

ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Minutes

July 10, 2025 – 11:00 AM

Zoom

- I. Welcome
- II. Meeting called to order 11:00 am by William Tollett - Chair.
- III. Approval of Minutes: May & June Minutes – Josephine Flowers and Shannon Haward seconded
- IV. Partner Reports
 - ADFA – Susan Garner spoke about the HMIS payment.
 - HUD – No report provided
- V. Balance of State Update
 - Collaborate Applicant – Sue Legal gave the update for Loren Morphen. The official PIT Count planning will begin in August. All LHC's will receive further information this month. Spring Hunter has stepped down from the Toad Suck LHC and was the vice chair. We're in need of all LHC coordinator to fill that role. Loren will be covering that role in the meantime. I also received an email from E Snap that the FY 25 NOFO will be coming out.
 - Homeless Program Director – Sue Legal gave the update for Mark Sniff. He has said that the Steering Committee is working on finalizing visibility of HMIS across the state. This change will allow us to view prior enrollments for clients who are served in different areas of the state. We're working to finalize a statewide used release of information document adding consistency to intake for HUD funding program. Please reach out if you have any training needs or questions regarding HMIS.
 - Sue Legal - In the ESG meeting they informed everyone that ESG recipients will receive negative points next year during next year's application if they are not using HMIS the way they're supposed to be doing throughout the year.
 - Coordinated Entry – Autumn Johnson – Myself and the Coordinated Entry committee are still working on policies and procedures. Hopefully I will be able to get a rough draft finished and into the Coordinated Entry Committee by the next CEC meeting. I am still trying to meet and discuss in LHC meeting with them about access points. If anyone has questions about access points please call or email me.

- Autumn Johnson has asked the board to vote on the AR Balance of State Coordinated Entry Assessment Triage Tool. It was sent out for the June Board meeting. It was voted on, first by Miracle and 2nd by Josephine. It was passed by the Board.
- William Tollett wanted to go over the payment of HMIS and who is providing the funding for the \$1,000.00. Susan Garner from ADFA commented on this issue. We are throwing more money into the HMIS category one for you to build up your staff capacity when it comes to HMIS, and who is going to be doing it and who is going to be monitoring that for your agency. We have paid it this year since we took over for DHS and they paid the contract fees licensing. Going forward we will be working with HUD and with HMIS lead CoC leads to organize the structure of paying the contract.

VI. Old Business

- Did not have any old business to talk about.

VII. New Business

- ESG Grant Applications – Sue Legal gave a report on update. Before the ESG Grant application can be submitted it must be sent to the CoC first. During the executive committee, we decided on who that committee was going to be reviewing those applications. Since the application is due on August 14th, I am looking at Loren, Mark, Autumn and myself will be the committee to review those applications. We need those emailed to us by August 1st so that we can review and return. For the approval process it must come to the local CLC before it can be submitted to ADFA. There is a letter that we must sign to show that we have reviewed it. Also, we will attach your Good Standing letter when we return to you. We did not go with the Rank and Review Committee, even though it could have fallen underneath them. There would have been a conflict in the members of the committee being recipients and of the ESG grant. This is the reason that we look beyond that and spread the scope out.

VIII. Committee Reports

- Steering Committee Updated – Autumn Johnson, no updates other than what Sue reported when giving the HMIS updates.
- Coordinated Entry - Autumn Johnson, it is the same information that was given earlier in the meeting.

IX. VIII. Other Coalition Updates

- None given.

X. Coalition Reports

- ARVAHAN No report given.
- BBMNS – Cassie Johnson, did not have a meeting in June.
- Delta Hills – Autumn Johnson, Michael has just taken over and Loren and myself are working on a game plan on how to improve and gain more people to Delta Hills.
- Eastern Arkansas – Josephine Flowers, we had our monthly meeting this week. We are working on a number of things. We are working on our committee for events. Jennifer is working on our website for East Arkansas Local Homeless Coalition. We have all our voting seats filled. That committee is looking at the events that are occurring in our coalition area. Making sure that our coalition has a presence at the meeting to give our information to hopefully garner some more interest in the coalition.
- Mississippi – Lisa Willard, so we are having our meetings quarterly, so we haven't met yet. Still our main issue is affordable housing, we are still in a crisis area. My shelter stays are longer due to not having housing to move people into.
- NEA – Avery Collins, we do not meet again until next Thursday. We were supposed to meet two months ago, but there was only about five of us there, so we did get to meet.
- RHC – Paul Henley, we have met and we're working on trying to cut the budget in several areas right now. This way we can keep going.
- SWAP – Livvey Rurup, in our June meeting we're still working on getting our committee summer meeting regularly. We are trying to get contacts in Clark and Montgomery counties. Our July meeting is a week from today. We are going to be hearing reports and also talking about the ESG.
- Toadsuck – No report given.

XI. Other Coalition Updates

XII. Next Balance of State zoom Meeting

- August 14, 2025 @ 11:00 am

XIII. Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Cassie Johnson, ARBoS Secretary.