

**Arkansas Balance of State
Continuum of Care General Meeting
July 13th, 2023**

Coalition/Organization	Attendees: Voting Members	Attendee: Non-Voting Members
ARVHAN	Cody Shelton, Mary Thompson	
BBMN	William Tollett (he also served as proxy for Chonda Tapley)	Cassie Johnson, Nicole Brakebill, Jessica Minton
Collaborative Applicant		Casey Kidd, Whitney Force
Delta Hills	Shannon Haward, Myracle White	
DHS		Sandra Johnson
EAR	Cassie Rutledge (proxy for Josephine Flowers), Raymond Whiteside	
HMIS		
HUD		
Mississippi	Lisa Willard, Phyllis McClendon	Venna Oldsen
NEA	Shane Fore, Jana Burnett	Madelynn Williams, Jessica Strickland, Avery Collins, Tony Thomas, Jacob Bright
Phillips	Rosie Burton	
RHC	Paul Henley	Stephanie Gee, Shelley Faulknor
SSVF-St. Francis House		Desiree Willmuth
SWAP	Sarah Fowler	Sue Legal, Robin Surf, Bill Burrough, Adam Rogers, Jenny Martinez
Toadsuck	Lacey Strom, Melissa Dyson (proxy for Aimee Prince)	Gabe Simon, Lacey Crosby, Shawanna Rodgers, Laura King, Breanne Burton
Cloudburst TAs		Katie Peterson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order via virtual platform at 11:01 am by the Director, Casey Kidd in absence of Chair, Melissa Allen.

Roll Call

A welcome was given and roll of attendees was recorded.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by William Tollett to approve the minutes for June, and Myracle White seconded. Minutes were approved.

Federal and State Reports

HUD:

No one present

DHS:

- ESG CV will be ending 9/30. Agencies need to ensure they are up to date on invoicing. Invoices cannot be approved after October.
- Regular ESG for 22-23 will end 9/30 as well, and there are agencies behind which need to get caught up as that causes issues for agency and DHS.
- FY 23-24 applications are still being scored. Monitoring is being scheduled with agencies currently.

HMIS (from BoS HMIS Regional Coordinator):

- HMIS will be doing updates on 7/20-7/21 with a layout change.
- Data Sharing Agreements for HMIS participating agencies should be returned to Whitney at earliest convenience. This will be needed in order to participate in coordinated entry.
- Data clean-up
 - Corrections have been sent with deadlines. If you have questions, reach out to Whitney.
 - Casey indicated that we scored 29 out of 59 on the system performance section of the CoC NOFO, so it is an area in which we must improve.

Old Business

Governance Charter Review:

- Please send any suggested to revisions to Casey by 7/20.

Delta Hills Local Homeless Coalition Realignment:

- Toadsuck Exec. Committee, BoS Exec. Committee, and DH agencies in Cleburne and White counties met to discuss realignment on 7/12.
- Current DH LHC will meet on 7/25 at 2:00 through zoom.
- Proposed realignment will be presented for vote on 8/10

Lived Experience Board Members:

- Two individuals have indicated interest in serving in this role and will be discussed with exec. Committee.
- Will be introduced at August board meeting if approved by exec. committee

New Business

FY 2023 NOFO:

- RFP has been sent regarding NOFO including deadlines for each step (letter of intent, project applications, rank and review, public postings, and application to HUD).
- Project application Q&A will occur on 7/26 at 2:00 pm through zoom.
- All items are posted to website under grants and bids tab.

Policies and Procedures for CoC:

- Casey presented anti-discrimination policies and procedures, emergency transfer policy, notice of occupancy rights under VAWA, and Educational Responsibilities to the board for a vote to implement for CoC funded agencies.
- Sarah Fowler made a motion to accept all 4 items for CoC funded agencies to implement, and Shannon Haward seconded. The motion passed.

Vulnerable Populations for Coordinated Entry:

- Serious Mental Health Illness, Substance Use Disorder, and Domestic Violence have been discussed as the top 3 vulnerable populations in the CoC through general meeting, LHC discussion, and with coordinated entry committee. Through discussions those remained the top 3 discussed and were brought to the board by the coordinated entry committee.
- Shannon Haward made a motion to accept those 3 populations as the most vulnerable to be prioritized in coordinated entry, and William Tollett seconded it. The motion passed.

Policies and Procedures for CoC:

- Casey thanked everyone for participating in the anonymous membership survey and indicated ways in which the information will be implemented.
- If you do want to talk about your input further or have other questions/concerns/suggestions, please reach out to her.

Rapid Rehousing Learning Collaborative:

- 6 part zoom series and 1 in person series focused on rapid rehousing programs and items that go with that such as landlord engagement, housing placement, and successful examples of programs.
- Contact Casey if you would like to register and do not have the link.
- Program will occur every other week, and we hope it will start early August.
- You do not have to currently have a RRH program to attend. Open to anyone.

Trainings:

- Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence will provide in-person training for our CoC regarding survivor centered support including a simulation for us to participate in on 2/14/2024 and 8/14/2024. Please save the dates and more information will follow. CoC funded agencies are required to attend. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.
- We are working to schedule Fair Housing training through Legal Aid of Arkansas. Will follow-up with more details on this.

Committee Reports:

Coordinated Entry: No updates outside of report included in board packet.

Coalition Reports: Outside of reports in the board packet, the following was the only LHC update presented:

- SWAP
 - Coordinated Entry Coordinator will be starting on 7/31
 - Will be voting next week on 2nd voting member
 - Working on getting eLOCCs setup for the CE CoC grant
 - City of Hot Springs purchased church that they plan to turn into a resource center along with warming and cooling center

Other Discussion:

Casey indicated that one item from membership survey was to ensure we are sharing success stories. Casey shared numbers regarding the number of households served through CoC TH, CoC RRH, ESG RRH, and ESG HP through the most recent completed grant year. Other success stories shared:

- United Way of Ouachitas served several families with rental assistance through CDBG funds from City of Hot Springs.
- Stepping Stone Sanctuary has now placed 16 homeless individuals into long-term sustainable housing over the last year with none returning to homelessness.
- Serenity, Inc. was able to serve 2 families recently with housing in an area where housing is very difficult to find.

Casey asked if anyone has any advocacy points for homelessness pertinent to the state of Arkansas or their programs, to please let her know, and she'll share at Capitol Hill Day meetings on 7/19 as part of the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Next meeting: August 10th through zoom

With no other discussion, Casey Kidd adjourned the meeting at 11:43 am.

Minutes recorded by Casey Kidd via recording of meeting.