

ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTIUUM OF CARE
Minutes November 14, 2024 – 11:00 AM
Zoom

- I. Welcome
- II. Meeting called to order @ 11:06 am by Chonda Tapley Chair.
- III. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by William Tollett to approve October Minutes and Shannon Haward seconded. Minutes were approved.
- IV. Partner Reports
 - ADFA – Susan Garner, gave an update on when the ESG Grant Application will be available. It will be in the next couple of months. Also working with HUD on the HMIS contract and payment.
 - HUD – No report provided
 - DHS – No report provided
- V. Balance of State Update
 - Collaborate Applicant - Sue Legal, the NOFO was submitted on time on October 30, 2024. All renewals plus one new.
 - Homeless Program Director – Loren Morpew, new hire.
 - Regional Coordinator - HMIS – Mark Smith. Will be working with Loren Morpew. Mark submitted the first for the LSA on Nov. 13th.
 - Coordinated Entry – Josphine Flowers giving the update. Training was done for the Vulnerability Tool. Reach out if you would like the training recording.
- VI. Old Business

- Board Leader Elections – In last meeting William Tollett discussed Chonda Tapley would step down as Chair to Vice Chair and William would be approved. Shannon Haward motioned and Boyce second it. Motion was approved for the 2025 yr.
- AR BoS Building Grant, NOFO – Sue Legal, has gotten 1 inquiry about the grant. It is due November 17.
- Voting Member Update – William Tollett sent out a survey. If you did not receive, please submit your email. William is asking to update voting members. Need to know who the voting members are or their replacements.

VII. New Business

- RFP Collaborator Applicant – William Tollett, there were 2 RFP that were submitted, one was not an engaged member of our BoS. OCWSF did resubmit and the Executive Committee awarded that RFP to the Balance of State. To go the record for our support for OCWSF. A motion was made by Boyce to adopt, and a second motion was made by Shannon Haward. Motion was passed.
- As new Chair – William Tollett discussed what his plan was after the first of the year. He plans to travel and try to meet with some of the LHS. He wants to better understand what they are doing across the state of Arkansas. He is looking forward in meeting with the Board Members. Try to facilitate better communication and be able to interact and dialogue better with OCWSF as our Collaborative Applicant representing the Balance of State.
- Pit Count – William Tollett is looking to OCWSF as or Collaborator Application. Sue Legal this year there will be a full pit count. That is shelter and non-sheltered. Date for the pit count will be January 23, 2025. Sue has received the contract for the using Counting Us app. Discussion was done on to either use paper or the Counting Us app. Budget was discussed on what add on to use. A budget was discussed of \$12,988.00. A motion was done by William Tollett to use the Counting Us app and a second motion was made by Boyce. Motion passed. Sue Legal could have training mid-January for all of it.

VIII. Committee Reports

- Steering Committee Updated - Autumn said that they have not had a meeting with a lot of people travelling. They do have a meeting today November 14th. Will give an update on the next meeting.
- Coordinated Entry Workgroup – Josephin Flowers would like the previous report to stand for Coordinated Entry. Per Chonda Tapley the previous report will stand.

IX. Coalition Reports

- ARVAHAN – No one
- BBMNS – Meeting will be tomorrow November 15th.
- Delta Hills – Autumn Johnson has done the Zoom Meeting for the last couple of months and has not had anyone participate. She is trying work on membership for them.
- Eastern Arkansas – Josephine said at their last meeting they have voted for the new leaders for the upcoming year. The new chair is Jennifer Johnson, and the second chair is Avery Collins. Josephine will retain the secretarial position. Voting members will be Jennifer Johnson and Avery Collins for the upcoming year.
- Mississippi – Lisa Willard did have a meeting last month. They are having an issue with affordable housing in their area. Autumn Johnson asked for her, William, Lorne, and Mark to be invited to their next meeting.
- NEA – Autumn stated that they meet every 2 months and did not have a meeting last month.
- RHC - Paul said that they have been meeting regularly. He said that they have 4 new transitional housing units going online next week. Autumn Johnson asked for her, William, Lorne, and Mark to be invited to their next meeting.
- SWAP – Loren Morpew stated that SWAP did not meet last month and will be meeting next Thursday November 21st.

- Toadsuck - Shannon Haward stated that she missed last month's meeting, but they will be having a meeting on November 19th

VIII. Other Coalition Updates

- Susan Garner stated that AFDA's mission is to provide affordable housing throughout the state of Arkansas. If you are in that situation reach out to AFDA and get a list of those units. These affordable units can not increase rents above HUD's limits.

X. Next Balance of State zoom Meeting

- December 12, 2024

XI. Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Cassie Johnson, ARBoS Secretary.