions regarding the project's score, selection decision, and ranking. Two appeals were submitted resulting in minor scoring changes, but there were no changes to the ranking decisions.
 - iv. Funding available through this competition includes AWH4T's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), CoC Bonus, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) renewal/reallocation, and DV bonus/reallocation. A majority of YHDP projects chose to reallocate and replace their existing projects, and Black Queer Tulsa's Drop-in Center project was completely reallocated allowing another YHDP agency to apply for those funds.
 1. Previously the estimated ARD HUD released was about \$314k lower than expected. HUD has now confirmed that this was incorrect, and the ARD is \$8.9 million as originally anticipated.
 - v. Tier 1 of the Preliminary Priority Listing includes auto-ranked projects as outlined in the Standard of Operations. These include projects for CoC functions and a renewal project with less than 2-years of data. The Rank and Review Panel intentionally ranked the remaining renewal projects in Tier 1 due to HUD essentially stating that renewal projects ranked in Tier 2 will not be funded. Renewal projects may have



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lower scores than new projects as renewal projects have data, performance measures, and objective criteria that must be evaluated while new project applications are largely narrative based and do not have objective criteria to evaluate. The final two projects in Tier 1 are previously funded projects that are transitioning to a new project type to align with HUD's goals.

1. Question from virtual attendee: What are HUD's goals?
 - a. In the 2026 NOFO, HUD is shifting away from Permanent Housing (PH) interventions in favor of Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects that are more time-limited and intended as interventions prior to housing.
2. Beth Edwards-Svetlic: What are our CoC's goals, and how do they differ from HUD's?
 - a. AWH4T is still committed to preserving Tulsa's existing PH capacity and intend for new TH and SSO projects to compliment PH to ensure a balanced system.
3. Zack Stoycoff: What are the chances HUD will nitpick our Tier 1 list?
 - a. It is unlikely. Tier 1 projects will be subject to a "risk review," and they may include some additional criteria, but in the NOFO, HUD outlined that these projects will be funded if they meet basic criteria. In general, Tier 1 is highly protected. Tier 2 will be held to different standards as HUD will assess the CoC's general performance within the collaborative application and the different project types we present for funding.
4. Michael DuPont: The listed recommended grant amount and requested grant amount are the same for most projects. Why?
 - a. Within the scoring tools and the Request for Proposals (RFP), AWH4T outlined "Cost per Participant" guidelines to help inform requested grant amounts. The budgets for these projects were evaluated using these guidelines.
- vi. Tier 2 of the Preliminary Priority Listing includes more transition/reallocation/replacement projects that are associated with existing projects that are becoming a different project type. The bottom of Tier 2 includes projects that are not associated with existing projects and will be new to the CoC if selected for funding.
 1. Zack Stoycoff: In Tier 2, The Spring's project has a recommended grant amount that is substantially higher than the requested grant amount. Why is that?



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- a. The new project from The Spring had requested about \$550k which fell within the cost per participant guidelines. Since they are a new provider in the AWH4T system, they may have been conservative with their request. There was also additional funding available through DV Bonus that were unable to be allocated to any other project, so the Rank and Review Panel opted to offer The Spring an additional \$500k to expand the project and serve more survivors.
2. Beth Edwards-Svetlic: The total for Tier 1 and Tier 2 are slightly less than the total funding available listed at the top of the Priority Listing. Is that because HUD gave us incorrect totals initially?
 - a. This is because the CoC is unable to utilize the full DV Bonus amount. The increase to The Spring's recommended grant amount is almost double what was initially requested, so the Panel was hesitant to recommend more. There is approximately \$200k of DV Bonus the CoC is not applying for.
3. Zack Stoycoff: How do we prevent leaving funds on the table in future competitions?
 - a. This competition has been a learning process given the changes to HUD priorities and the increased number of applications received. There are several ideas for how to improve this process next year, including starting outreach to potential applicants at an earlier date now that we understand the direction HUD is going for federal priorities. Beginning assistance with applications at an earlier date will help applicants submit quality applications under less time-constraints.
4. Claudia Brierre: Is it an option to split the remaining \$200k of DV Bonus between the two ranked DVIS projects in Tier 2?
 - a. This is an unresolved issue. We are awaiting a response from HUD to see if DV Bonus and DV Reallocation can be combined for one project which would be necessary to increase the amount for the DVIS projects. If HUD informs us that this is allowable, we would encourage DVIS to apply for a higher grant amount.
5. There are questions from a virtual attendee regarding how to apply for funding.
 - a. Any organization interested in applying for funding next year, can reach out to Len now to learn more and begin the process. Potential applicants



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can email Len directly or email the Programs team at
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- vii. In addition to application score, the Rank and Review Panel also considered other factors when ranking Tier 2.
 - 1. Funding source (YHDP, DV Bonus, CoC Bonus) for each project was considered to ensure the CoC is maximizing the funding available for the community. The Panel tried to minimize leaving funds unallotted within our system. YHDP funding that is not utilized by youth-serving providers, HUD redistributes it to other communities.
 - 2. Projects that opted to reallocate or replace their existing projects were also prioritized as they are already a part of our system and preserving existing projects and funding is preferred.
- viii. Non-selected projects: AWH4T received many high quality new applications, and it was difficult for the Rank and Review Panel to decide which projects would be selected to be ranked. All applicants that were not selected are strongly encouraged to apply again in the future and to continue engaging with AWH4T and the CoC Programs Team to further develop their applications. All proposed projects would greatly benefit our community.
 - 1. Beth Edwards-Svetlic: AWH4T would like to have more partners at the table, but most of our new partners that applied were not selected. Is there a plan for how to support new partners, so they can have competitive applications?
 - a. We have begun outreach to the non-selected agencies to encourage them to continue working with us to further develop their applications. We will also engage with Home Base (TA partner) to continue providing support. We are beginning this process now, so we are ready for the next competition.
- ix. Funding Committee Recommendation
 - 1. The Funding Committee is comprised of representatives of CoC-funded agencies, and members do not have the ability to revise the priority listing. The Funding Committee provides a recommendation to the Leadership Council. This year, the Funding Committees recommendation is for the Leadership Council to approve the priority listing as developed by the Rank and Review Panel and revised by the Appeals Panel.
 - 2. Michael DuPont: Are there any projects in Tier 2 that we are concerned HUD will not approve for any reason?



