

**Arkansas Balance of State
Continuum of Care General Meeting
January 12, 2023**

Coalition/Organization	Attendees: Voting Members	Attendee: Non-Voting Members
ARVAN/ARVAC	Elizabeth Roberson, Cody Shelton	Cassie Johnson
BBMN	William Tollett, Chonda Tapley	Jessica Minton
Collaborative Applicant	Casey Kidd	Sue Legal
Delta Hills	Shannon Haward (absent), Myracle White	Alex Lynch, Jennifer Welter, Vanessa Denson
DHS		Lorie Williams (absent)
EAR	Josephine Flowers	Julie Coveny, Ruth Hegwood
HMIS	Whitney Force	
HUD		Sandra Lewis-Payne
Mississippi	Lisa Willard, Phyllis McClendon (absent)	Luther Davis, Carolyn Stewart, Angela Hillard
NEA	Jana Burnett, Shane Fore (absent)	Tony Thomas
Phillips	Rosie Burton (absent), Gracie Gonner (absent)	
RHC	Paul Henley(absent), Brandy Bradley	
SSVF-St. Francis House		Jessica Menton, Greg Chastine
SWAP	Andrew Coker, Sarah Fowler (absent)	Robin Surf, Kim Carter
Toadsuck	Melissa Allen, Aimee Prince	Laura King, Brian Smith, Blaze Willey, Nerissa Passmore, Lacy Storm, Matthew DeSalvo, Breeanne Burton,

Additional attendees included: Katie Peterson with HUD-TA (Cloudburst); Shirley Braezeal

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order via virtual platform at 11:05 am by the new Chair, Melissa Allen

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 Shane Fore to approve the minutes, Aimee Prince seconded – Motion to approve was passed.

Federal and State Reports

HUD: Sandra stated that FY22 was still in process. They are looking at the PIT counts and special visitors may be present from the Field office in some of the areas for the day of the count.

DHS:

No one present

HMIS:

Whitney reported that the LSA has been submitted with 0 errors for this year compared to last year at 9. There were still some warnings but those can be explained in the comment sections. Errors are most important to avoid. Next, they will be working on the SPM report which is due following the PIT count.

Old Business:

PIT training will be via Zoom on January 19 at 10 am. Casey has sent out a link for the volunteer form that must be completed by all volunteers prior to the count. The training is mandatory for all persons completing the count. A paper copy will be sent to the LHC leads for distribution in event of emergencies but the Counting Us app must be used for all data input. Jessica Minton with the VA stated that she will be assisting in Old Fort CoC and if any agencies provide services in those counties in addition to within BoS she is asking for volunteers. It was also made clear that all agencies need to make sure that their surveys are conducted in the correct CoC for the count.

New Business

None at this time

Committee Reports:

Requests were made for all members to become part of a committee especially the PIT and Coordinated Entry which should include one member from each LHC.

- Rank and Review: has become more organized and is only active during the NOFO. Members of the committee must be from agencies that are not submitting an application
- Nominating: only active every other year or for special elections
- PIT: William Tollett asked that all members get the training on their calendars for next week as the training is mandatory
- Coordinated Entry: Josephine stated they had not met since the last Board meeting due to holidays. Next meeting is January 24th at 10 a.m.

- Lived Experience: met once during Casey's maternity leave and are scheduled to meet again next week with time TBD. Encouraged others to join as they are working on ways to meet the needs of our vulnerable population, working to change policies and procedures and will have those completed for the next general meeting of the BoS for voting

Coalition Reports

ARVAC/ARVAN: Fred Teague has been elected mayor and Cody Shelton will be stepping into his role with the BoS board. Preparing for PIT

BBMN

Chonda reported their last meeting was in December and plan to meet again next week

Delta Hills

Myracle reported their last meeting was in November with January 17th planned for their next meeting

Eastern Arkansas

Josephine said they have not met and are scattering for leadership at this time. After losing Cassie as their chair, they are regrouping

Mississippi County

Lisa reported that their last meeting was December 15th. They are also regrouping since losing Tamika who moved to another state. No meeting is scheduled

Northeast Arkansas

Casey reported that they met in December to update plans for winter weather with opening of shelters Next meeting is February

Phillips County

No one present

RHC

Brandy stated they have not met recently and are also in the regrouping phase

SWAP

Andrew reported that they are in planning phase for PIT count, next meeting will be following the PIT training with an in-person meeting. Also, a Homeless Simulation for the City employees has been scheduled for January 20th in hopes to get the city more involved

Toadsuck

Laura King reported they are working on getting ready for the PIT count. The shelter/winter program is going well

Next meeting: February 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 11:45 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Sue Legal