



CATCH
Central Arkansas Team Care
for the Homeless

Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 19, 2024 at 9am (Virtual)

Board Member Attendees: Ben Goodwin (Our House), Rebecca Beadle (CALs), Chris Porter (CLR), Michelle Spencer (City of Jacksonville), Andre' Jones (VA), Dr. FranSha Anderson (ASILC), Artina Blackmon (People Trust), Ashley Young (BCD), Greg Chastine (St. Francis House) and Harriett Phillips (CLR).

Absent Board Member: Lekita Colclough (WCF), Arlo Washington (People Trust), and Carol Miles (DePaul USA).

Non-Board Member Attendees: Alyssa Stakey (CNLR), Aimee Prince (Bethlehem House in Conway), Sandra Mitchell (BCD), Keith Alexander (Salvation Army), Paul Wilkerson (River City Ministries) and Cecilia Cole (CLR).

Meeting Quorum: present 10/13

Call to Order

- 09: 03am -Meeting called to order by CATCH President Dr. FranSha Anderson

Roll Call of Board Members by President FranSha Anderson

Approval of Minutes from the June 2024 Board Meeting:

- Motion: Harriett Phillips
- 2nd: Chris Porter
- Minutes are approved

President's Updates -HMIS Steering Committee Update

- HMIS Steering Committee did not meet last week but there will be a webinar in August regarding the HMIS system. The Request for Proposal (RFP) HMIS Contract Holder deadline is today, July 19 and all the information was due back to the President/ Chair of the Steering Committee Ms. Debbie. Next Membership meeting will be in August.

Committee Updates

- Membership and Training- Ben Goodwin
 - No new update; will send out email requesting nominations for next year's board sometimes soon and they'll be due September 30th. Also strongly recommend engaging with TA to make revision to our Bylaws to match our Governance Charter and lastly, need to look at making some changes to our existing board membership to get us into compliance with our Governance Charter.

Keith Alexander stated that HUD has worked with his previous employer at Metro Nashville and Davidson County for the past couple of years they have come out. They had two separate TA groups come work with them to transitioned to a housing first model, utilizing their expertise along with the Office of Home and Services. The Homeless Impact Division at the Metro were excellent in adopting the housing first model.

- Public Policy and Community Awareness- Chris Porter
 - Concerned about Homeless individuals who could be criminalized for sleeping in public areas. Inform some members to go to the Capitol and speak with Legislatives about this rule and to get on board and try to do something that does not penalize a person for being homeless and having no access to shelter.
 - Has a meeting next week with State about homeless people trashing and sleeping under or near the overpasses.

Michelle Spencer stated the Council met last night for the City of Jacksonville and they did vote Ordinance in to uphold the new rule.

Keith Alexander stated a couple of years ago in Nashville the Governor of Tennessee passed a similar law long before the Supreme Court ruled and that may have come from that law that was passed no shelter on a public property. So instead of criminalizing being poor, they reached out to the department of Metro to work directly with MNPD Nashville Police Department or service providers. They would go out and complete an assessment on the spot and find alternative shelter options, whether it was the rescue mission or other agencies. It's going to be key for advocacy groups and service providers to talk to local government because ultimately, it's local government who's going to implement this policy.

- Monitoring and Evaluation- Harriett Phillips
 - Still waiting on reports
- Competition- Greg Chastine
 - Reviewing and working on assigning the questions for NOFO. Will reach out to some members for information.
- Rank and Review-Michelle Spencer
 - Review and Ranking Committee Process draft was shared by email to the board members, pending the release of 2024 NOFO. Requesting that review and any questions be directed to the Chair after the meeting for the sake of time. Will ensure the Review and Ranking Process is updated with deadlines etc., prior to sending it out to the applicants. Will also ensure the AR500 Rank and Review Procedure is

updated so that the process lines up with the procedures, considering it is in the draft phase.

- PIT Count- Andre Jones
 - No update currently
 - Artina will provide PIT data report once she able to pull from HUD Exchange 2.0
- Data- Dr. FranSha Anderson & Artina Blackmon
 - There will be a training site for HMIS; new end users will have to undergo the training to be able to service your area, it's very comprehensive.
 - Will have a meeting on Wednesday

Special Projects:

- Greg Chastine (Competition Chair) start assigning NOFO summaries for upcoming NOFO Application (Currently HUD has not provided a submission date)
 - Reviewing and working on assigning the questions for NOFO. Will reach out to some members for information.
- Grantees will provide a report including Spend down
 - All 3 grantees are expending the funding.
 - People Trust (PT) has taken over the grants for Pulaski County (PC) they are dispensing funding for rental assistance, supportive services and administrative costs. They all have the HMIS grant and the lead agency. PT has not reimbursed PC because of discrepancies with submission of their actual invoices. Currently have 242 permanent support housing individuals and households.
 - Our House is on track to spend all their money and has been spending it each year and going strong for 20 plus years. Currently have thirteen (13) family units.
 - Better Community Development (BCD) is a permanent supportive housing program for women with special needs. They have been at capacity for the last 6 years or more. BCD deals with different issues but the main issue is codependency with substance abuse. They have spent all their money and need more but looking forward to the renewal going two years. Currently have four (4) beds; efficient apartments.

Agency Announcements: Next Board Meeting is August 16, 2024 @ Immerse Arkansas

Adjournment: 10:15am