



**CITY OF NORMAN, OK**  
**CITY COUNCIL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Municipal Building, Executive Conference Room, 201 West Gray, Norman,  
OK 73069  
Thursday, February 09, 2023 at 4:00 PM

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## **AGENDA**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING SOBERING CENTERS.
2. WARMING SHELTER UPDATE.

### **ADJOURNMENT**



## Report for November 2022

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Total Stays           | 1,136 |
| Unique Guests         | 148   |
| ---- Women            | 54    |
| ---- Men              | 92    |
| ---- No Single Gender | 2     |
|                       |       |
| Veterans              | 16    |
|                       |       |
| Age                   |       |
| 18-30                 | 27    |
| 31-50                 | 74    |
| 51-61                 | 36    |
| 62 +                  | 11    |
|                       |       |
|                       |       |
| Nightly Average       | 37.9  |
|                       |       |
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## Notes:

We have been at capacity every night of shelter. This report might show a lesser number because in our earlier days in November we had guests check in after case management shift ended. It was not until later we learned how to retroactively enter them into HMIS.

We have a great team able to manage our guests really well. For the group, we have had very few incidents, which is a testament to the staff and security team. A woman, Misty, said "this is the first place I have felt welcome in a very long time." The guests comment regularly about how comfortable they feel at A Friend's House. Thank you for making this possible for them.



## Report for December 2022

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Total Stays           | 1,354 |
| Unique Guests         | 159   |
| ---- Women            | 57    |
| ---- Men              | 101   |
| ---- No Single Gender | 1     |
|                       |       |
| Veterans              | 19    |
|                       |       |
| Age                   |       |
| 18-30                 | 30    |
| 31-50                 | 66    |
| 51-61                 | 45    |
| 62 +                  | 14    |
| Not Recorded          | 4     |
|                       |       |
| Nightly Average       | 43.7  |
|                       |       |
|                       |       |

## Notes:

We feel especially proud of the work of Food and Shelter and Norman Care-A-Vans during the arctic blast that affected Norman last month. We did not lose anyone in the cold. We made extra room at A Friend's House to get people inside, opened our dining room and slept almost 30 and between our two agencies moved about 80 people into motels. Thank you for helping us ensure the safety of our friends who are homeless.



### Report for January 2023

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Total Stays           | 1,322 |
| Unique Guests         | 128   |
| ---- Women            | 52    |
| ---- Men              | 74    |
| ---- No Single Gender |       |
| ---- Transgender      | 1     |
| Veterans              | 14    |
|                       |       |
| Age                   |       |
| 18-30                 | 18    |
| 31-50                 | 61    |
| 51-61                 | 37    |
| 62 +                  | 10    |
| Not Recorded          | 1     |
|                       |       |
| Nightly Average       | 42.64 |

### Notes:

You might notice the total unique guests is lower. The second week of January we made a decision to allow guests to save their bed if they choose. This was to address the panic to show up and get in line earlier than 4:30 p.m. but it also is allowing us the opportunity to do more intensive case management with guests.

Since the change, we have seen 11 men and 4 women go back to work. The knowledge of a bed to sleep in each night gave them the security to take the next step. We have developed housing plans with many guests which resulted in rehousing six men and one woman. We helped two women get into a treatment for drug use. We connected more than four with mental health resources through our partners at COCMH. We helped two men get home to their family who were waiting to help them find work and housing. Though it may help fewer people, the quality of the service is increasing and we are seeing a better result.