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## **CATCH Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** July 18, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Location:** Virtually

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by President Dr. FranSha' Anderson.

### **II. 2. Roll Call**

#### **Board Members Present:**

- Dr. FranSha' Anderson (ARSILC)
- Greg Chastine (St. Francis House)
- Ben Goodwin (Our House)
- Matthew DeSalvo (CLR)
- Michelle Spencer (City of Jacksonville)
- Chris Porter (CORPP, Inc)
- Carol Miles (DePaul USA)
- Andre Jones (VA)
- Lekita Colclough (WCF)
- Artina Blackmon (People Trust)
- Ashley Young-Golden (BCD)
- Bailey Noland (CNLR)
  
- Steven Morris (River City Ministry)

#### **Board Member Absent:**

- Dr. Lashun Bland (Lonoke/Jacksonville PHA)

#### **Non-Board Attendees:**

- Errin Stanger (Providence Park, Refuge)
- Mandy Davis (Providence Park, Refuge)
- Tracey Shine (CLR)
- Cecilia Cole (CLR)
- Nik Noori (CLR)

Roll was confirmed by members and attendees present and 1 courtesy extended.



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### III. Approval of Minutes

The Board considered approval of June minutes.

**Motion:** Ben G. moved to approve June minutes

**Seconded by:** Andre J.

**Outcome:** Motion carried

### IV. President's Update: Dr. FranSha Anderson

- **Letter to Congressman Womack and Boozman:** Sent letters to Congressman Womack and Boozman. Call of action to contact Secretary of HUD. President drafted 2 letters to Scott Turner. Several board members sent letters on behalf of the homeless programs and other housing programs. Matthew D. commented the more they hear from the board and the folks that are boots on the ground the better. Send letters as quick as possible. Big Beautiful Build crushes funding. We need a concerted effort to reach out individually and collectively as the CoC. NAEH representative is keeping the CoC abreast to everything going on. The link to the FY26 House Appropriations was provided by Ben. G.  
<https://mailchi.mp/e9448e01974f/sky-is-not-falling-house-hud-appropriations-changes-little?e=190a8ac389> HOME program was cut and 4% to Section 8 program
- **August Meeting Speaker Suggestions:** Pull together to come up with speakers. Carol M. met with Dir. Adcock and is willing to present on McKenny Vento, making sure all families have what's needed. Dir. Adcock would like to speak about the loss of LR ID cards and her desire to have nonprofits take on the program. Michelle S. recommended Susan Gardner from ADFA who is willing to present. Needed due to there not being any homeless prevention providers in central Arkansas currently and need more applicants for the current open application. Artina B. mentioned that she was speaking to Susan G. regarding the CoC conversion with Mr. Nicholas. Reiterated there is no homeless prevention provider under ESG currently. FranSha A. added we are not limited to speakers just for membership meetings we can host separated meetings. Possible speakers, Joan Adcock with CLR, Jana Hunter with LRSD, and someone from Immerse regarding their youth programs. FranSha A. clarified the plan for the next meeting.



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- **National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH)-Errin Stanger:** Brief summary of the meeting. Mary Kinion, Chief Equity Officer, met regarding LR was identified as one of the 3 severe cities that are within a Medicaid triggered state, (Jackson Mississippi and Billings Montana the others). Mary K. would like to provide assistance with a contingency plan @ no cost to the City. Toolkits will be provided. They would like to meet in a few weeks. Next step to see who will be @ the table. Errin S. will lead the charge. Michelle S. inquired if this will cover the CoC coverage area or is it just within the City of LR area? Matthew D. responded it would be CoC and LR areas. FranSha A. thanked everyone who attended the last HMIS training.
- **HMIS Updates - Artina Blackmon:** Thanked everyone who attended or assisted with the training. The CoC providers are going in the right direction in learning about HMIS. Next meeting/training will be in October. They will continue to administer one-on-ones to anyone needing it. Helpdesk can be found at [www.providingequalopportunities.org](http://www.providingequalopportunities.org) ABT Global Data Analytic Company is reviewing PIT count and HIC data. We are a little ahead of the game and the process is going well. Which helps with coordinated entry integration, Artina also asked any board member interested to join the Data committee. ESG-CoC conversion: ESG Grantors are currently accepting application and the CoC will review those applications. FranSha A. requested clarity that there will be no paper copies for the upcoming PIT count for 2026, (Artina B. confirmed). Will start training early for the electronic version for the next PIT count. Errin was boots on the ground during this year's count. Pettaway has homeless in the park in their area. Would be good to have them on board to help with the next count.