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- a. After also discussing with Home Base, we believe we are positioned competitively since all Tier 2 projects are considered “new projects.” There are not many paths for funding renewal projects outside of Tier 1, so many of the CoC’s existing projects opted to transition, so HUD considers them new projects. This makes them much more likely to be selected by HUD. This is still not guaranteed and will be dependent on how HUD evaluates our system level performance using a fairly complicated formula.
- x. Motion to Approve: Michael DuPont; Second: Shay Wilson
 - 1. 10 in favor, none opposed, Beth Edwards-Svetlic and Noe Rodriguez abstain:
Approved
- c. Statement on Advancing Recovery, Len Dittmeier*
 - i. HUD is providing 10 bonus points to CoCs with a CoC-Board approved statement affirming that CoC-funded housing projects will not engage in certain harm reduction practices, including operating drug injection sites or safe consumption sites, knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia, knowingly permit the use of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct, permit, encourage, or allow any of these activities “under the pretext of harm reduction.”
 - ii. The collaborative application would greatly benefit from the 10 bonus points this statement would provide. If this were not the case, we would likely not propose this statement. This statement was developed using a template provided by Home Base and adjusted based on input from the Executive Committee. The goal is to make this statement as non-restrictive as possible by keeping the scope narrow without restricting the life-saving activities that many AWH4T organizations provide.
 - iii. Michael DuPont: Is Narcan within the scope of the language in the statement?
 - 1. No, Narcan is not prohibited. While other communities are adhering to the SAMHSA guidelines released earlier this year which is more restrictive and has a wider definition of “drug paraphernalia” that includes testing strips, this statement cites state law instead which is less restrictive and does not include testing strips.
 - iv. Beth Edwards-Svetlic: Is this specific to utilizing HUD funds? Is there concern with organizations using harm reduction practices in other programs?
 - 1. We interpret this requirement as only applying to CoC-funded housing projects, so this would not include even CoC-funded SSO projects.



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- v. Beth Edwards-Svetlic: If approved, is the intention that this becomes part of our standard operating procedures for AWH4T, or is this solely for the HUD application?
 - 1. We intentionally made the distinction that this is a “statement” and not a “policy,” so it will not necessarily be incorporated into general practices.
- vi. Question from virtual attendee: If an agency is using harm reduction practices, would they have to stop?
 - 1. The remedy portion of this statement states that if a CoC-funded housing project, they be encouraged to engage in technical assistance with the Lead Agency to remediate the behavior, and they could potentially lose points in a future competition.
- vii. Motion to Approve: Shay Wilson; Second: Maj. Wes Philips
 - 1. 12 in favor, none oppose or abstain: **Approved**

3. Lead Agency Updates

a. CoC Program Updates, Len Dittmeier

i. CoC Program Competition

- 1. Following approval of the Final Priority Listing, final notifications of project selection will be sent out to all applicants.
- 2. Organizations with selected project applications will receive instructions to begin entering their projects into e-snaps. Applicants are asked to submit PDF exports of their e-snaps applications to Housing Solutions by August 11th at 3pm for quality review. Application questions can be sent to nofo@housingsolutionstulsa.org.
- 3. The collaborative application will be posted for review on August 20th which is a few days prior to the end of the competition. Feedback will be gathered and incorporated prior to submission to HUD.

ii. Lauren Sherry: What is the review timeline? When will we hear from HUD?

- 1. HUD states in the NOFO that decisions will be issued in December, but HUD has experienced recent delays. It may not be until January when we receive an update.

b. Data Updates, Olivia Denton Koopman

- i. Shelter System Performance: Shelter Rapid Exit Strategy is averaging 13 day stays before successfully exiting to permanent or temporary housing.
- ii. Housing Placements: 1,135 individuals were housed in 2025, and AWH4T is set to exceed this in 2026. In the first half of the year (January - June 2026), 865 people



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were housed. The top 3 exit pathways included exiting RRH, self-paid fair market rent, and living with family.

iii. Data Star Award: Tulsa Day Center

1. The TDC team receives the Data Star Award for maintaining data quality with the most diversified portfolio!

4. Meeting Topics

- a. Resource Spotlight: Youth Services of Tulsa's Targeted Housing Assistance Program, Beth Edwards-Svetlic & Jessica Richardson
 - i. Youth Services of Tulsa presents an overview of their new Targeted Housing Assistance Program (THAP) in partnership with Point Source Youth. Purpose of this program is to prevent homelessness before it begins by providing direct cash to participants alongside supportive services. See slides for detailed information.

5. Meeting Wrap-Up

- a. Training Opportunities
 - i. HMIS Basics & Skill-Building trainings are now being held weekly on Thursdays from 1pm-2:30pm, and Introduction to the CoC trainings are held biweekly on Tuesdays.
 1. To register for a training, please complete the [New User Registration Form](#)
 - ii. **Professional Boundaries & Ethics** (AWH4T x Haruv USA) is being held virtually on August 26th from 9am-12pm
- b. Public Comments
- c. Next Meeting: Tuesday, **September 8th** at Legacy Plaza East Conference Center
- d. Adjourn: 2:35pm

* 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
X	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
X	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
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
☐	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
☐	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