

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TULSA, OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2026-01

**CREATING THE TASK FORCE on Community-Based Mental Health,
Behavioral Health, and Alternative Response**

WHEREAS, the Goals of this Executive Order are to:

1. Create a body that can provide detailed analysis and guidance for calls for service and the design, selection, implementation, and evaluation of alternative response programs;
2. Build a culture within the Task Force that promotes accountability, continuous improvement, and collaboration by strengthening and aligning existing City services—ensuring the community and city departments work together to support calls for service and alternative response programs while creating shared responsibility for outcomes.
3. This Task Force will center on providing the best outcomes for Tulsa residents in terms of safety, support, health, well-being and how these programs can and should interact to do so;
4. Increase transparency of all alternative response programs for the public, with a goal of increasing public faith and trust in, and the efficacy of, each program;

WHEREAS, to accomplish this, The Task Force must have:

1. The ability to review current, detailed information (redacted to the extent required by law) regarding calls for service received, how they are categorized and dispatched, which program is indicated for a response, which program responded, and the outcome for individuals impacted by the response. This review can happen confidentially, but at a minimum summaries and findings from the data analysis should be shared publicly.
2. The ability to develop and propose strategic, ambitious, and achievable policy and practice recommendations for City decision makers and response program officials that increase their efficiency and effectiveness.
3. Consistent and ongoing support of appropriate city staff in providing information, detailed analysis, and qualitative context for the information received.
4. Opportunities to share and receive information and feedback from the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

SECTION 1. CREATION. There is hereby created the Task Force on Community-Based Mental Health, Behavioral Health, and Alternative Response (the “Task Force”) for the City of Tulsa.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to protect and support individuals and strengthen their trust in, and the efficacy of, the City of Tulsa’s alternative response and community crisis intervention models which focus on providing immediate support and intervention during a crisis, emphasize safety, reduce harm, improve outcomes, and connect individuals with appropriate resources.

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

- A. Under administrative direction of the Mayor and within the scope of the Mayor’s Charter authority, the Task Force shall be responsible for providing broad guidance, and serve in an advisory capacity, to the Mayor and City Council by conducting research and recommending policies, programs and initiatives within Tulsa’s community-based mental health, behavioral health, and alternative response models.
- B. The Task Force shall evaluate each program on an ongoing basis and provide an annual report to the Mayor and City Council no later than December 31 of each year. This report shall also be made available to the public. The evaluation of each program shall include:
 - 1. An analysis of data regarding both police and resident-initiated emergency and non-emergency calls for service received by the 911 dispatch and referrals from 311 dispatch centers and Oklahoma’s 988 system that pertain to individuals in Tulsa, and other datasets that are within the scope of the Task Force. All data should be HIPAA and CJIS compliant before being reviewed by the Task Force. The analysis for each program should determine:
 - a. Response times for calls for service for each program, and how response times compare to national standards and guidelines for best practices;
 - b. Which program(s) were dispatched to respond to each call category, which programs arrived on the scene, and if the

programs that arrived on scene were the most qualified and most appropriate to handle the emergency;

- c. The outcome of the response in terms of the individual's safety, health, and well-being, including referrals to immediate and long-term services; connections with non-profit organizations and programs; use of an alternative solution (e.g., the City of Tulsa's Sobering Center); and whether citations were issued, arrests made, or other enforcement actions taken.
2. An analysis of data regarding program-initiated responses (proactive outreach and engagement) for each program to determine:
 - a. The reason for the response;
 - b. The outcome of the response in terms of the individual's safety, health, and well-being, including referrals to immediate and long-term services; connections with non-profit organizations and programs; use of an alternative solution (e.g., the City of Tulsa's Sobering Center); and whether citations were issued, arrests made, or other enforcement actions taken.
 3. An analysis of data (redacted to the extent required by law), including demographics and geographic locations of individuals who received a response from each program, broken out by whether the response was initiated by the resident or by program staff.
- C. The Task Force's annual report shall also include recommendations for improving Tulsa's response programs to provide the greatest safety, health, and well-being outcomes for individuals.
 - D. Consistent with the City's Purchasing Ordinance (Title 6, Chapter 4), the Task Force shall review and provide guidance to the Mayor on the development of any requests for proposals (RFPs) for alternative response programs.
 - E. Consistent with contract terms and requirements, the Task Force shall review and provide feedback to the Mayor on the performance of any community safety and response-focused service providers contracted by the City of Tulsa.
 - F. The Task Force shall engage experts and stakeholder groups in its work to further educate its members, incorporate best practices, and ensure the voices of all Tulsans are reflected in its reviews and recommendations.

- G. The Task Force shall engage in research, data collection, interviews, and other information gathering activities, including outreach to programs and organizations in peer cities, to incorporate national benchmarks and best practices in its analysis and recommendations.
- H. Submit a report to the Mayor and City Council within one year of its formation, detailing actionable strategies for improving the city's alternative response infrastructure, a roadmap for implementation, and membership details of the Task Force. This will include funding sources for data collection, redaction to the extent required by law, analysis, and any required staff time.

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP. The Task Force shall consist of fifteen (15) individuals appointed by the Mayor. All members shall be residents of the City of Tulsa. The Mayor, or their designee, shall serve as an additional *ex-officio*, non-voting member of the Task Force.

Membership of the Task Force shall consist of the following:

- A. One representative each from a nonprofit organization or community group (including grassroots and mutual aid groups) with expertise in the following areas:
 - i. Criminal legal systems, including expertise in victim-centered advocacy
 - ii. Mental health and/or behavioral health challenges
 - iii. Housing insecurity
 - iv. Substance use challenges
 - v. Education, youth-focused policies, programs, services, and best practices
 - vi. Representing and supporting Tulsa's immigrant community.
- B. One representative from each of the four zip codes most impacted by Tulsa's response programs;
- C. A representative from the City of Tulsa Human Rights Commission;
- D. Four (4) at-large members to ensure the Task Force is representative of and includes the perspective of Tulsa's diverse community.

The Task Force shall create a process within the first three (3) months after its creation to select officers (including, at a minimum, a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary), and to annually nominate potential Task Force members for the Mayor's consideration.

Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 5. MEETINGS.

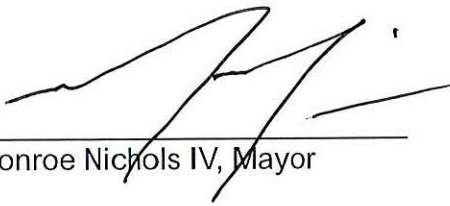
- A. After the first year of development, the Task Force shall meet monthly to review data reports provided by each program, to meet with issue experts or community stakeholders, and to provide information to and receive feedback from the public.
- B. Additional meetings may be called by a majority of the Task Force as needed.

SECTION 6. CITY RESOURCES AND STAFFING TO BE PROVIDED. In order to support the Task Force in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities:

- A. Facilities of the municipal government shall be made available for Task Force and community meetings.
- B. City officers, public safety personnel, and agencies shall cooperate with the Task Force in accomplishing its goals and fulfilling its duties and responsibilities.
- C. The Mayor's Commissioner of Public Safety, the Mayor's Office of Resilience and Equity, the Mayor's Senior Advisor for Community Health, and the City Legal Department shall provide staff support for The Task Force.
- D. The Task Force may also request staff support from the City Auditor.




City Clerk


Monroe Nichols IV, Mayor

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Date