#### V. Other Business

- **Report on Open Beds at various Organizations – Matthew DeSalvo** appreciates everyone who attended the Unsheltered fair, there was a total of 132 attendees. Arvest Bank provided & served the food. Current bed count is full for everyone. Compassion Center has available 10 adult male beds as of 6/30/25. Greg C. shared that St Francis House has 8 openings however would need to reach out to VA Day Treatment Center on Main Street for a referral.



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**VI. Announcements:**

**FranSha A.** is headed to Washington to meet with Legislators for ARSILC and will make a concerted effort to discuss the homeless issues the CoCs are facing in Arkansas.

**Recognition that Providence Park's Errin S.**, received the 2025 ACHANGE Excellence Award for Innovation in Housing Design and Development for their new shelter development.

**Cecilia C.** updated that the 2023 Planning Grant was funded and provided a summary of the planning grant which covers all CoC activities, including trainings, HMIS licensures, etc.

**Andre J.** updated on Veteran Surge Event, 15 Veterans were encountered, 2 never enrolled in VA benefits, that's a win.

**Michelle S.** had connectivity difficulties and lost connection with meeting. Added by email that the Nominating Chair/Committee will need to reconvene to kick off nominations for 2026 CATCH/CoC Board of Directors, during the August meetings.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am, per president of CATCH/CoC, Dr. FranSha Anderson.**

Next In-Person Board meeting August 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am at Willie Hinton

Next In-Person Membership meeting is August 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am at Willie Hinton

**Minutes respectfully submitted,**

Michelle Spencer- Board Secretary

**Date:** August 12, 2025

**Approved:** August 15, 2025



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## **FY26 HUD House Appropriations leaves all key programs intact; enacts small cuts**

While the Trump Administration had proposed significant cuts to core U.S. housing subsidy programs and other HUD community programs, it appears that none of these cuts were passed in the House appropriations committee. While the appropriations process is not completely finished, it is likely to look very similar to the current House version.

Specifically, federal funding was allocated to Housing for the Elderly (\$950 million), Housing for Persons with Disabilities (\$262 million), Homeless Assistance Grants (\$4.2 billion), Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (\$505 million), Community Development Block Grants (\$3.3 billion), national financing pilots (\$10 million), and Native American Programs (\$1.3 billion). The Section 8 program saw a \$770 million cut representing approximately 4% funding lower than last year. The bill did not accept the proposed idea of limiting vouchers to a two-year maximum for any housing subsidy program. It appears the HOME program (\$4



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billion) may still be on the chopping block.

Fair Housing programs, however, were "gutted" by 67 percent with reductions in HUD staffing of the Fair Housing and Equal opportunity (FHEO) division and reduced funding for support of community-based non-profit Fair Housing Centers.

Overall, the House HUD budget appropriated \$67.8 billion or about one billion less than last year. The Transportation Department which has its appropriations linked with housing saw steeper cuts of 14 percent falling \$3.5 billion with final funding of \$22 billion for FY2026.

The process is not over, but it appears that cuts will be minimal compared to what was initially proposed. So, maybe, the sky is still falling or is it?

[CLICK HERE](#) for media covering the appropriations.

The [NAEH](#) also has appropriations coverage for frequent updates.

## **HUD programs do need significant changes**

While the Trump proposed HUD changes were reckless and poorly thought out, there is a need for significant changes to HUD programs and regulations with respect to subsidized housing, income rules, and definitions that guide the process. The Brooke amendment which ties rent to household income continues to have negative impacts on both household income increases and household capacity utilization. To pay more in rent if you make more money or have another person come live with you which increases your household income is one of the most ridiculous rules ever conceived. Also, the lack of any linkage to the size of one's apartment to the rent amount with produces many people in 1 bedroom apartments paying more than people in 2, 3, or 4 bedroom apartments is again without parallel.



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Also, do we really have to house unsheltered people in expensive cities when there are many lower cost cities with rents 30% to 50% less than Los Angeles, Bay Area, Boston, and New York City. Non-homeless people have to do that. Don't we want to treat people experiencing homelessness like everyone else?

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