

Ad Hoc Committee to Address Homelessness  
Minutes of  
Tuesday, August 17, 2021

The Ad Hoc Committee to Address Homelessness of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met for a meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Notice and Agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building and at [www.Normanok.gov](http://www.Normanok.gov) twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

**Item no. 1 being: Committee Introductions**

Members Present: Eryn Tribble  
Lee Hall  
Lisa Krieg  
Cary Bryant  
Michelle Evans

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Jeanne Snider  
David Martin  
Tara Reynolds  
Anthony Purinton

Guests Present: Bill Scanlon  
Richard Thomas  
Mandy McNulty  
Alan Hatcher  
Russell Rice  
Marguerite Larson

**Item No. 2 being: Review of Summary Minutes from 08-03-2021 Meeting**

No changes.

**Item No. 3 being: Update on Strategic Homeless Plan**

- No new updates. The plan is still under review, and the committee will be able to view it in mid-late September.

**Item No. 4 being: Update on Emergency Shelter**

- The shelter has now served 319 unduplicated individuals. The shelter welcomes on average 24-26 people a night.
- There have been reports of broken glass around the Shelter.
- The Shelter continues to follow the guidelines from the CDC pertaining to coronavirus safety.

**Item No. 5 being: Encampment Update**

- Small encampments continue to appear, and outreach to them continues.
- Fires will be a safety hazard once the weather cools.
- The Outreach Case Coordinator started at the City of Norman last week. This position responds to outreach calls to assess individuals, and assist them on getting on a housing plan with a case manager, with the ultimate goal of permanent sustainable housing. This position is embedded at agencies as well.

This extra support for the Continuum of Care will also report all contacts to gauge the outcome of the position.

- The Housing Liaison starts next week. This position will primarily be building relationships with landlords, and forging business partnerships to identify housing units, and will work closely with the Norman Housing Authority.
- Both of these positions are full time and funded for two years.
- There are currently 154 individuals on the by-name list. This means they have been identified as homeless and their needs assessed, and placed on a housing plan.
- The Emergency Shelter is funded through August of 2022, and the lease on the current shelter location is up in October of 2022. Identifying funding for the Shelter continuation is a priority.
- The encampment under the bridge at I35 continues to be outreached. Part of the property at the river is privately owned, and the other part is owned by either the Army Corp, or Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT). Since the bridge is a major transportation thoroughfare, ODOT has expressed a need to keep the area clear to maintain the safety and stability of the bridge infrastructure. They have not provided a timeline or plan, but they do want to construct a fence. The City of Norman does not have jurisdiction for this land.
- When a homeless individual is encountered in an encampment that is located on private property, a CoC outreach member or City Staff explains to them that their current situation is not adequate and resource information is provided to them. Because they are located on private property only the owner of the property can trespass them and force removal. When the situation is on Public Property (property that the City of Norman owns) the person(s) can be requested to move or trespass charges can be filed by the City of Norman. In all cases, whether it is public land or private land, the owner of the land, is in control. Also in all cases, the CoC representative, City Staff, Police Department, etc. attempts to engage with the individual(s) and provides resources with the goal not of immediate displacement but of accessing sustainable housing resources. Depending on the location, the law enforcement jurisdiction could be either the City of Norman Police Department or the Cleveland County Sherriff's Office.
- There will be no ID event this year. The agencies are helping people obtain their identification documents.
- Agencies are looking into hosting more vaccination events, with the possibility of vaccine incentives for the unhoused population.

**Item No. 6 being: New Business**

- None.

**Item No. 7 being: Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 10:34 a.m.