

**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)

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.