



Utah Homeless Services Board

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Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2026

Anchor Location:

Utah State Capitol

350 N. State St., Rm. #445.

Salt Lake City, UT

Board Members Present: Tiffanie Price, Brandy Grace, Casey Cameron, Ryan Beck, Spencer Eccles, Randy Shumway, Tyler Clancy, Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Jen Campbell, Mayor Cherie Wood, Moe Egan,

Excused/Absent: N/A

Support Staff: Nick Coleman, Hannah Rivas, Elliott Clark

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Agenda Item 1	1. Call Meeting to Order a. Roll Call- It was determined that a quorum was present. b. Approve May 5, 2026 Minutes*‡ c. Review Recommended Staff Motions‡	Randy Shumway & Hannah Rivas Randy Shumway called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Randy called for a motion to approve the May 5th Meeting Minutes. Ryan Beck made the motion, and Brandy Grace seconded the motion. The board passed the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Agenda Item 2	2. Approve Consent Calendar a. Staff Recommendations for FY27 Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund (PAHTF) Awards*‡ b. Staff Recommendations for FY27 First and Second Tier Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Application Awards*‡	Nick Coleman Nick reviewed FY27 staff recommendations. Randy called for a motion to approve. Mayor Mendenhall made the motion to approve the consent calendar, and Mayor Wood seconded the motion. The board passed the motion unanimously by voice vote.
Agenda Item 3	3. Outstanding Provider Recognition a. Fourth Street Clinic Nathan Meinzer recognized 4th Street Clinic for its exceptional partnership and impact in serving high-utilizer population experiencing homelessness. He noted that in reviewing high-utilizer data, 4th Street Clinic provides significant cost savings by delivering care in community clinic setting rather than through hospital emergency services. The clinics value to both the community and the state is significant. Randy Shumway also expressed his praise for 4th Street for being a tremendous clinic. Mayor Mendenhall shared that she hopes to see them get funding for their new building as they have grown out of their space due to the vast amount of people they serve. She went on to say how very unique, incredibly valuable, and irreplaceable 4th Street is for the community. Spencer Eccles added that the University of Utah’s first year medical students are the only medical school in the country where first-year students go in and work in clinics, and 4th Street is one of those clinics. Spencer expressed how enormous of a benefit it is for those students to be able to have this hands-on experience with patients so early on and thanked 4th Street Clinic for their participation in that.	Nate Meinzer Tyler made a motion to recognize 4th Street Clinic with a letter of recognition for being an outstanding provider in the community. Spencer seconded the motion and the board passed the motion unanimously.
Agenda Item 4	4. Project BRIDGE Update a. Lanny shared the Project Bridge addresses a critical gap in the system by bringing services directly to individuals. Access to case management and consistent outreach has increased member	Lanny Outcalt West Valley Shelter Manager (Switchpoint)

participation and excitement to engage with services. Project BRIDGE has allowed the West Valley Shelter to establish partnerships with other providers like 4th Street Clinic to provide regular mobile health outreach. Barriers to guests have been broken down due to the collaboration between all of the providers during these events. With the three events that have happened so far there have been the following key outcomes:

- 15+ individuals selected for housing
- 15 individuals entered treatment
- 20+ shelter transfers completed, preventing returns to the streets
- 20+ referrals/transfers to higher levels of care
- 10–20 guests per week enrolled in Medicaid and SNAP
- 788 UTA bus passes distributed
- 22+ vital documents secured
- 20+ medical referrals for wound care and other health needs
- 812 total case management services provided (including 750+ interactions and 254 direct service connections)
- 80 guests received legal assistance through Salt Lake Legal Defenders
- 14 participants assisted through the Clean Slate program
- 15 hotel/motel vouchers issued for transitional support
- 11 VA referrals completed
- 42 SPDATs and 58 HAST housing assessments completed

- b. Tyler emphasized that none of these providers are receiving additional funding and all are demonstrating a strong commitment to supporting the community. Unsheltered Utah has taken over Case Management, The Other Side Village, The Road Home, Odyssey House, First Step House, Valley Behavioral, Salt Lake Legal Defenders are all showing up for every event.

