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Discussion & update from the Social Services Division regarding homelessness

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Encampment Updates

- Operation SAFE
  - August 14:
    - About 120 people and 40 dogs affected.
  - August 19:
    - 34 people affected.
      - 17 of those arrested.

Statistics: June-August 2026

- Action Center inquiries: 67
- Unhoused individuals (unduplicated): 99
- Total # of contacts (duplicated): 271
- Transports to treatment (mental health or substance use): 29
- Referrals made: 45
  - Employment, treatment, legal, basic needs, housing.
- Housed: 3

- Individuals housed through the CoC: 32

A Better Way- Opportunity Knocks

- Opioid Abatement grants are stricter than Opioid Settlement funds.
- Supported employment is an area of interest for Opioid Abatement grants.
- Feedback:
  - Application was not strong enough.
  - Lack of evidence-based practices.
  - Want to see better pathways to permanent employment outside of day labor.
  - Want to see more work force development.
- Can submit another application in Spring of 2027.

Winter Shelter Planning

A group from Home Together Norman has been meeting to discuss winter shelter plans. These meetings have involved several nonprofits and faith based organizations from our community. Once more details are available, we will provide updates.

Tentative Next Steps

- Visit regional outreach teams and facilities to learn their practices.
- Retrofit van into a mobile office- we have ideas on what we should like to see.
- Hire a bachelors or masters level intern.
- Attend ODMHSAS conference in December to learn best practices for substance use, mental health, and homelessness.
- Researching future funding opportunities for projects/initiatives.
- Partner with local nonprofits to explore job skills training.
- Collaborate with local healthcare provider to provide basic health care needs.

City Care Norman Shelter Update

August 2026 Program Data

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2026 YTD At a Glance

Year-to-date shelter and housing outcomes

12,726
Nights of Rest

52
Nightly Average

276
Unique Individuals

133
Housing Assessments

47
Connected to Housing

Who We Served

Self-reported demographics

157	60	30	21	3
White	African American	Multiple	Native	Asian

Age

71	59	55
45–54	35–44	55–64
41	**30**	**17**
25–34	65+	18–24

Health & Income Profile

Self-reported needs and income sources

251
Mental Health Disorder

100
Physical Disability

71
Chronic Health Condition

27
Developmental

21
Veterans

122
Insurance

169
No Income

5
$1–500

47
$501–1,000

39
$1,001–2,000

12
$2,001+

Income sources include SSDI (52), SSI (37), earned income (17), and retirement (6).

Case Management & Connections

• These partnerships connect shelter guests to the systems and resources needed to move toward stability.

