

ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Minutes October 15, 2025 – 10:00 AM

In Person

Vision Statement:

The vision of the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care is to work toward eliminating homelessness through collaboration of innovative solutions.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care is to facilitate a coordinated effort of planning, integration of mainstream resources, and implementation of programs targeted at reducing homelessness and improving housing stability across Arkansas' diverse local homeless coalitions that comprise the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care.

I. Welcome

II. Meeting called to order 10:40 am by William Tollett - Chair.

III. Approval of Minutes: September Minutes

- Motion - Jana Burnett
- Second – Josephine Flowers
- None opposed

IV. Second item of Business: Governance Charter

- We needed to do some updating of our governance charter to put it in compliance. And we had a period of time where individuals could send in questions. So, I want to go through the six questions that were submitted and to give us an opportunity to respond to those.

1. Section 5A & 5C. This is regarding voting members with homeless experience. 5A, it stated they're within the past five years then 5C, it stated seven years. The question was should these be the same? This was an oversite and has been fixed to both being 5 years. This also allows it to math up with the ESG requirements to have a homeless representative on your local board with experience within the past five years.

2. Do we have any members on the Balance of State body that has prior homeless experience? The answer this is yes, we do. We have individuals that will come and serve on various committees and have chaired on the Rank and Review Committee.
3. Are there any current CoC funded projects if so, what agency and for what system do those projects exist? This has been discussed and we will be adding this to our website. You will be able to look up those CLC recipients who were funded and their projects and what those projects entail. Loren is working on getting that information up on the website.
4. A question was asked if this document is separate from your local LHC. The government's charter that was reviewed for the Balanced Estate is at large, and it serves the Balanced Estate, but it does not necessarily allow itself with your local LHC.
5. Section 6A, Board Terms – We removed from the bylaws regarding a statement on unlimited consecutive terms. We felt that there needs to be term limits. WE have changed this to two-year term limits simply to have fresh ideas and new agencies getting involved.

V. Approval of adopt and to make the changes that were referenced with the governance charter.

- Motion – Boyd Mitchell
- Second – Rashad Woods
- None opposed

VI. Message from William Tollett - Chair

- I want to thank everyone very much for attending our in-person meeting. It is always great to put faces to names. Please introduce yourself to the people at your table if you don't already know each other. So, I hope we have an opportunity to get to know each other better.

VII. Conflict of Interest Statement – Annual Vote

Does anyone have question or concerns regarding Conflict-of-Interest Statement?

- Motion – Jennifer Welter
- Second – Boyd Mitchell
- None opposed

VIII. End of Business Conference

- William Tollett – This brings us to the end of our business conference. I will be turning the meeting over to Loren. She will be introducing the individual that will be speaking at the respective times for our training session. Thank you everyone that participated on zoom.

X. Continuum of Care 101

- Loren Morphew – went over the Continuum of Care 101. She spoke about Pit Count and the subject to break-up into counties.

XI. HMIS Presentation

- Mark Sniff – Spoke about how HUD allocated to CoC funding.

XII. Break for Lunch

XIII. Guest Speakers

- Latoria Neal – Topic: Domestic Violence
- Walter Zgleszewski – Topic: Veterans
- Marcus Tatum – Topic: Prevention

XIV. Next Balance of State zoom Meeting

- November 13, 2025 @ 11:00 am

XV. Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Cassie Johnson, ARBoS Secretary.