

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Friday, November 15, 2024 @ 9am

#### Call to Order 9:11am

#### Roll Call of Board Members by President FranSha Anderson

**Attendees:** Dr. FranSha Anderson (ASILC), Greg Chastine (St. Francis House), Ben Goodwin (Our House), Lekita Colclough (Women & Children First), Artina Blackmon (People Trust), Rebecca Beadle (Central Ark. Library), Michelle Spencer (City of Jacksonville), Chris Porter (People Trust), Carol Miles (DePaul USA), Harriett Phillips (CLR) and Andre Jones (VA).

**Absent Board Members:** Arlo Washington (People Trust) and Ashley Young (Better Community Development).

**Non-Board Member Attendees:** Dr. Lashun Bland (Lonoke County Housing), Alisa Green (ADFA), Nick Sherwood (ADFA), Tracey Shine (CLR), Cecilia Cole (CLR) and Brian Contino (CLR).

#### **Approval of Minutes from October 2024**

- Michelle Spencer- motion to approve
- ➤ Ben Goodwin- 2nd

Minutes approved with two (2) corrections

#### **President's Update Including Executive**

### **HMIS Steering Committee**

- Attended HMIS Steering Committee yesterday, November 14
- Discussed more visibility- point of entry
- > Some hesitation from other CoCs about information being redacted like the last 4 numbers of social and no personal information.
- Each CoC must vote- to have visibility

Question (Michelle): Where are we on getting the by-ins on with each organization to be able to share data?

Response (Dr. FranSha): That is an Artina question for HMIS

Question (Harriett): Who was all on the call?

Response (Dr. FranSha): All the CoCs representative except for one (1). Are you talking about around the State?

Response (Harriett): No for CATCH

Response (Dr. FranSha): myself (Dr. FranSha) and Artina

ReStore Hope is the new contract holder

Question (Michelle): Will ReStore Hope be taken on Wellsky or changing to a new contract?

Response (Dr. FranSha): Still be Wellsky but will clarify.

# **CoC Builds Applications**

- Received two (2) applications for the CoC Builds.
- > The executive team will be scoring those applications
- The executive team will submit scores to CA before application deadline 21st

Question (Harriett): Who submitted a proposal?

Response (Dr. FranSha): Pulaski County and City of Little Rock

- Only one (1) application can be submitted to HUD
- Require a letter from CoC President

Question (Harriett): We don't know what Pulaski County is submitting?

Response: (Ben): No, I have not seen it, but I was told it was related to their Tiny Homes Community.

Response: (Dr. FranSha): No, we will have to read it.

Question (Michelle): How did you all go about devising the plans to actually review based on the Executive Committee instead of the Rank & Review that is designated to actually review applications?

Response (Dr. FranSha): You're designated to view applications as it relates to what you did before, but this is totally different. We all talked about it, and we felt it was the best interest for us to do it and it keeps a conflict of interest from not happening. Ms. Harriett is on the Rank & Review, and I made the decision to do that while talking with the Executive Committee. If we foresee that we need someone else, they will probably be appointed (but I don't think we do) from the membership.

Michelle: Not necessarily the whole committee, they may not have wanted to be engaged but I did extend myself as the Committee chair.

Dr. FranSha: You did, and we appreciated that, but we thought collectively this will keep it transparent to let you guys know we will do it this time.

Michelle: How many are total on that committee? Is it 4 or 5?

Dr. FranSha: 4

Michelle: Do you need 5?

Dr. FranSha: We might. We are going to have a short meeting afterwards and talk.

### **Committee Reports**

### Rank and Review (Michelle)

➤ Update on the Planning Grant-Was that number increased or will that number decrease for ARA for 2024 being a total of \$152,000 instead of \$80,000?

Response (Cecilia): Per the technical assistance to leave it at \$85,000 because it will be up to HUD to determine how much the city receives on the Planning Grant.

#### **Monitoring and Evaluation (Harriett)**

No updates

#### Competition (Greg)

No updates

# PIT Count (Andre)

No updates

Question (Ben): Does anyone know the date of the Point in Time Count?

Response (Michelle & Cecilia): January 22, 2025, and backup date January 29, 2025

### Public Policy and Community Awareness (Chris)

- > Dr. FranSha: General assembly will be starting. A bill will be presented for Housing. Also, there's an app call "Remind" that you can use to get update on any bill from legislation.
- > Homeless Event at St. Mark Baptist Church next week Tuesday
- Anticipation with the new administration trying to put things in place. Trying to be optimistic by we not only keep moving on doing what we are doing but adding to it to help us along the way to reach out to those homeless people.

#### Data (Artina)

- Met with HMIS Steering Committee
- Meet weekly and try to make a collaborative effort to get one (1) accord for the whole entire state
- AR-500 still looks fairly good; however, we do need more member agencies to be on board and actually be involved in data submission and HMIS efforts. I do have information to be added to the CATCH websites as for as onboarding process. People Trust is the Centralize location for Coordinated Entry. This is still in the beginning stages, and nothing is set in stone. If you have any input or want to understand more, please use the helpdesk at helpdesk@providingequalopportunities.org.
- This week was the first submission (timely submission) for HDX 2.0 with LSA report. We did get a timely submission, and I have been doing data quality checks and review for the last

two (2) weeks with changes. If you receive an email about changes thank you for making those changes and if you did not, you are pretty much good, or I might have gone in and did it myself. Some data were duplicate entries just because we are opening the visibility. That will take a vote from the board.

- Will start training agencies that is not involved in HMIS. WellSky/Service Point has training that we pay for and some training with a little bit of Coordinated Entry output.
- ➤ People Trust opened their Rapid Rehousing (RRH) programs under it, that how we can accept individuals on our program through RRH. As a resource, if you know anyone like DV clients or transitional living that needs a little more assistance, you can submit a referral to People Trust.

Question (Rebecca): Can any organization use the referral form?

Response (Artina): Yes

Question (Michelle): Can the digital forms be added to the CATCH website?

Response (Artina): Yes, it is on there, but I will get with Cecilia for updates.

Question (Ben): Agencies that do not use the HMIS system, could we get a list for so we can contact them about why they are not using it?

Response (Artina): Yes, a list can be provided.

Membership & Training (Ben)

> Update will be given to Membership

## **Election of New Board Members Update on Candidates**

#### **Project Updates & News**

Tracey Shine (no update provided)

## **Announcements including Celebrations**

Unsheltered Fair at St. Mark

Question (Harriett): Have the TA letter been sent to HUD? This was approved back in August.

Response (Cecilia): No, per the President to hold off.

Response (Dr. FranSha): A request will be made for TA.

Adjournment: 10:04am