



CATCH

Central Arkansas Team Care
for the Homeless

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 20, 2024 @ 9am
Virtual

Call to Order 9:03am

Roll Call of Board Members by President FranSha Anderson

Attendees: Dr. FranSha Anderson (ASILC), Ben Goodwin (Our House), Artina Blackmon (People Trust), Michelle Spencer (City of Jacksonville), Chris Porter (CORPP, Inc), Dr. Lashun Bland (Lonoke/Jacksonville PHA), Bailey Noland (CNLR), Steven Morris (River City Ministry), Ashley Young-Golden (BCD), Matthew DeSalvo (CLR), Greg Chastine (St. Francis House) and Andre Jones (VA).

Absent Board Members: Lekita Colclough (Women & Children First), Carol Miles (DePaul USA), and Rebecca Beadle (Central Ark. Library)

Non-Board Member Attendees: NaKeshia Primus (NLR Housing Authority), Alisa Green (ADFA), Yulunda White (NLR Housing Authority), Jason Bays (ADFA), Susan Gardner (ADFA), Ashley McGraw, Nicholas Sherwood (ADFA), Keith Alexander (Salvation Army), Tracey Shine (CLR) and Cecilia Cole (CLR).

Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2024

- ❖ Artina-1st
- ❖ Chris-2nd
- ❖ Minutes approved with correction of spelling Dr. FranSha name.

President's Update- Dr. FranSha Anderson

- ❖ Will appoint a Chair for the Bylaws
- ❖ Training for HMIS with People Trust

No federal agency is going to tell you what to put in your Bylaws, so we have to stay consistent with the Charter. Just make sure we follow the guidelines.

Ben: Dr. Anderson, you can make the decision and I'm not going to fight you on it but that's not what our membership and training committee decided and that's also not what the board voted on at the September meeting. We voted to request HUD TA. We knew that they might deny it, but I still think we could ask for it. I'm not going to keep fighting on it, but I am going to state for the record that it's you making the decision and it's overruling the committee and the board vote.

Dr. FranSha: What I was stating for the record, they're not going to tell us what to put in our bylaws. They're going to give us suggestions.

Cecilia: We did put in technical assistance. We're just waiting for a response.

Ben: Did you specifically request TA for rewriting the bylaws?

Cecilia: No for Coordinated Entry, that's what Ms. Harriett was saying Coordinated Entry. If we need to put one in for the bylaws, I can go and do another request.

Ben: At the September board meeting, where Dr. Anderson wasn't present and Greg was chairing the meeting as a board member, we voted to request TA to amend the bylaws.

Cecilia: But it was said last month for Coordinated Entry so that's what the request was made for.

Dr. FranSha: You can put that request in, but we will still move forward after the first of the year with a chair for the Bylaws Committee.

Matthew: We do have a local TA rep assigned to us that we can consult with for a certain number of hours per week per month. His name is Doug Tetrault. He's always made himself available to me and I don't see why he couldn't do the same for this Bylaws piece. Then we wouldn't have to submit two different requests, and we could get the need for bylaws revision to match the Governance Charter.

Dr. FranSha: Yes, we can make that request with Doug and see if he will have some availability after the first of the year.

Committee Updates

PIT Count- Andre Jones

- ❖ 30days away from the actual PIT Count
- ❖ The App is ready to go
- ❖ Use of electronic version apps- will be on the personal device, data plan and Wi-Fi.
- ❖ Continue to rise to the challenge for each agency's donation drive
- ❖ Count will be January 22, 2025, from 4p-8p with secondary date January 29, 2025, from 4p-8p

Matthew: Is there anything else that we as a board or membership can do to help you make this more successful? And is there anything from us about homeless services that you might need more clarification on with location and site plans?

Andre: No, I think we are good on the site plans. It has been very helpful that we met with each locality along with law enforcement. They have agreed to not just assist in identifying encampments and congregation areas but to provide law enforcement as we approach those encampment areas. If there was anything I could request, it would be just to continue to recruit volunteers and solicit donations.

Dr. FranSha: Wasn't there something you mentioned about a couple of days before they'll pack the backpacks.