15
Norman CMHC referrals

16
Housing Authority referrals

13
DHS referrals

12
Social Security referrals

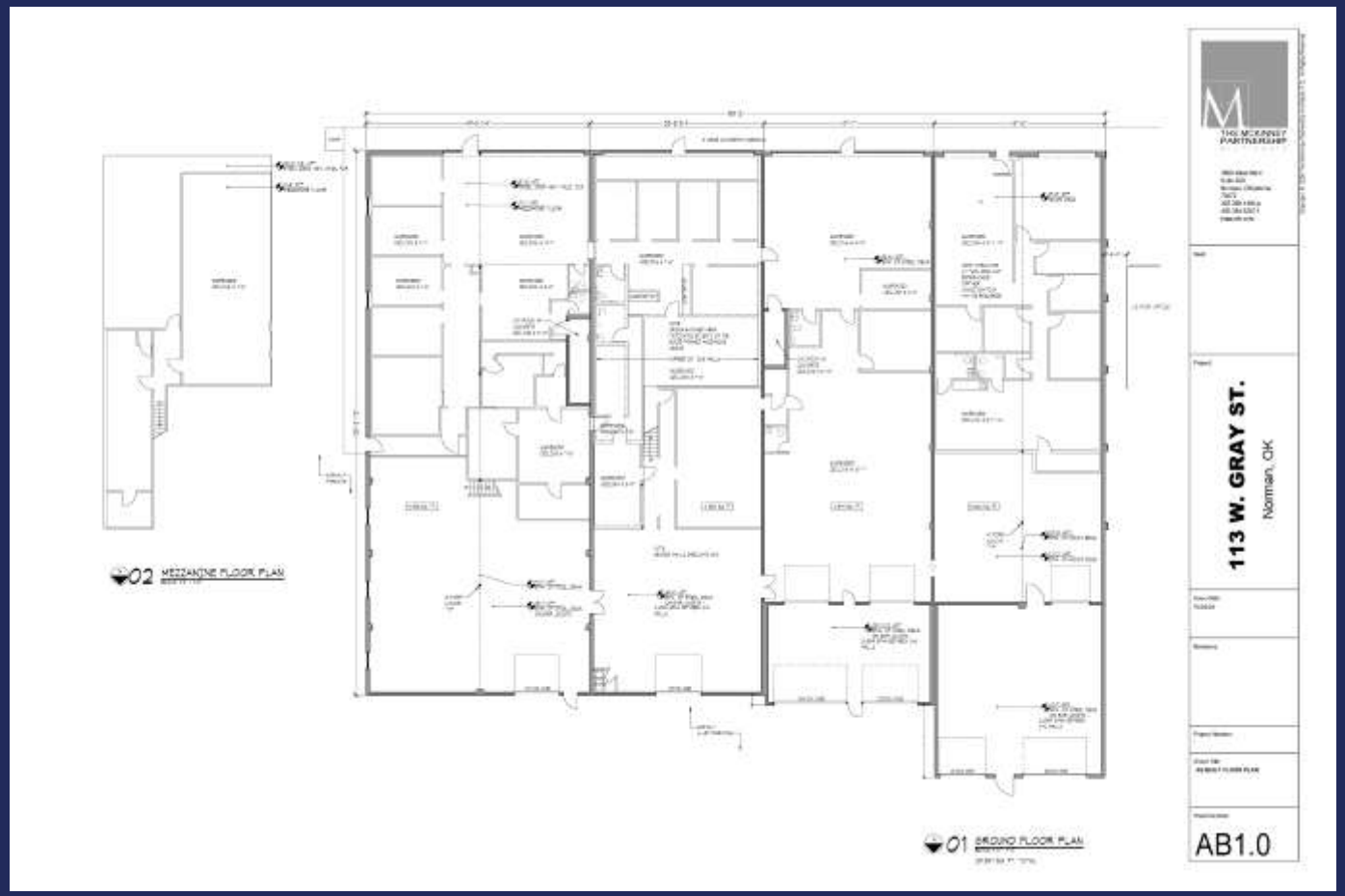
Shelter Alternatives

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Updating the current shelter: in process



- Shelter is currently under construction to accommodate needs based on the State Fire Marshall.
- Demo has been completed.
- Painting has been completed.
- Waiting for sprinklers to be installed, still waiting on drawings.
- ETA November.

Type	Est. Costs For Construction	Temporary/Permanent	Concerns
ClearSpan	$300K	Temporary	• Not what we are looking for. • Needs concrete slab for anchoring. • Lease. • Not an evidence-based best practice. • No bathrooms or water. • Location. • Who will operate?
Sprung Structures	$2.2 million	Permanent	• Needs concrete slab for anchoring. • Would need to figure out laundry & dog kennels (price doesn't include that). • Location. • Who will operate?
Homeland	$82,666/month lease	Temporary	• Must be rezoned.

Type	Est. Costs For Construction	Temporary/Permanent	Concerns
White Buffalo	$108,320 first month, $43,000 monthly rent	Temporary	• AI generated. • Safety concerns with so many buildings. • Needs a lot of staff. • Not an evidence-based best practice. • Location. • Who will operate?
Tulare Cares	$1.2 million	Temporary	• Several inconsistencies from last Oversight meeting. • Not an evidence-based best practice. • Location. • Who will operate?



ClearSpan

White Buffalo





Sprung Structures

Tulare Cares



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QUESTIONS?