



CATCH
Central Arkansas Team Care
for the Homeless

Membership Minutes-Friday, February 21, 2025 at 10am
Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center

- ❖ **I. Call to Order & Welcome**-Dr. FranSha Anderson- CATCH President at **10:14am**
- ❖ **II. Introductions- Name and Agency**
 - All attending agencies introduce themselves and gave an overview of their agency's programs
 - See sign in sheet for those in attendance
- ❖ **III. Approval of Minutes**
- ❖ November 2024 Membership Meeting
 - Motion- Michelle Spencer, 2nd- Andre' Jones, Minutes approved
- ❖ **IV. President's Update including Executive** - Dr. FranSha Anderson
 - Any housing bills have been deferred
 - A new bill has been introduced this week by Nicole Clooney (NWA)
 - ARSILC's Day at the Capitol was January 22; 24 legislative spokes to the group
 - Over 40 individuals that qualified with disabilities participated in committee meetings and participated in a "MOCK" vote.
- ❖ **V. Committee Reports**
- ❖ PIT Count – Andre Jones & Cecilia Cole
 - PIT Count was successful on January 22, 2025
 - Preliminary raw data with electronic method is 664 and we also must poll the HMIS agency's data so the number will increase
 - Point In Time Count is a count mandated by HUD on a single night in January of every year.
 - PIT Count challenge awards were given (donations and supplies)
 - Certificate of Contribution- Carol Miles
 - 2nd Place Award- People Trust Community Loan Funds
 - 1st Place Award- City of North Little Rock
 - Special Recognition (Trailblazing Award)- Andre' Jones
 - Thank you to all organizations that contributed and bought supplies
- ❖ HMIS – Artina Blackmon
 - Portal is open for training (HMIS and WellSky) if you or your agency is interested, please contact Artina Blackmon at helpdesk@providingequalopportunities.org
 - First training was postponed due to the weather. The next training will be Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at the Willie Hinton see flyer on how to register.
 - For agencies needing immediate access or refresher sessions, one-on-one or small group training may be arranged upon request.
- ❖ Public Policy and Community Awareness- Chris Porter

- Attended the Day at the Capitol hosted by the Arkansas SILC. The event was well attended and provided a footprint for all organizations involved.
- If you have any concerns with the Department of Justice (DOJ); please sign on to the letter that went out to avoid the cuts
- ❖ **Membership & Training – Ben Goodwin**
 - If you know any new members that want to participate, you can contact me or Cecilia. You will need to complete the application form.
 - Once a member, you will get on the list serve to get or share resources
 - Shared training with members and build connections
 - Send membership list to Ben
- ❖ **VI. For Membership Meeting– For Agency/Organizations**
 - MHA Program Overview (Santisha Calhoun-scalhoun@mhapha.org)
 - Vacancies on Elm St & Madison Heights (income base)
 - Mainstream voucher- 18y/o-61y/o with disability; live in city (LR) limit before transfer
 - Receive referral through CoC partners.
 - Disability must be verifiable. No specific type of disability.
 - Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) is closed
 - ARSILC has minimal funding to pay application fee for those with disability
 - Other membership organizational updates - current capacity

City of Little Rock- Kevin Howard

- Bed count access through city's website so we can know which agencies have bed available. Try to eliminate the calling and connecting services in a timely fashion.
- Can bring in IT for training with agencies to use website
- Also, working with Providence Park on housing (they will have bed for chronically and permanently housing) and Micro Village will have 200 transitional housing once completed.
- Currently in the process of grading for the Micro Village
- Will expand out in Central Arkansas area

Our House- Ben Goodwin

- Opened 14 new families unit last year- full
- Break ground on another 11-family complex; Groundbreaking on April 03 at 11am includes lunch located at Our House Campus- 302 Roosevelt Rd. in Little ROCK

Providence Park- Errin Stranger

- During cold weather put together some flyers for warming center (LR, NLR, Saline County, Conway, Pine Bluff, Cabot and Jacksonville)
- Data from Warming Center that received shelter- lowest number 334 and last night 614 people

City of North Little Rock- Bailey Noland

- Warming Center will be open today from 6pm-8am at NLR Community Center- 2700 Willow St.

Lonoke/Jacksonville Housing Authority- Dr. Lashun Bland (lbland@lonokepha.com)

- **Update on housing- no emergency housing (ended in September)**
- **Transitional housing**

City of Jacksonville-

- 100 public housing unit- list is open,
- Section 8- list is open,
- VASH- no slots available
- Foster Youth- slots available
- Vouchers in Pulaski County (Maumelle, Sherwood)

Searcy-

- Public housing- open (vacancies available)
- Section 8-no opening/closed

McRae-

- Public housing; open (no vacancies currently)

Lonoke County-

- Section 8- closed
- Public housing- open vacancies (Cabot, Austin, Carlisle, Ward)

Brinkley-

- Section 8- Open (currently no rental property)

Prairie County-

- Section 8- Open

Lee County-

- Section 8- not open

Des Arc-

- Public housing- open
- Rural Development- open
- 62yo or older- open

Cotton Plant-

- Rural Development- open- vacancies

Newport-

- Public housing- open- vacancies

West Helena-

- Public Housing- open-vacancies

Siloam Springs-

- Rural Development- open
- Elderly complex- open

Madison-

- Open

Website to apply for any of these www.myhousingportal.org. Have a working preference- working 20hrs per week for three (3) consecutive months at minimum wage or elderly/disable (head, co-head or spouse) until April 01, 2025, after that working preference will be removed.

River City Ministry- Steven Morris

- Change made to get an ID, can't bring in copy of SS card, you will need SS card (original)
- May 2025, real ID takes effect to get into a federal building;

Adjournment: 11:13am

- The next membership meeting will take place May 16, 2025 at the Willie Hinton Resource Center