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The Tulsa City-County Library system now officially owns the Central Library.

At a special meeting this week, the Library Commission approved an agreement to transfer ownership of the facility from Tulsa County.

The system has 25 library locations, including the Librarium that opened downtown last month to provide services during the two years that Central Library will be undergoing renovations.

With the transfer, the library now owns 18 of its library branches, as well as the Support Service Center.

The commission has long-term land leases with the Sand Springs Home for the Charles Page Library; with the city of Tulsa for the Maxwell and Nathan Hale libraries; with the city of Collinsville for the Collinsville library; with Tulsa County for the Herman & Kate Kaiser Library; and with Tulsa Public Schools for the Suburban Acres Library.

The Librarium, at 1110 S. Denver Ave., is under a short-term building lease.

"The difference here (with Central Library) was there wasn't even a lease," library system CEO Gary Shaffer said.

The building has always been used for the library, and the library serves residents of the county, so there was no need to worry about ownership, Shaffer said.

"But when we were about to invest all this money in the building, it was important to finalize this," he said.

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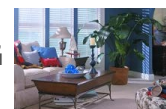
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Monitors: DHS not on target

Child welfare reform was not fully met, and there were data discrepancies in some areas.

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...of the Department of Human Services (DHS) is that it is not on target in meeting its goals for child welfare reform. The report, which was released last week, found that DHS had not met its goals for reducing the number of children in foster care, reducing the number of children in residential treatment centers, and increasing the number of children in family-based care. The report also found that there were data discrepancies in some areas, such as the number of children in foster care and the number of children in residential treatment centers.

At the DHS Health Planning Council, officials said they are working to address these issues and are committed to meeting their goals for child welfare reform. They also said they are working to improve data collection and reporting to ensure that they are accurately reflecting the situation on the ground.

At the DHS Health Planning Council

The council, which is made up of representatives from various agencies and organizations, met last week to discuss the report and to develop a plan of action. The council members agreed to meet regularly to monitor progress and to address any issues that arise.

Council to discuss garage sale limit

The council also discussed a proposed limit on the number of items that can be sold at garage sales. The proposal is to limit the number of items to 100 per sale. The council members agreed to discuss the proposal at their next meeting.

DOWNTOWN DIGS: AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS

...of the city of Tulsa is that it is not on target in meeting its goals for affordable housing. The report, which was released last week, found that the city had not met its goals for increasing the number of affordable apartments, reducing the number of affordable apartments that are vacant, and increasing the number of affordable apartments that are occupied. The report also found that there were data discrepancies in some areas, such as the number of affordable apartments and the number of affordable apartments that are vacant.

The city officials said they are working to address these issues and are committed to meeting their goals for affordable housing. They also said they are working to improve data collection and reporting to ensure that they are accurately reflecting the situation on the ground.

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