

**Arkansas Balance of State  
Continuum of Care General Meeting  
February 9, 2023**

<b>Coalition/Organization</b>	<b>Attendees: Voting Members</b>	<b>Attendee: Non-Voting Members</b>
ARVAN/ARVAC	<del>Elizabeth Roberson</del>	Cassie Johnson Cody Shelton
BBMN	William Tollett, Chonda Tapley	Nicole Brakebill, Cassie Johnson, Rebecca Hanlin
Collaborative Applicant		Casey Kidd
Delta Hills	Shannon Haward, Myracle White	Rose Dawson, Carol Townsend, Theresa Aasen
DHS		Aicha Fofana, Sandra Johnson
EAR	Josephine Flowers	Julie Coveny, Theresa Bowe, Marilyn Phelix, Ruth Hedgewood-Mills
HMIS		Whitney Force
HUD		<del>Sandra Lewis Payne</del>
Mississippi	Lisa Willard, <del>Phyllis McClendon</del>	Theresa Miner, Luther Davis, Carolyn Stewart, Angela Hillard
NEA	<del>Jana Burnett, Shane Fore</del>	Jacob Bright, Teri Smith, Heather Coats, Alejandra Morales, Tony Thomas, Alicia Whitlock
Phillips	Rosie Burton, <del>Gracie Gonner</del>	
RHC	<del>Paul Henley</del> , Brandy Bradley	Juan Gomez
SSVF-St. Francis House		Jessica Menton
SWAP	<del>Andrew Coker</del> , Sarah Fowler	Sue Legal, Robin Surf
Toadsuck	<del>Melissa Allen, Aimee Prince</del>	Lacy Strom, Breeanne Burton, Nerissa Passmore, Shawanna Rodgers, Blaze Willey, Felicia Rogers, Laura King, Patty Davis

Additional attendees included: Katie Peterson and Ashley Barker-Tolman with HUD-TA (Cloudburst)

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order via virtual platform at 11:10 am by the Vice Chair, William Tollett in the Chair's absence

**Roll Call**

A welcome was given and roll of attendees was recorded.

## **COVID-19 Update**

Dr. Appathurai Balamurugan Simon (Dr. Bala) was absent so no report given

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Shannon Haward to approve the minutes, Rosie Burton seconded – There was not a quorum present so minutes will be voted on at March meeting

## **Federal and State Reports**

### **HUD:**

No one present

### **DHS:**

Sandra Johnson reported that an informational meeting has been scheduled for the upcoming application on March 31. No other information was available as Lorie will be sending an email invite in the near future. They have been meeting with HUD representatives regarding agencies having difficulties

### **HMIS:**

Whitney reported she is working on the SPM report due February 28<sup>th</sup> = working on data entries and completion of data. They are also working with Casey on the closeout of the PIT numbers. Make sure you are exiting clients in HMIS as this will skew the data. Whitney will begin attending Coalition meetings via Zoom to assist any needs in the LHC areas. They will also be hosting trainings for agencies so please reach out to her if interested

## **Old Business:**

If you have not entered your surveys into the Counting Us app, please do so by Friday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. Let Casey know if you are having any problems. She will be reaching out to those with data cleanup problems

## **New Business**

Casey reported that she is working on the HIC inventory that goes hand-in-hand with the PIT data and due at the same time. NOFO registration for FY23 has been completed (It is not due until March 2). Special NOFO awards have been released and no CoC or agencies within Arkansas were awarded. There were 30 of the 50 states that received awards with 46 communities awarded. We are behind on much of the required information but will be working to get this resolved in the future. This was a learning opportunity for all of us.

TA's reported there could be some extra funding coming soon, so stay tuned for future announcements.

The April meeting is our general meeting and will be in person. A meeting location is needed so if anyone has ideas, please get with Casey or Melissa for planning.

### **Committee Reports:**

PIT: a scheduled debrief meeting through Zoom is scheduled for Wednesday next week at 11 a.m.

Coordinated Entry: have not met but have a meeting scheduled

### **Coalition Reports**

**ARVAC/ARVAN**: Cody stated they held a meeting in January regarding the PIT count with no next meeting scheduled

### **BBMN**

Chonda reported they met prior to the PIT count and have engaged a partner with Legal aid for available programs. They are making plans for winter weather and next meeting is scheduled for next Friday

### **Delta Hills**

Shannon reported they held their last meeting in January regarding the PIT count. Still having issues with getting volunteers. Next meeting is March 21

### **Eastern Arkansas**

Josephine stated that they held a meeting during this previous week but had to cancel due to winter weather. Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 14

### **Mississippi County**

Lisa stated that their meeting was held in December with no new meeting scheduled to date. They are part of a Red Cross pilot program to prepare a coordinated entry program in their area. They were one of 17 nonprofits chose for the program and are looking forward to beginning this

### **Northeast Arkansas**

Casey reported that they met on the 16<sup>th</sup> of last month and there was a good turnout for the PIT count. The City of Jonesboro police department as well as many volunteers participated

### **Phillips County**

Rosie stated they had a meeting scheduled for Jan. 31 that was also cancelled due to the weather. Legal aid is wanting to participate with their LHC, their health unit was involved in the PIT count and they will notify Casey when their next meeting is scheduled

**RHC**

Brandy stated they met prior to the PIT count and worked with Salvation Army in Texarkana to complete the count. They have a meeting coming up and are conducting outreach in the counties not participating within their LHC

**SWAP**

Sarah reported that the next meeting for SWAP is scheduled next week on Thursday. They conducted a Homeless Simulation with City officials that went over well and response from the City employees was positive and eye-opening for them

**Toadsuck**

Laura King reported they are finalizing their PIT surveys; the shelter program went well during these past icy conditions and will be ending the program on March 1. They are anxious to see the data collected

**Next meeting: March 9, 2023 at 11 a.m. via Zoom**

An invite with agenda and minutes will be sent prior to the meeting by Casey Kidd

With no other discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

*Minutes recorded by Sue Legal*