

ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Board Meeting

October 12th, 2023—11:00 a.m.

Zoom

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Minutes (*pages 2-4*)
- III. Partner Reports
 - HUD
 - DHS
 - HMIS
- IV. Old Business
 - Delta Hills Local Homeless Coalition Realignment
 - FY 2023 NOFO
 - i. Submitted on 9/25
- V. New Business
 - Guest Speakers
 - i. Christy McMurphy, Executive Director of Kansas Balance of State Continuum of Care
 - ii. Beth Sanders, Executive Director of Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 - Brief overview of Balance of State Continuum of Care
 - PIT Count Date
 - i. Proposed 01/24/2024 with 1/30/2024 as back-up date
- VI. Committee Reports
 - Coordinated Entry Committee
 - i. September meeting postponed due to NOFO
- VII. Coalition Reports (*pages 5*)
- 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
September 14th, 2023**

Coalition/Organization	Attendees: Voting Members	Attendee: Non-Voting Members
ARVHAN	Cody Shelton, Mary Thompson	Rashad Woods
BBMN	William Tollett, Chonda Tapley	Cassie Johnson, Nicole Brakebill
CoC Staff		Casey Kidd (CA), Whitney Force(HMIS Coordinator), Autumn Johnson (CE Coordinator)
Delta Hills	Shannon Haward	Michael Phifer, Rose Dawson, Ethel Hutchinson, Carol Townsend
DHS		
EAR	Josephine Flowers, Raymond Whiteside	Avery Collins
HMIS		
HUD		
Mississippi		Teresa Miner
NEA		Alejandra Morales, Madelynn Williams
Phillips		
RHC		Stephanie Gee
SSVF-St. Francis House		Desiree Willmuth, Michelle Simon
SWAP	Boyce Mitchell	Bill Burrough
Toadsuck	Aimee Prince	
Lived Experience	Jeremy Harmon	
Cloudburst TAs		Rori Durham
Other Community Partners		Andre Jones (VA)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order via virtual platform at 11:04 am by the Director, Casey Kidd.

Roll Call

A welcome was given and roll of attendees was recorded.

Approval of Minutes

There was not a quorum present, so August minutes will be presented in October.

Federal and State Reports

HUD:

No one present

DHS:

No one present

HMIS (from BoS HMIS Regional Coordinator and CoC Director):

- Please correct errors on the data quality in a timely manner
- Whitney will be sending out full fiscal year reports after 9/30
- Reports will move to every 3 months at the end of a quarter
- HMIS interface update has occurred—only impacts the look of the system
- FY 2024 Data Standards will occur as close to 10/1 as possible
 - Brief update was given about this process as well as changes that will occur with standards
- Casey gave the update regarding the HMIS lead agency work throughout the state
 - OCYFS will be the HMIS lead agency for Balance of State starting 10/1
 - OCYFS was selected as the contract holder for the entire state system through our vendor, Wellsky, starting 10/1.
 - Discussions regarding system costs to participating agencies will be discussed in the near future.

Old Business

Governance Charter Review:

- Tabled until November.

Delta Hills Local Homeless Coalition Realignment:

- Tabled vote because there was not a quorum.
 - Special Session might be called regarding this vote as tabling it further delays plans for the CoC

FY 2023 NOFO:

- The CoC did not receive any new projects but did receive all 5 renewal applications.
- Rankings are as follows:
 - OCYFS-HMIS
 - United Way of the Ouachitas-CE
 - Margie's Haven House-RRH
 - Families in Transition-Joint TH+RRH
 - OYCFS-Joint TH+RRH
- All project applicants have been notified of their acceptance and ranking
- Casey is finalizing the overall application and has asked for volunteers to do a review

- Board will have to approve to submit, and this will be conducted through email.

New Business

Fall General Meeting:

- 10/12-scheduled for 2 hours (11 am -1 pm) through zoom
- Guest Speaker from Kansas Balance of State CoC
- Training Opportunity-Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 - Focus on discharge planning to DV shelters from hospitals and mental health units

Trainings

- Fair Housing Training on 9/25 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm through zoom. This will be facilitated by Jason Aeur from Legal Aid of Arkansas. You can still register this at the link Casey sent out previously. She will send you the calendar invite with zoom link once you register.

Committee Reports:

Coordinated Entry: The CE minutes were included in the agenda. Josephine, the chair, added that the CE Committee is on pause until the NOFO is submitted. Next steps will be looking at resources in each coalition and determining what locations could serve as access points for CE. Autumn added that she will plan to get out and meet with everyone in each LHC, but she is waiting until the realignment is completed so that they know which LHC they are in going forward.

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

- ARVHAN
 - Will have a launch meeting in October
 - Have met with all LHC members and added more
 - Will have the launch meeting at Lakepoint and all are invited
- BBMN
 - Next meeting will be tomorrow
 - Discuss Balance of State updates as well as other items that arise
 - Waiting to officially add Searcy county after the realignment vote
 - Thanked Casey and Whitney for always attending the meetings.

Other Discussion:

- Boyce Mitchell stated that the Hot Spring County Coalition is currently working on a fundraiser that will assist with building a shower facility in Malvern for the homeless population.

Next meeting: October 12th through zoom (remember this is a 2-hour meeting)

With no other discussion, Casey Kidd adjourned the meeting at 11:36 am.

Minutes recorded by Casey Kidd via recording of meeting.

Local Homeless Coalition Reports

ARVHAN: Preparing for launch event this month for service area of Pope, Johnson, and Yell counties.

BBMN:

The coalition met on 09/15 with a majority of the discussion focused on housing instability in the service area.

Delta Hills:

The CoC will be working on rebuilding the DH coalition with finding leadership as the next step.

Eastern AR:

The coalition met last on 09/12. Whitney gave updates regarding changes within HMIS beginning October 1st. Families in Transition gave an update regarding their CoC funding renewal application submission. Josephine discussed expanding their membership to agencies that are not currently participating in the area. The group also discussed the need of a homeless shelter in Crittenden County. Next meeting will be 10/03.

Mississippi:

NEA:

The NEA LHC meets every other month and will meet again on 10/19.

RHC:

SWAP:

The coalition met on 9/21. Balance of State updates including HMIS were presented to the group. Organizations gave updates regarding their services. Lauren Adkins and her team from the City of Hot Springs were present to talk about a housing strategies project in which they are currently working.

Toadsuck:

The coalition met on 9/19. Casey and Whitney gave updates from Balance of State including changes with HMIS and the realignment and next steps. Agency updates and shelter updates were given as well. The coalition will meet again on 10/31.