

ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Board Meeting

September 14th, 2023—11:00 a.m.

Zoom

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Minutes (*pages 2-5*)
- III. Partner Reports
 - HUD
 - DHS
 - HMIS
 - i. 8/21 Voting Board Member Meeting/Full Membership Session Update
 1. HMIS Lead Agency Selection
 - ii. HMIS Changes for Balance of State
 - iii. Data Standards Updates-10/1
- IV. Old Business
 - Governance Charter Review
 - i. Tabled until October
 - Delta Hills Local Homeless Coalition Realignment (*page 6*)
 - i. Vote on New LHC Realignment with understanding that White county will be placed in appropriate LHC after further discussions in October
 - FY 2023 NOFO
 - i. Project Applications/Rank and Review Update
- V. New Business
 - October General Meeting
 - i. 10/12, zoom, 11 am to 1 pm
 - ii. Topics/Guest Speakers
 - Fair Housing Training (Required for CoC funded housing projects)
 - i. September 25th, zoom, 11 am to 12:30 pm
- VI. Committee Reports
 - Coordinated Entry Committee
 - i. 8/22/23 Minutes Included (*pages 7-8*)

- VII. Coalition Reports (*pages 9*)
- VIII. Next meeting of BoS Board – October 12th, 2023
- IX. Adjourn

Vision Statement:

The vision of the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care is to work toward eliminating homelessness through collaboration of innovative solutions.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care is to facilitate a coordinated effort of planning, integration of mainstream resources, and implementation of programs targeted at reducing homelessness and improving housing stability across Arkansas’ diverse local homeless coalitions that comprise the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care.

**Arkansas Balance of State
Continuum of Care General Meeting
August 10th, 2023**

Coalition/Organization	Attendees: Voting Members	Attendee: Non-Voting Members
ARVHAN	Cody Shelton, Mary Thompson	
BBMN	William Tollett, Chonda Tapley	Cassie Johnson, Jessica Minton
CoC Staff		Casey Kidd (CA), Whitney Force(HMIS Coordinator), Autumn Johnson (CE Coordinator)
Delta Hills	Shannon Haward, Myracle White	
DHS		Sandra Johnson
EAR	Josephine Flowers, Raymond Whiteside	Avery Collins
HMIS		
HUD		
Mississippi		
NEA		Tony Thomas, Alicia Whitlock, Shamal Carter
Phillips		
RHC	Paul Henley	Stephanie Gee, Shelley Faulknor
SSVF-St. Francis House		Desiree Willmuth, Michelle Simon
SWAP	Sarah Fowler, Boyce Mitchell	Adam Rogers, Robin Surf,
Toadsuck	Lacey Strom	Lacey Crosby, Jennifer Welter, Nerissa Passmore, Gabe Simon, Shawanna Rodgers, Matthew DeSalvo
Lived Experience	Jeremy Harmon	
Cloudburst TAs		Katie Peterson, Rori Durham

Other Community Partners		Alisa Green (ADFA)
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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order via virtual platform at 11:01 am by the Director, Casey Kidd.

Roll Call

A welcome was given and roll of attendees was recorded.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Shannon Haward to approve the minutes for July, and Sarah Fowler seconded. Minutes were approved.

Federal and State Reports

HUD:

No one present

DHS:

- 23-24 ESG grantee notifications have been sent.
- Regular 22 and CV 22 invoices should still be submitted timely and to spend the funding as quickly as possible-specifically CV funding.
- Monitoring has been started which will cover 3 years at a time due to delay with COVID.

HMIS (from BoS HMIS Regional Coordinator):

- Data clean-up reports are being sent to agencies, and this will be an on-going process.
 - Information was given on specific data errors.
 - Casey indicated the improvement that has been made since Whitney began in this role in June.

Old Business

Governance Charter Review:

- Cannot be voted on until the LHC realignment is finished. Will be tabled until then.

Lived Experience Board Members:

- 4 individuals with lived experience have joined the board with a voting membership. 3 were unable to be in attendance. Jeremy Harmon was introduced and welcomed by the CoC, and the other 3 will be introduced at the October board meeting.

Delta Hills Local Homeless Coalition Realignment:

- Tabled until October board meeting
 - Not all LHCs impacted by the realignment is in attendance, and Casey feels it is only fair to have the vote when everyone is in attendance.

- Casey gave a reminder at this time regarding voting board members being in attendance or sending proxy because when we aren't able to vote it does delay matters for the full CoC.

FY 2023 NOFO:

- Casey is currently working on this and will continue to have discussions with LHCs regarding information needed.
- Reminder: 8/29 at 4:30 pm is the deadline for project applications.
- Letters of intent from new applicants were received.
- Rank and Review will meet on 9/5 and project applicants will be notified after that.
- Rankings will be announced by 9/13.
- Overall grant will be submitted by 9/28 to HUD.

