

**Arkansas Balance of State
Continuum of Care Fall General Meeting
October 12th, 2023**

Coalition/Organization	Attendees: Voting Members	Attendee: Non-Voting Members
ARVHAN	Mary Thompson	Mandi Geels, Rashad Woods
BBMNS	William Tollett, Chonda Tapley	Cassie Johnson, Tammy Smith, Nicole Brakebill
CoC Staff		Casey Kidd, Whitney Force, Autumn Johnson
Delta Hills		Bobbie Boozer, Michael Phifer
DHS		Lorie Williams
EAR	Raymond Whiteside, Josephine Flowers	Ethel Hutchinson, Rose Dawson, Avery Collins
HMIS		
HUD		
Mississippi		Venna Oldsen, Teresa Miner
NEA	Jana Burnett	Megan Baird, T. Wilkins, Danielle Lawrence, Jacob Bright, Marty Timmons, Theresa Aasen
Phillips		
RHC	Paul Henley	Stephanie Gee
SSVF-St. Francis House		Michelle Simon
SWAP	Sarah Fowler	Loren Morphew, Gina Weesner, Sue Legal, Robin Surf, Mark Sniff
Toadsuck		Shannon Haward, Lacey Crosby, Gabe Simon, Matthew DeSalvo, Spring Hunter, Melissa Dyson, Shoshana Wells
VA		Bobby Reeves, Andre Jones
Lived Experience	John Hooker, Jeremy Harmon, Jessica Strickland	
Cloudburst TAs		Katie Peterson, Ashley Barker Tolman
Other Community Partners		Alisa Green (ADFA), Christy McMurphy (KS BoS), Beth Sanders (ACADV), Eric Arganbright (KS BoS)

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

Due to time constraints, minutes will be voted on at the November board meeting.

Federal and State Reports

HUD:

No one present.

DHS:

Please ensure that you have submitted or will submit quickly your September ESG CV and/or Regular ESG invoice for processing. Please remember that ESG CV is not submitted through Quick Base—only regular. Contact your grants analyst if you have questions.

HMIS:

No report at this meeting (any updates needed prior to next meeting will be sent)

Old Business

Brief updates given as follows:

- Delta Hills Local Homeless Coalition Realignment—we now have 9 coalitions within Balance of State. We will continue conversations to ensure that White county is located in the best LHC for the agencies and clients.
- FY 2023 NOFO—submitted on 9/25 ahead of 9/28 deadline

New Business

Guest Speakers:

- Christy McMurphy and Eric Arganbright with the Kansas Balance of State Continuum of Care spoke on background of their CoC including board and committee make-up, progress that has been made throughout the CoC including their increased annual renewal demand funding through the CoC grant competition, and how the progress has occurred. They also answered questions from BoS CoC members giving guidance on various topics.
- Beth Sanders, ED of the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence, facilitated a discussion regarding DV facilities along with best practices while working with DV survivors if you are not a DV facility. The CoC will be training with them starting in the spring regarding client centered approaches along with safety planning. She offered to speak directly with agencies that would be interested in further training and information.

PIT Count

- Shannon Haward made a motion for 1/24/24 to be the date for the PIT count for 2024 in Balance of State. Danielle Lawrence seconded that. There was no opposition. Volunteers can either go out of the night of the 24th or can count during the day of the 25th and ask individuals “where did you sleep last night.” More information and training will follow

Committee Reports:

None

Coalition Reports:

None

Next meeting: November 9th through zoom

With no other discussion, Casey Kidd adjourned the meeting at 1:04 pm.

Minutes recorded by Casey Kidd via recording of meeting.