

ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Minutes

July 11, 2024 – 11:00am

Zoom

- I. Welcome - we do not have a quorum to vote on any agenda items.
- II. Members present: Lisa Willard, Mississippi County Union Mission
- III. Election of Secretary - Chonda requested nominations for the position of secretary. She asked if anyone is interested to please submit their name to her via email.
- IV. Approval of June Minutes - due to the lack of a quorum we were unable to vote on minutes acceptance.
- V. Partner Reports - no partners were on the Zoom meetings to report. Passed on reports.
 - HUD-
- V. Balance of State Updates
 - DHS-
 - Collaborative Applicant - Chonda called on William and Autumn for an update. William Tollett stated documents for RFP have been submitted to all board members. We will need to vote to accept the RFP electronically.
 - Tollett stated RFP applications need to be submitted in detail. Tollett deferred to Autumn Johnson.
 - HMIS Lead - HMIS lead RFP has been sent out with minutes and agenda today. Sue asked about the dates for submission, etc. Autumn Johnson will update and re-submit to the ARBoS Board members. No further questions were provided.
 - Coordinated Entry - Autumn Johnson reported the class has been completed and will continue with coordinated entry meetings. In hope of starting CE soon.
 - NOFO - NOFO will be dropping within the next 30 days.
 - Update on Program Director for ARBoS - Sue Legal, OCYFS, stated they have interviewed a great candidate, Desiree Willmuth. She has a lot of experience with homelessness and has requested the Ex. Committee to schedule a second interview. Tollett asked if the OCYFS homeless director would be the contact for ARBoS. Sue Legal stated Desiree would be the point of contact for ARBoS issues. Also, all training for ARBoS re: HMIS would take place by WellSky. This training would take place annually and be a certificate of training provided to participants.
 - William Tollett, Vice President, ARBoS, directed the following questions to Sue Legal, OCYFS, Collaborative Applicant.

OCYFS Director of Homeless Services will be spending about 20% of their time on ARBoS needs and approx 20% of the budget would go to cover her time.

ARBoS HMIS staff member is awaiting an interview with Board Ex. Committee. This person will be spending about basically part-time. This person will be handling passwords, resets, HIC, PIT, etc.

ESG grant question was directed to Sue about when it might drop.

All training for HMIS will go through WellSky per Sue Legal with OCYFS.

Fall General Meeting Update –

With the transition of our ARBOS Director and the representative from United Ways of the Oucahitas, William Tollett asked for other participants to assist.

REPORTS

- Autumn Johnson reported about ADFA's request for HMIS sharing. This would be an abbreviated format. ADFA desires for everyone to use HMIS and is looking at ways to cover the cost for the agencies not receiving ESG grant. DV facilities may be excluded from this information request.
- Discharge Planning Workgroup has been tabled.
- Coordinated Entry Update – working with assessments, as well as, policies and procedures
- ARVAN – no report
- BBMNS – meeting held in June and discussed programming and funding.
- Delta Hills – cooling centers open and operational.
- Eastern Arkansas – met in July – Avery was added as new BOS voting member.
- Mississippi – need for affordable housing with unique situation with construction workers
- NEA – no report
- RHC – no report
- SWAP – short meeting in June; need an additional voting member
- Toad Suck – no report

XI. Adjourn – William Tollett made motion to adjourn.

X. Next meeting of BoS Board-August 8, 2024