

# Polk County Blueprint for Housing Solutions Alliance

Public Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 25, 2025 | 3 – 4 p.m.

Hybrid: C3 Center or [Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 818 3190 8844 | Passcode: 130814

3:00 p.m.	<b>Call to Order &amp; Welcome</b>	<b>Scott Jean</b>
3:01 p.m.	<b>Broader Landscape of Addressing Homelessness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Public Policy &amp; Recent Executive Order <i>Julie Eberbach, Associate Director – Institute for Community Alliances (ICA)</i></li></ul>	<b>Scott Jean</b>
3:10 p.m.	<b>Polk County Homelessness Provider Ecosystem (p.2)</b>	<b>Angie Arthur</b>
3:25 p.m.	<b>Understanding Evidence Based Practices in Housing Solutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Housing First Approach <i>Jeremy Orcutt, Director of Programs and Services – Anawim Housing</i></li></ul>	<b>Scott Jean</b>
3:35 p.m.	<b>The Blueprint Implementation Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hiring HSA Director</li><li>Newly Added HSA Members (p. 3)</li><li>Strategy Lead Meetings</li></ul>	<b>Chris Coleman</b>
3:45 p.m.	<b>Enter Closed Session</b>	<b>Chris Coleman</b>
4:00 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Chris Coleman</b>

**Thank you for your service on the Housing Solutions Alliance!**

**2025 Meeting Schedule**

*Tuesday, September 9 from 2:30pm-3:30pm at the C3 Center*

# Polk County Community-Based Continuum of Care Overview

## Centralized Intake

**Delivered by:** Primary Health Care, utilizes the HMIS System  
(HMIS- Homelessness Information Management System operated by ICA- Institute for Community Alliances)

Intensity 

### OUTREACH

Activities to meet the immediate needs of people experiencing homelessness in unsheltered locations by connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care.

### PREVENTION

Programs, often funded, to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or living in a public or private place not meant for human habitation.

### DIVERSION

Interventions designed to immediately address the needs of someone who has just lost their housing and become homeless or will do so in the next 14 days.

### EMERGENCY SHELTER

A facility that provides temporary shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness while they pursue pathways to permanent housing

### RAPID REHOUSING SERVICES

A program that provides short to medium term (up to 24 months) rental assistance and services to people experiencing homelessness.

### TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

A supportive, yet temporary, typically 24 months or less, housing program that is meant to bridge the gap from homelessness to permanent housing.

### PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

A housing program that provides long-term housing and supportive services to families and people with disabilities to help keep people in housing.

## Housing Stability

Accessed through organizations providing housing

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# Polk County Blueprint for Housing Solutions Alliance (HSA)

## Committee Charter

### **Purpose of the Housing Solutions Alliance:**

The Polk County Blueprint for Housing Solutions Alliance (HSA) exists to lead, coordinate, accelerate implementation and deliver successful outcomes of the Blueprint to Address Homelessness (The Blueprint). It serves as the principal convening body for public, private business and philanthropy, and nonprofit leadership to align policies, practices, and investments across the housing and homelessness response system.

### **Responsibilities:**

- **Executive Leadership:** Hire and oversee an HSA Director to coordinate the Blueprint implementation, manage strategic communications, and lead system-wide convenings and collaboration.
- **Resource Alignment:** Leverage, scale, and align philanthropic, corporate, and public funding to fill system gaps and support evidence-based priorities.
- **Accountability & Oversight:** Monitor progress of the Blueprint activities; coordinate with Continuum of Care (CoC) committees, backbone staff, and network of providers.
- **Community Engagement:** Promote involvement of people with lived experience, build public will, and ensure transparency in decision-making; ensure accountability and progress toward the Blueprint goals.

### **Structure & Milestones:**

- Re-Launch Year: 2025
- Key Milestones:
  - HCC is reorganized and formally launched – July 2025
  - Board Recruitment in Q2/Q3 of 2025
  - Director position description approved, and recruitment initiated – Q3 2025
  - Staff and governance documents established – Q3 2025

# **Polk County Blueprint for Housing Solutions Alliance (HSA)**

## **Board Member Responsibilities**

### **Position Overview**

As a volunteer board member of the Polk County Blueprint for Housing Solutions Alliance (HSA), you will help guide, fund, and govern the region's leading body addressing homelessness. This is a high-impact, strategic role requiring leadership, influence, and collaboration across sectors.

The Polk County Blueprint for Housing Solutions Alliance (HSA) selects board members because of their community leadership, knowledge, reputation and ability to help reach the goals set within the Blueprint to Address Homelessness 5-Year Strategic Vision Plan.

While the Housing Solutions Alliance Director (HSA Director) is responsible for all day-to-day operational oversight of the Blueprint, the HSA board member functions include determining organizational goals, objectives, and policies, formulating plans, developing funding support necessary to carry out the Blueprint, employing the HSA Director, and organizing committees as needed to carry out its functions.

New HSA board members may be elected to initial terms of less than two years. The terms of all other board members shall be two years with the ability to renew. Each board member shall continue in office until their successor is elected and agrees to serve.

### **Key Responsibilities**

1. Strategic Governance
  - a. Guide the vision and strategy of the HSA aligned with the 2025–2029 Blueprint to Address Homelessness (the Blueprint)
  - b. Hire, support, supervise, and evaluate the HSA Director
  - c. Uphold nonprofit best practices and board governance policies
2. Fundraising & Resource Mobilization
  - a. Actively assist in securing public and private funding for Blueprint implementation
  - b. Open doors to government agencies, foundations, private and corporate donors
  - c. Participate in development campaigns and funding strategy sessions
3. Community & Political Leadership
  - a. Serve as a visible advocate and ambassador of the HSA and the Blueprint
  - b. Engage elected officials and community stakeholders in solution-oriented dialogue
  - c. Promote policy alignment and remove barriers to housing and services
4. Systems Coordination
  - a. Collaborate with the CoC, Focus Area Managers, and Strategy Leads
  - b. Ensure the HSA amplifies and supports, not duplicates, the work of partners
5. Commitment & Participation
  - a. Attend all scheduled meetings, including monthly/quarterly Board and committee sessions (schedule to be determined)
  - b. Serve a 2-year renewable term
  - c. Come prepared to contribute actively and respectfully
6. Funding Allocation Determination
  - a. Assist in the development and oversight of an effective aligned funding program with the development of eligibility criteria, grant review and approval process.

**Desired Qualifications**

- Strong ties to public, private, or philanthropic leadership in Polk County
- Experience in nonprofit governance, systems change, fundraising, or policy
- Deep commitment to housing equity and solutions for homelessness
- Willingness to advocate publicly and leverage personal/professional networks
- Commitment to lead by example with contributions that coordinate with community goals, including personal and with the resources of organization and businesses you represent.
- Is currently—and intends to remain—a significant advocate, funder and/or volunteer with a homeless service provider