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 led by the TA team.
- Program will occur every other week starting 8/30 at 3:00 pm.
- Deadline for registration was 8/9, but if you missed it, let us know.

New Business

Election of board chair:

- Casey introduced Chonda Tapley, ED of Harrison Housing Authority and Chair of BBMN as the nominee for the Chair position. Chonda expressed her gratitude for the nomination. Shannon made a motion to elect Chonda Tapley to the role of AR BoS CoC board chair. William Tollett seconded the motion. She was elected unanimously.

Trainings

- Mainstream Benefits Training 8/18 at 11:00 am through zoom-CoC funded projects are required to attend. It is optional for other projects. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Committee Reports:

Coordinated Entry: Committee report was included in the agenda. Casey introduced the new CE Coordinator, Autumn Johnson, who started with United Way of the Ouachitas, the CoC CE Grantee, on 7/31. She added that she has already been in communication with agencies and attending meetings. Josephine Flowers, CE Coordinator Chair, discussed the Housing Problem Solving training that was held during the last minute and introduced that definition to the full CoC. HPS is a person-centered housing focused approach to explore creative, safe, and cost-effective solutions to quickly resolve a housing crisis. The goal is to help individuals avoid or exit quickly from homelessness. Casey added that due to increase in planning grant dollars for FY 23 (starting 10/1/24), we should have the ability to bring in someone to do further training on this similar to our trauma-informed care training that we did 2 years ago.

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

- BBMN
 - Met last in July-next meeting 8/18
 - Casey gave updated from the CoC
 - Whitney answered HMIS questions
 - Discussed potential funding opportunities

Other Disucssion:

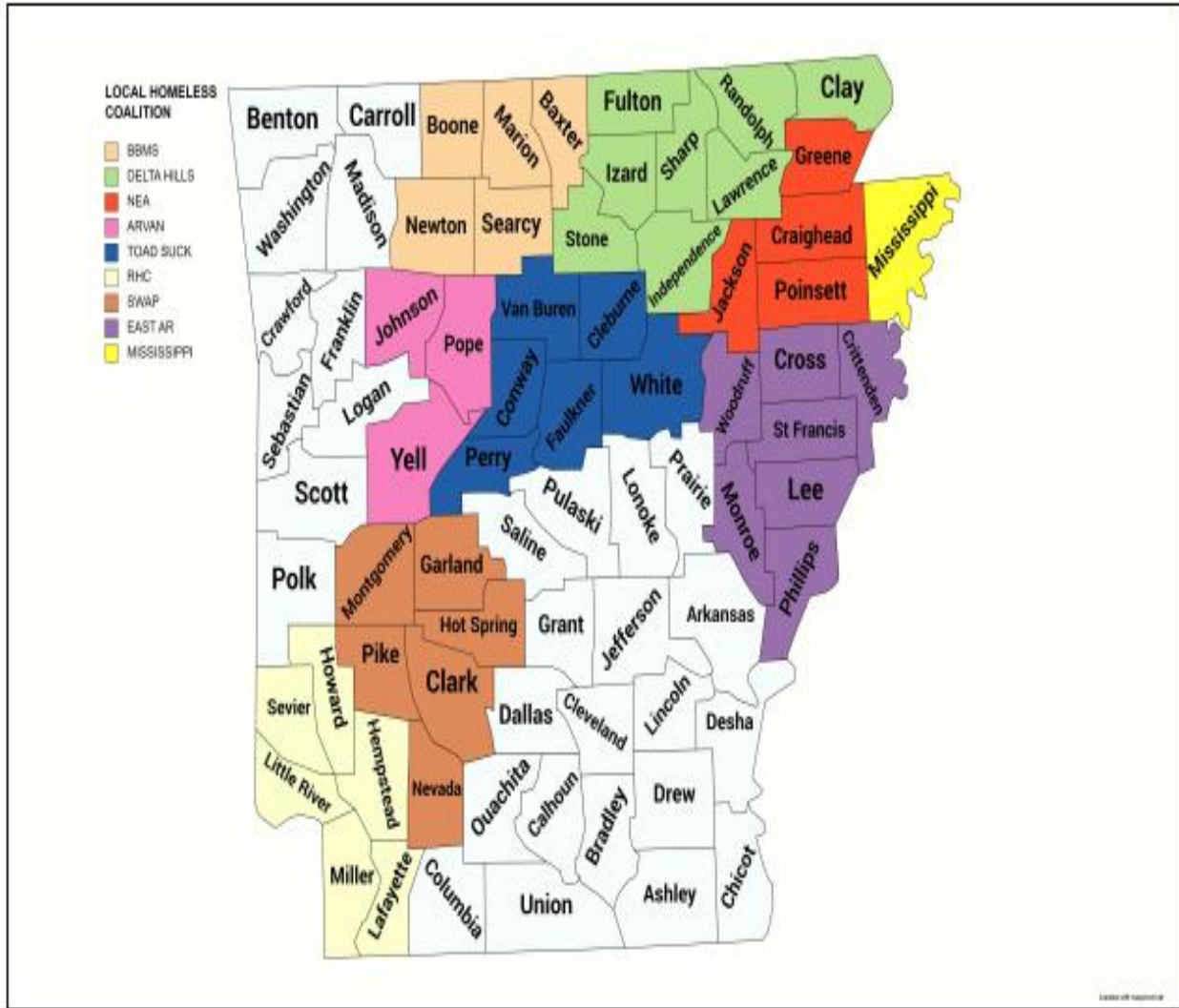
- Shamal Carter discussed an assessment that NAACP will be completing including looking at homelessness. He will also share the data with the CoC to show what homelessness looks like in the minority community. He said this focuses on all minorities and those living in poverty are classified as a minority.

