

ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE
Minutes January 9, 2025 – 11:00 AM
Zoom

- I. Welcome
- II. Meeting called to order @ 11:05 am by William Tollett - Chair.
- III. Approval of Minutes: December Minutes were not approved due to not having a quorum present.
- IV. Partner Reports
 - ADFA – Susan spoke about the ESG grant application deadline, expressing optimism about ADFA's commitment to securing additional resources for the homeless despite uncertainties regarding the number of applicants.
 - HUD – No report provided
 - DHS – No report provided
- V. Balance of State Update
 - Collaborate Applicant -
 - Homeless Program Director – No report provided
 - Coordinated Entry - Josephine Flowers and Autumn Johnson discussed the launch of the prioritization assessment testing for coordinated entry, scheduled for Monday, the 13th. They mentioned that recorded training sessions have been sent out to participating agencies and invited further participation to ensure comprehensive data collection. Additionally, they clarified that the vulnerability assessment tool would not be used for the PIT count, directing focus instead to the Counting Us app.

* Coordinated Entry and Assessment Tool Testing

VI. Old Business

- Pit Count Mandatory Training – Loren Morpew, I just went through the Counting Us App training with SimTech just a couple of days ago. Still learning right now. I am looking at the second full week in January to home in on information and training for the pit count. I am going to make myself fully available January 13th through January 17th. I will be sending out emails and survey information. So, I can gather as much information about all the LHCS and what resources are available. The emails will be sent out the first full week of January and then we'll schedule the training for the second full week of. In case there is bad weather on January 23rd, the pit count will be moved to January 27th.

VII. New Business

- William discussed the ESG grant, noting that reimbursements for expenses incurred prior to the grant funding will not be allowed. The grant period runs from the time of funding through September 30th, and delays in the application process have left many agencies without necessary funding. Josephine Flowers inquired about the changes in agency management which contributed to the current funding issues.
- The PIT count is set for January 23rd, and Rashad Woods highlighted the importance of preparation for the event, which will include both unsheltered and sheltered counts. Mark Sniff reported on his progress with HMIS and LSA, mentioning successful data analytics training and collaboration with organizations to clarify data discrepancies.
- William confirmed Kimmy's leadership for Delta Hills and Lily Rourke's for SWAP.
- Mark Sniff reporting zero data errors in HMIS and LSA. House Of Hope urged local homeless coalitions to remain engaged, and various coalitions provided updates on ESG grants and training communications.

VIII. Committee Reports

- Steering Committee Updated – Sue Legal said that she that they have cancelled all meeting for December.

IX. Coalition Reports

- ARVAHAN –
- BBMNS –
- Delta Hills –
- Eastern Arkansas –
- Mississippi –
- NEA –
- RHC -
- SWAP –
- Toadsuck -

VIII. Other Coalition Updates

- William will clarify the contact person for each LHC and communicate with Sue and Loren regarding this matter.
- William will assist anyone needing information for their grant application to ensure successful submissions.
- Autumn Johnson will send out recorded training materials for the prioritization assessment testing launch to interested agencies. Agencies interested in participating in the assessment tool training will email Autumn, Josephine, or Doug for access to the materials.
- Rashad Woods will work on preparing for the PIT count scheduled for January 23rd and coordinate with local leaders.
- Rashad will coordinate with Mary and other leaders to plan a meeting by next Friday regarding the upcoming pick count.
- Loren will send out information on the Counting Us app training scheduled for January 16th to ensure familiarity with the app.
- Livvey Rurup will follow up with Loren regarding the training date for the Counting Us app.
- William will send out an email with new information on the ESG timetable to all members once it is available.

- X. Next Balance of State zoom Meeting
 - February 13, 2025 @ 11:00 am

XI. Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Cassie Johnson, ARBoS Secretary.