

Arkansas Balance of State
Annual Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 2023
One Church, Conway, Arkansas

Coalition/Organization	Attendees: Voting Members	Attendee: Non-Voting Members
ARVHAN	Rashad Woods	Cody Shelton
BBMN	William Tollett	Nicole Brakebill, Tammy Smith
Collaborative Applicant	Casey Kidd	
Delta Hills	Shannon Haward, Myracle White	PJ Walker, Carol Townsend, Rose Dawson, Janet Harris, Cassandra Maggitt, Theresa Aasen, Bobbie Boozer
DHS		
EAR	Josephine Flowers	
HMIS		Whitney Force
HUD		
Mississippi	Lisa Willard	Dr. Blanche Hunt, Denise Bogard
NEA	Shane Fore	Adam Watkins, Megan Baird, Marty Timmons
Phillips		
RHC	Paul Henley	Stephanie Gee, Helen Byers
SSVF-St. Francis House		
SWAP	Sarah Fowler	Robin Surf, George Biggs, China Scott, Mark Sniff, Gina Weesner
Toadsuck	Aimee Prince	Patti Davis, Matthew Desalvo, Laura King, Dr. Phillip Fletcher, Mary Wood, Nerissa Passmore, Lacey Strom, Jennifer Welter, Yasmine Pace, Lacey Crosby, Gabe Simon, Sarah Wilson, Grayson Carter, Spring Hunter, Princess Johnson, Melissa Dyson, Ashley Fair

Voting Members Absent: Chonda Tapley (BBMN), Raymond Whiteside (EAR), Phyllis McClendon (Mississippi), Jana Burnett (NEA), Rosie Burton (Phillips), Brandy Bradley (RHC), Melissa Allen (Toadsuck). Open Voting Member seats: ARVHAN (1), Phillips (1), and SWAP (1).

Casey Kidd, Homeless Program Director for Arkansas Balance of State, extended greeting to the participants from nine of the ten local homeless coalitions within the ARBoS. Casey led the participants in discussion of the challenges, successes, and best practices. One area of discussion revolved around how to increase participation within our local LHCs. The following benefits were provided for LHC participation: Collaboration, Assistance in crisis, and using surveys to stimulate participation.

Whitney Force, HMIS Lead Administrator, lead a discussion regarding data integrity during the intake process. She shared with participants the implications of missing data within the HMIS files and the importance of gathering good, clean data.

Casey Kidd provided PIT count data for the full Balance of State and stated she would forward the PIT data to ARBoS LHC members. As Casey discussed the PIT count, she was able to integrate the importance of data integrity that Whitney Force covered in her presentation.

Katie, Ashley, and Rori, Cloudburst TAs provided guidance on discussing elements surrounding coordinated entry involving six principles and the most vulnerable populations within our local homeless coalitions. The following three are identified as the most vulnerable populations: Serious Mental Illness, Addiction/Substance Abuse, and Domestic Violence.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

William Tollett, Vice Chairman in absence of ARBoS Secretary.