Next meeting: September 14th through zoom

With no other discussion, Casey Kidd adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Minutes recorded by Casey Kidd via recording of meeting.

LHC Realignment Proposal



Coordinated Entry Meeting Notes 08/22/2023

Local Homeless Coalition	Attendees
ARVHAN	Absent
BBMN	Chonda Tapley, Jessica Minton, Nicole Brakebill
CoC Staff	Casey Kidd, Whitney Force, Autumn Johnson
Delta Hills	Myracle White, Nerissa Passmore, Shannon Haward
Eastern Arkansas	Absent
Legal Aid	Sherry Thompson
Mississippi County	Lisa Willard
Northeast Arkansas	Jacob Bright, Jana Burnett, Danielle Lawrence
Phillips County	Absent
RHC	Absent
SWAP	Sarah Fowler
Toadsuck	Spring Hunter
Cloudburst TA	Ashley Tolman, Katie Peterson, Rori Durham
St. Francis House	Michelle Simon (serves all counties)
Center for Arkansas Legal Services	Kendell Lewellen

Action Items from Last Meeting

- ✓ **Committee Members discuss the course to take to** integrate housing problem solving into coordinated entry.
- ✓ **Committee Members** provide follow-up on collecting policies and procedures that their LHC may have that may relate to coordinated entry.
- ✓ **Committee Members** decide upon using phased assessments with coordinated entry.
- ✓ **Committee Members** resume discussions about selecting the assessment tool to be used for coordinated entry.

Today's Agenda Items

- Autumn Johnson, the new CE Coordinator for Balance of State was introduced.
- Data Sharing Agreement Update – Whitney Force
 - As of this meeting, all data sharing agreements but one have been signed by HMIS participating agencies in Balance of State.
- Center for Legal Services
 - Kendell Lewellen introduced the Center for Legal Services and items that they are focusing on at this time within their organization to assist

individuals that are homeless facing legal matters. They are hoping to assist further throughout coordinated entry and with housing strategies.

- LHC Resources/Access Points
 - Starting in October, meetings will be scheduled with each LHC to discuss potential access points along with resources currently available. We will use resource assessments that have already been completed and build upon those.

Notes recorded by Casey Kidd

Local Homeless Coalition Reports

ARVHAN:

BBMN:

The coalition met on 8/18 with a majority of the discussion focused on changes with HMIS within the state along with the LHC mergers. Next meeting will be 9/15.

Delta Hills:

Delta Hills (as is) will not meet further. Next meetings will be with new LHCs.

Eastern AR:

The coalition met last on 8/15. Casey and Whitney gave updates from Balance of State. Families in Transition gave an update that they no longer had funds for rent and/or utilities. The LHC is in the progress of filing their secretary role. Next meeting will be 9/12.

Mississippi:

NEA:

The NEA LHC met on 8/17. Casey Kidd presented updates from the Arkansas Balance of State while organizations within the LHC provided updates. The meeting focused primarily on mental health and homelessness as many agencies are facing challenges in finding adequate services to serve them. Next meeting will be 10/19.

Phillips:

RHC:

SWAP:

Toadsuck:

The coalition met on 8/29. Topics of discussion were the coalition merger including next steps, resource meetings in the new counties, and potential name change. Casey and Whitney gave updates from Balance of State including changes with HMIS. The executive committee plans were announced including adding new agencies, winter prep, pit count prep, and establishing committees. Agency updates and shelter updates were given as well.