

ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Board Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2024—11:00 a.m.

In-Person

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.

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Coalition/Organization	Attendees: Voting Members	Attendee: Non-Voting Members
ARVHAN	Cody Shelton, Terrie Morgan (Proxy for Mary Thompson)	Sara Brewer
BBMNS	Chonda Tapley, William Tollett	Cassie Johnson
CoC Staff	Whitney Force, Brandon Turner, Autumn Johnson	
Delta Hills	Myracle White	
DHS		
EAR	Josephine Flowers	Avery Collins, Rose Dawson, Ethel Hutchinson, Jeannetta Gilliam, Jennifer Johnson, Brad Johnson
HUD		
Mississippi	Lisa Willard, Phyllis McClendon	
NEA	Jana Burnett	Danielle Lawrence, Trish Eubanks, Adam Watkins
RHC		

SWAP	Sarah Fowler, Boyce Mitchell	Latoria Neal, Gina Wessner, Michelle Hood, Robin Surf
Toadsuck	Spring Hunter, Shoshana Wells (Proxy for Shannon Haward)	Debbie Crosby, Derrick Marshall, Sarah Wilson, John Williams, Shawanna Rodgers
VA		Andre Jones
Other Voting Members		
Other Community Partners		
Other Attendees	Michelle Simon	Victoria Paul, Zoe Merritt, Angela Luchsinger

- I. Welcome
 - Given by Director Whitney Force
- II. Introductions
 - All attendees introduced themselves, what agency they represented and what programs they offered.
- III. Approval of March minutes.
 - Motion- William Tollett
 - Second- Josephine Flowers
 - None opposed
- IV. Coordinated Entry Presentation
 - Doug Tetrault, Technical Assistant, gave a presentation on Coordinated Entry.
 - Doug gave insight on the progress that has been made by the Arkansas Balance of State's C.E. team on the assessment tool.
 - Autumn Johnson, the Arkansas Balance of State's C.E. Coordinated gave an update on the workshop that the C.E. team is attending.
 - Autumn passed out a questionnaire for all attendees to fill out. The questionnaire was to help the C.E. team ensure that as the Coordinated Entry System is being built, that it is equitable and targeting the most vulnerable populations.
- V. Lunch
- VI. Trauma Informed Care

- Kiah Hall from the University of Arkansas presented on Trauma Informed Care.
- Kiah presented on what it means to be trauma-informed on an individual and organizational level.

VII. Naloxone Training

- Mary Sponer at Perfectly Loved TLC conducted the Naloxone Training.
- Statistics were given on death rates for opioid overdoses.
- Mary showed attendees how to use Naloxone on someone who has overdosed on opioids using a slide presentation.
- All attendees were given the opportunity to leave with their own Naloxone kit.

VIII. Next meeting of BoS Board.

- May 9, 2024

IX. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 3:30p.m. by Whitney Force.