

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

Coalition/Organization	Attendees: Voting Members	Attendee: Non-Voting Members
ARVAN/ARVAC	Elizabeth Roberson, Rashad Woods	Cody Shelton
BBMN	William Tollett, Chonda Tapley	Nicole Brakebill
Collaborative Applicant		
Delta Hills	Shannon Haward, Myracle White	Rose Dawson, Alex Lynch, Vanessa Denson, Carol Townsend,
DHS		Lorie Williams
EAR	Josephine Flowers	
HMIS		Whitney Force
HUD		
Mississippi	Lisa Willard, Phyllis McClendon	Carolyn Stewart, A. Hillard
NEA	Jana Burnett , Shane Fore	Madelynn Williams, Tony Thomas, Alejandra Morales, Jacob Bright
Phillips	Rosie Burton, Gracie Gonner	
RHC	Paul Henley, Brandy Bradley	Stephanie Gee
SSVF-St. Francis House		
SWAP	Sarah Fowler, Sue Legal	Robin Surf
Toadsuck	Melissa Allen , Aimee Prince	Patti Davis, Matthew Desalvo, Laura King, Dr. Phillip Fletcher, Mary Wood, Nerissa Passmore

Additional attendees included: Katie Peterson and Ashley Barker-Tolman and Katie Peterson 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 – Minutes for January and February were approved

Federal and State Reports

HUD:

No one present

DHS:

There is an upcoming information meeting on the new FY24 funding scheduled for March 31. Lorie will send email of time to all current grantees and those on list per requests today, meeting will be through Zoom. CV funds are winding down and must be completely spent by September 30 of this year. Regular FY 23 funds will also be ending September 30, 2023. With new application, every year is different so please do not just cut and paste using last year's application. The application should be out May 1 on the DHS website

HMIS:

Whitney reported she is working with Casey on the PIT and HIC which are due at the same time. Training for any organization that is in need is available. Updates are being made and end user agreements are being reviewed. ESG funding users have 2 per license – annual fee = \$1,000 additional users are at \$270 per user. Non-funded are billed at the same rates.

Old Business:

Data entry deadlines are 3-10 for PIT and HIC data. There is a lot of clean up that goes into finalizing the PIT report and Casey is being meticulous to ensure all counts are accurate. A debrief meeting for all LHC will be held soon, William will send out an email and at minimum 1 person per LHC should be attending. Discussions regarding what worked, what didn't, changes needed etc. will be discussed

New Business

The SPM (System Performance Measures) have been submitted to HUD (2-28). We will go over them in detail at the General meeting in April.

General Meeting will be April 13 at One Church in Conway, a registration link has been sent out to all voting members and should be sent to all LHC members through them. Please register for attendance so that a count for the number expected is available prior to the meeting. This ensures we have enough room, tables, chairs, etc. The TA's will be on-site for the meeting

Committee Reports:

PIT: a scheduled debrief meeting through Zoom will be send out following this meeting. Please make sure at least one person per LHC is available to attend.

Coordinated Entry: Last meeting was 2-28, there has not been total representation from each LHC and that needs to be a priority. This does not need to be a voting member Discussion re: assessment tool and making sure that the same tool is used throughout the entire CoC but is user friendly and meets the needs of all areas and agencies

Sarah is still waiting on the contract to be signed with HUD. She has a job description ready and will send out to all BoS members for review.

Coalition Reports

ARVHAN: Cody Shelton reported that they are working on getting more active and more involved within the LHC

BBMN: William reported that they met 3 weeks ago (meetings are the 3rd week of the month) discussed PIT follow-up but only had a small representation of agencies

Delta Hills: Shannon reported their next meeting is March 21, they are focusing on participation

Eastern Arkansas: Josephine noted they held their last meeting in late Feb. a new chair, Marilyn Phoenix, was elected. Selection for an additional BoS representative is in process

Mississippi: Lisa stated they will be meeting this month and are a growing group

Northeast Arkansas: Shane reported their last meeting was held Feb. 16 and was a great meeting with good participation. Discussions regarding provision of services in their area and updates on cold weather services provided

Phillips County: Rosie reported they met 2-28 and discussed how to do a better job with the PIT count for next year. They are reaching out to agencies and looking for a BoS voting member to take Gracie's place. Their next meeting is 3-28 at 9 a.m.

RHC: Brandy stated they had not met yet and are working on scheduling a meeting for the end of March or early April

SWAP: Sarah reported they met a week later than normal in February and attendance was down. Meetings have gone back to in-person but a Zoom is available for TA's CA and anyone else wishing to join

Toadsuck: Laura King reported their shelter committee will meet next week to compile the data from the warming centers and PIT count. They have been reaching out to homeless liaisons at schools for relationship building. Their next meeting is scheduled for 4-25

Next meeting: April 13 – General in-person meeting to be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at ONE Church located at 1058 Front Street in Conway

With no other discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Sue Legal