Cecilia: Yes, we are planning to do that, we're trying to get all the donations together, so we'll know how many volunteers we need to pack those backpacks. We're going to try for probably the week before because the week of the PIT is a short week due to the holiday.

Dr. FranSha: I have some mini emergency kits I'm picking up from a state agency. I'm going to try to get those Monday so, I will let you know the following week.

Ben: In the past, there have been two groups that have really carried the heavy load in the unsheltered count. They are the Van and Gala Tallent group.

Michelle: Street Ministry

Ben: Are they involved this year?

Andre: To my understanding, we've not received a reply from the Van and the other group I'm not familiar with. Have you Ms. Cole?

Cecilia: No, I have not.

Ben: In the past, I've been able to shake a different tree and get them involved.

Dr. FranSha: Where is Gala?

Ben: SW Pulaski County and Saline County. I don't know where else.

Andre: Thank you Ben, for agreeing to step up. To be that go-between agencies for the upcoming PIT Count, it takes all hands-on deck. Last year, Mr. Porter was instrumental in getting the Compassion Center on board when we were having a difficulty. So, it does take all of us, all our contacts and all our resources working together.

Ben: Do you need Chris's help with the Compassion Center this year or thy already coordinated?

Cecilia: Compassion Center is already on board to participate in the PIT Count.

Chris: Gala Tallent is the name of the organization, just in case we didn't have her contact information. Street Ministry is the name of her organization.

Ben: Do you mind calling her and I'll call the Van?

Chris: I'll talk to Cecilia about giving her the information so she can formulate who's going to reach out to them and coordinate.

Cecilia: Thank you Mr. Porter. Also, remember those same people that you all are talking about received the CATCH email, so they get all these emails we sent out the information. If you haven't contacted me or Mr. Jones, then there's no way we'll know that you wanted to participate.

Dr. FranSha: We have to be mindful emails goes to spam, so a phone call would be a courtesy from the CATCH Board.

Michelle: In the past those different areas of concentration by St. Ministry as well as getting that count for Saline County is major and another contact should be with Chaplain Tamaro Gore over in Benton/Bryant area. If she's not engaged.

Public Policy and Community Awareness-Chris Porter

- ❖ Meeting at Willie Hinton the other day. I would like a little bit of feedback on that and progress that was made during that dialogue meeting.

Matthew: We talked about our new winter plan, overview for encampment response, housing solution and not just what's available that we might all be missing but what we need within our system. A big piece was talking about the need for data. A collective brainstorming based on new plans, hopeful outcomes through the City of little Rock and introduction to new policies and procedures with community input that could garner from providers.

Andre: Would love to talk more about the encampment plan and possibly be a part of future decommissionings.

Data- Artina Blackmon

- ❖ Sent information ahead of time so everyone can read over about the Trainings.
- ❖ Dates are mapped out
- ❖ HMIS Training for AR-500 (CoC) board and member agencies
- ❖ HMIS Training for ESG
- ❖ If you are an organization does both you, it will be good to attend both sessions.
- ❖ Training is going to highlight some foundational and fundamental aspects of HMIS
- ❖ Talk about data quality and reporting, system upgrades updates, compliance components, performance evaluation and insights on what you're putting in and how you are performing as an organization with your outcomes and goals.
- ❖ Any questions, please contact HMIS Administrator and/or team at helpdesk

Greg: Can we have at least one representative from the agency because we have several people that use the HMIS?

Artina: You're fine, you can send them all if you want to. I just told everyone at least one person because I wasn't sure about the capacity. Sometimes people can't allow everybody to leave.

Dr. FranSha: Starting in January, we will add to the agenda for each board meeting and membership-

- ❖ How many beds does your agency have available today?
- ❖ Is bed availability limited to your agency's clients only?
- ❖ How many agencies do NOT use the HMIS system and what are your barriers for NOT using it?

Matthew: The bed inventory that we're trying to roll out, we're piloting that with four agencies, and we could kind of use that and grow and expand ways it can be helpful for the continuum.

Dr. FranSha: Let us know when you're going to roll it out and if it's not ready when we do the January meeting, we'll still do these questions.

Agency Announcements & Upcoming Events

- ❖ Holiday feeding going on-check emails for flyers that were sent out
- ❖ Next Board meeting January 17, 2025

Adjournment: 9:57am