



# CATCH

Central Arkansas Team Care  
for the Homeless

## Membership Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 16, 2024 at 10am

Immerse Arkansas- 5300 Asher Ave, LR, AR 72204

### Call to Order

- ❖ 10:14am -Meeting called to order by CATCH President Dr. FranSha Anderson

### Introduction & Welcome New Members

- Each member with organization name
- Arkansas Democrat with 2 reporters

### Approval of Minutes from the May 2024 Membership Meeting

- ❖ Motion by Michelle Spencer
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Porter

May 2024 minutes were approved.

### HMIS Steering Committee Update (Dr. FranSha Anderson) Data (Artina Blackmon)

- ❖ Gearing up HMIS outreach to get more people involved. If you would like to learn more a survey will be going out after this meeting.
- ❖ Rolled out an On Demand Training (this week) via email.
- ❖ Opening the demographic for HMIS by sharing minimal information about the people that are being served.
- ❖ Would like to extend an invitation to “Why Data Matters”
- ❖ Had a meeting earlier this week with a few members with Data Management and Coordinated Entry.
- ❖ HMIS: Homeless Management Information System
- ❖ ARMIS: Arkansas Management Information System is for the AR 500 CoC/CATCH

### **Committee Updates**

#### Membership and Training (Ben Goodwin)

- ❖ CATCH to play of role of clearinghouse of Training Opportunity in the Community that can be shared with the membership. Please share any training and it will be sent out through the email serve list with any instructions on sign up, seat availability etc. This will help build good connections and relationships. If you do not receive any CATCH email, please see Cecilia.

- ❖ An email will be sent in a week a so, please send your nomination for new board members by September 30th. A full list will be shared by Oct. 15 and vote on November 15. Could have at least 15 board members, currently have 13.
- ❖ Must be member (organization or individual) of good standing to be a board member.
- ❖ Time commitment and dedicated to address homelessness in four county regions: Pulaski, Saline, Lonoke & Prairie.

#### Public Policy and Community Awareness (Chris Porter)

- ❖ Immerse Arkansas grand opening last week of their new building.
- ❖ Issue with policing the homeless that must be address. Concern that one (1) municipality may do one thing and the other, do another. Locally really concern with city, county & state municipalities because our people live within all three (3). If you would like to join the Public Policy Committee, please join. Chris is recruiting.

#### Monitoring and Evaluation (Harriett Phillips)

- ❖ HUD sends out reports in August, we will go over them for Central Arkansas area and see how the programs CATCH sponsored impact. If you like data (M&E), this is a committee for you.

#### Competition (Greg Chastine)

- ❖ Not present to give report

#### Rank and Review (Michelle Spencer)

- ❖ Deadlines to help with homeless or at risk of homelessness
- ❖ Letters of intent to apply for grants is due today, by 5pm.
- ❖ Will reach out to each project applicants
- ❖ Applications are due by September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Rank & Review score decision date by October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Submit application by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### PIT Count (Andre Jones)

- ❖ Not present to give report

#### Artina Blackmon-Shared a presentation of Central Arkansas CoC AR-500/ CATCH 2024 PIT Count data

- ❖ 552 sheltered persons experienced homelessness in 2024; 78% increase from 2023 with 309
- ❖ 383 persons are in families with children and 169 are adults without children
- ❖ 44%-Black, 43%-White, 4%- Hispanic and 4%- Multi-Racial
- ❖ 56%-Adults (25-64), 21%-Children (under 18), 12%-Adults (over 64) and 9%-Children (18-24)
- ❖ 10% reported counted as being Veterans
- ❖ 52% reported being Chronic Homeless
- ❖ 52%-Women, 46%-Men and 2%-Non-Binary

- ❖ Counties served: Pulaski, Saline, Lonoke and Prairie

#### Agency Announcements

- ❖ SAGE will be having Resource Fair on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 10a-2pm
- ❖ City of LR will have two (2) Unsheltered Fair in September and late October/ early November. Encampment Response Strategies/ Outreach Coalition to utilize the CoC to help with input on the people we are serving. First draft of Winter Emergency Shelter Response Plan submitted to the mayor for input. Building a Bed Inventory for shelters from organization (with approval) that during outreach to be streamline with numbers.
- ❖ If any organization is interested in hosting the next meeting, please let Dr. FranSha Anderson or Cecilia Cole know, if not the next membership meeting will be held at Willie Hinton.

Next Membership Meeting: November 15, 2024

Adjournment: 11:03am