

ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE
Minutes September 12, 2024– 11:00am
Zoom

- I. Welcome – William Tollett, Vice Chair, led the meeting in the absence of Chonda Tapley, ARBoS Chair.
- II. Approval of Minutes – a majority members were not present and we could not approve the outstanding minutes.
 - June
 - July
 - August
- III. Partner Reports
 - HUD- not present in the ZOOM meeting; no report.

 - DHS – not present in the ZOOM meeting; no report. However, September 30 in the end of the 2023-24 ESG. All invoices need to be submitted ASAP since DHS is closing out the ESG and will not longer be managing the grant.
- IV. Balance of State Updates
 - Collaborative Applicant- deadline extended to October 15 since we only have one applicant and they are not within our CoC.

 - HMIS Lead - deadline extended to October 15 since we only have one applicant and they are not within our CoC.

 - Coordinated Entry - Josephine Flowers provides an update on the vulnerability assessment and scale assessment. Josephine mentions that training dates for the tool have been sent out. Josephine explains the purpose of the test run to ensure the tool is capturing all vulnerable individuals.

The vulnerability assessment tool is being tested, with training sessions scheduled for October 16, 23, and 30.
- V. Old Business
 - NOFO – William Tollett provided an update on the NOFO and mentions that the 2991 has been updated. Tollett requests that applications be submitted in E snaps and sent to the chair of the rank and review committee. He hopes to have seven participants submitting applications for the NOFO. He mentions that the general meeting will be held via Zoom due to current blocks

 - Fall General Meeting Updates - the general meeting will be held via Zoom due to current blocks
- VI. New Business
 - RFP Re-issued with corrections

VII. VIII. Committee Reports

- Steering Committee Update - As of now, the Steering Committee received one proposal for the HMIS Contract Holder for the state, which was Restore Hope. Restore Hope has been chosen as the Contract holder. The steering committee is currently working on a Memorandum of Agreement for Restore Hope to sign.

Also, each CoC will need to sign an authorization for this Memorandum of Agreement and will need to designate a person from our CoC to sign the authorization for this agreement. Please advise if you would like me to do this for our CoC under the Steering Committee.

Also agencies should be receiving an email soon from WellSky for training modules, be on the lookout for those.

It was stated that ADFA is working on trying to get everything together for ESG. Other than that no other updates on ESG.

- Coordinated Entry Workgroup - The vulnerability assessment tool is being tested, with training sessions scheduled for October 16, 23, and 30.

VIII. Coalition Reports

- ARVAHAN - Cody Shelton from the local Homeless Coalition reports that they are closing out ESG and waiting for the verdict on the fiscal year.
- BBMNS – Provided an update on NOFO and ESG grant.
- Delta Hills – slow progress and small participation
- Eastern Arkansas - Josephine Flowers reports on Eastern Arkansas, mentioning an upcoming election of officers and the addition of new members.
- Mississippi - Mississippi reports on local initiatives and the challenge of finding affordable housing due to industry expansion.
- NEA – no report
- RHC – no report
- SWAP – no report
- Toadsuck – no report

IX. Next meeting of BoS Board

- October 10, 2024

X. Adjourn

Submitted by William Tollett, Vice Chair in absence of Secretary.