

ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Board Meeting

January 11, 2024—11:00 a.m.

Zoom

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of December Minutes
- III. Partner Reports
 - HUD
 - DHS
- IV. Balance of State HMIS Updates
 - Brandon Turner
- V. Old Business
 - Location for Domestic Violence Training
 - Guest Speaker Options
 - LSA Report
- VI. New Business
 - Guest Speaker
 - i. Linda Morgan, Homeless Shelter and Encampment Coordinator – Arkansas
Department of Health
 - PIT Count - Vote
 - Additional Training Requests
- VII. Committee Reports
 - Discharge Planning Workgroup
 - Coordinated Entry Workgroup
 - PIT Count Committee
- VIII. Coalition Reports (Last month's - *pages 5-6*)
 - ARVAHAN
 - BBMNS
 - Delta Hills
 - Eastern Arkansas

- Mississippi
- NEA
- RHC (Regional Homeless Coalition)
- SWAP
- Toadsuck

IX. Next meeting of BoS Board.

X. 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 Board Meeting
December 14, 2023**

Coalition/Organization	Voting Members Attended:
ARVAN/ARVAC	Cody Shelton, Mary Thompson
BBMN	Chonda Tapley, William Tollett
Central AR Coord. Entry	Absent
Collaborative Applicant	Whitney Force, Autumn Johnson
Delta Hills	Yasmine Pace (For Myracle White)
Eastern Arkansas	Josephine Flowers
HMIS	Absent
Mississippi	Lisa Willard
Northeastern AR	Jana Burnett, Shane Fore
RHC	Absent
SWAP	Boyce Mitchell
Toadsuck	Spring Hunter (For Lacey Strom), Shannon Howard
Other Voting Members:	Michelle Simon, John Hooker
DHS	Absent
HUD	Absent
State of Arkansas	Absent

Call to Order

The general meeting was called to order via virtual platform at 11:05 am by Whitney Force.

Roll Call

A welcome was given, and a roll of voting members were recorded.

Balance of State Updates

New HMIS Regional Coordinator for the Balance of State, Brandon Turner. Brandon was unable to attend due to a training.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Boyce Mitchell and seconded by Shane Fore to approve the August 2023, September 2023, October 2023 and November 2023 minutes. The motion unanimously passed.

Federal & State Reports

HUD

Absent

DHS

Absent

HMIS

Whitney gave an update on the progress of the LSA Report. The LSA started with 50 warnings/errors. Currently there are 5 warnings and 0 errors. The report cannot be submitted with any errors. All errors have been resolved. Warnings will be explained away. Brandon reached out to all HMIS End Users to obtain new User Agreements due to the change in the HMIS Lead Agency.

Old Business

Revised Governance Charter

Whitney advised that there would not be a vote on that this month due to the possibility of additional changes needing to be made. Once the revisions are complete, it will be sent out for an electronic vote.

New Business

HMIS Steering Committee

Previous BoS representatives were Casey Kidd and Myracle White. Myracle has agreed to remain in her position. Whitney Force offered to take Casey's open position on the committee. Spring Hunter made a motion to accept and William Tollett seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Guest Speakers

Whitney advised that she would like to start having guest speakers at the monthly meetings to speak for 10 to 15 minutes. Asked for suggestions for speakers. Whitney spoke with Linda Morgan with the Department of Health who has a new Homeless Initiative that is state wide. They can set up at different locations to offer their services. Ms. Morgan has offered to be a guest speaker at a future meeting.

Location Ideas for Domestic Violence Coalition Training

Whitney asked for ideas for a possible location for the training to be held. Nicole Brakebill suggested speaking with the DV Coalition to see if we can hold the training there. Chonda Tapley suggested the HUD Office as a second option. Whitney will send out location and times for the meeting.

Old Business

Discharge Planning Workgroup

Spring Hunter provided the workgroup with examples of referral forms, intake forms and other information from a respite care facility that they visited in Tennessee. The group will look at those before the next meeting.

Point in Time

William Tollett, Chair of the Point in Time Committee, reminded attendees of the mandatory PIT volunteer training that will take place on January 17th from 11:00A.M. to 12:30P.M. as well as signing up on the form that was sent out by Whitney. Spring Hunter asked if we were only reporting just sheltered. Whitney advised

that the committee decided to do both a sheltered and an unsheltered count even though it is not required by HUD. William Tollett agreed. Unsheltered will be collected in the Counting Us app. The Sheltered count will be done via HMIS. William Tollett inquired about the invoice for the Counting Us app. Whitney Force advised that she believes that it was paid but she will check on that.

Coordinated Entry

Have not met this month. Autumn Johnson confirmed that the next meeting will be in January. Autumn also advised that she sent out an email to the LHC Chairs in reference to resource mapping. She asked that everyone send a list of their resources to their Coalition Chair or herself for that to be compiled. Autumn provided her email address in the chat.

Local Homeless Coalition Reports

Delta Hills

No Report.

Eastern Arkansas

Josephine Flowers advised that they are trying to get a group together for the PIT Count. Added a few new members.

ARVAN

No Report.

BBMNS

Chonda Tapley advised that they had their November meeting and plan to have their December meeting December 15th. They discussed funding and housing opportunities in their area. Possibly a new member joining from Searcy county in their scheduled December meeting.

Mississippi

Lisa Willard advised that they have not had a meeting due to being understaffed. She plans on having a meeting the next week.

Northeast Arkansas

Shane Fore has been out of the office but advised that they are now accepting new residents at The Stepping Stone Sanctuary.

RHC

No Report.

SWAP

Sarah Fowler advised that they had a November meeting and they are recruiting members for the PIT Count. Garland county is on track and the Sheriff in Montgomery County has changed since the last election. They are working on that relationship.

Toadsuck

Spring Hunter advised that they will have their first Emergency Shelter opening on December 21st. There are 36 beds. They have an additional 14 beds for inclement weather openings. This has been in the works since 2018. CAPCA is staffing the Conway City Shelter. They will only house adults over the age of 18. They are working with United Way for hotel stays for families, possibly through March. Looking at the PIT Count. They are looking for someone to play point person for their LHC PIT Count. Debbie Crosby advised that the Ribbon Cutting for the Shelter will be December 19th at 12:00P.M. Everyone is welcome.

Next Meeting

January 11, 2024 at 11:00A.M.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 11:27A.M. by Whitney Force.

Minutes recorded by Whitney Force.