Agenda Item 5

5. Office of Homeless Services Updates

a. 2026 Point-in-Time Count Findings

- i. The PIT count numbers have been published and there was a slight decrease in homelessness and in chronic homelessness, but a small uptick in senior homelessness,

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	which the Office of Homeless Services is watching closely. That will be a focus for funding on prevention projects later in the year. b. HHS Great American Recovery Initiative‡ i. President Trump signed an executive order establishing this initiative and the HHS have issued \$700 million in grant funding that the OHS intends to partner on. There are strategic initiatives about behavioral health, credentials, behavioral health credentials, we believe Utah is poised to strike and be quite successful in these partnerships. c. Outcomes-based Funding Opportunity i. Will be presenting to the board later this year. Gloria Gong visited Utah and talked about the success of an outcomes-based funding model. OHS is in the early planning process of designing a pilot program to offer service providers funding up front and serve individuals for a period of about 24 months. If, by the end of those 24 months, they are permanently housed, stably employed, drug-free and crime-free, those outcomes that we're hoping to see, then we're going to offer enhanced disbursement to those providers.	
Agenda Item 6	6. Key Pillar #2: Emergency Shelter & Affordable Housing‡ a. OHS currently supports 13 Local Homeless Councils (LHCs) across Utah’s diverse geography, managing 122 unique contracts and 191 active projects. Ward noted that project volume is driven by regional grant requests rather than population density alone, citing the distinct operational needs of contrasting jurisdictions like Salt Lake and Iron County. Of the active portfolio, 49% of projects are dedicated to emergency shelter, 37% to affordable housing, and 14% to supportive services and street outreach. b. Ward outlined the three state-funded emergency shelter models: congregate, non-congregate (hotel model), and non-traditional (winter warming centers and hotel-motel vouchers). While 60% of emergency shelter projects are concentrated along the Wasatch Front, OHS maintains 100% statewide coverage with programs operating in all 13 LHCs. Furthermore, 34% of the state’s 93 emergency shelter projects operate exclusively during the winter response timeframe (October 15 – April 30). Ward highlighted a recent \$500,000 funding expansion with Iron County Care and	Lily Ward Funding and Contracts Program Manager (Office of Homeless Services)

	Share, which increased local bed capacity by 32% through a service-connected modular unit site. Turning to affordable housing, Ward defined the state's portfolio as 50% permanent supportive housing, 46% transitional housing, and 4% tenant-based rental assistance. Although 81% of these projects reside along the Wasatch Front, the rural Uinta LHC stands out by housing 12% of the statewide affordable housing portfolio. c. Two new transitional housing initiatives funded during the 2026 general legislative session i. The ARCH Program: A collaboration with the Utah Department of Corrections targeting high-utilizers within the criminal justice system. It brings up to 180 transitional beds online in the Salt Lake LHC region through a structured accountability and placement framework. ii. DHHS Collaboration: A partnership supporting three supportive residential facilities in the Salt Lake LHC area, providing stable transitional housing and wraparound services for individuals with severe mental illnesses exiting emergency or unsheltered settings. d. Board Member Jennifer Campbell and Mayor Erin Mendenhall commended OHS for its deep regional collaboration, noting that the coordinated, efficient use of funding is actively improving statewide outcomes. Campbell inquired about potential regulatory or definitional barriers preventing rural LHCs from accessing affordable housing funds. In response, Nick Coleman highlighted an innovative statewide land-use assessment conducted in partnership with, Senior Advisor Steve Waldrop, and the Department of Transportation (UDOT). This initiative analyzes underutilized public land, such as parcels leased for \$1 per year, to help municipalities cut development costs and implement affordable transitional housing units in rural areas like Logan and Washington County.	
Agenda Item 7	7. Adjourn*	Randy Shumway Randy Called for a motion to adjourn. Brandy Grace made the motion, and Ryan Beck seconded the motion. The board passed the motion unanimously by voice vote.

* Needs approval
‡ Had corresponding document

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