



CATCH Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: August 15, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center
3805 West 12th Street, Little Rock, AR 72204

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 AM by Vice President Greg Chastine in the absence of President Dr. FranSha Anderson

II. 2. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

- Greg Chastine (St. Francis House)
- Michelle Spencer (City of Jacksonville)
- Dr. Lashun Bland (Lonoke/Jacksonville PHA)
- Matthew DeSalvo (CLR)
- Andre Jones (VA)
- Artina Blackmon (People Trust)
- Lekita Colclough (WCF)
- Ben Goodwin (Our House)
- Chris Porter (CORPP, Inc)
- Bailey Noland (CNLR)
- Ashley Young-Golden (BCD)
- Steven Morris (RCM)

Board Member Absent:

- Dr. FranSha' Anderson (ARSILC)
- Carol Miles (DePaul USA)

Non-Board Attendees:

- Cecilia Cole (CLR)
- Letha Todd (RCM)

Roll was confirmed by members and attendees present and courtesies extended.



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III. Approval of Minutes

The Board considered approval of July minutes with corrections. Page 2, correction under NAEH, representative... and Page 3, as of 6/30/2025 there were 10 adult male beds available at Compassion Center.

Motion: Chris P. moved to approve July minutes

Seconded by: Michelle S.

Outcome: Motion carried, corrections will be sent to Cecilia C to share on the website.

IV. HMIS update was deferred to later

V. National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Update: Greg C. deferred to

Matthew D. for an update: Three municipalities were chosen to create a contingency plan. Arkansas is a Medicaid waiver state, lot of worry if there are funding changes and how we process insurance and with how the population of homeless will be affected. Creating a contingency plan to embed it into the CoC on the system level. Planning first visit for September 15 for a site visit. Will confirm via email. Plan is to meet with organizations and CoC lead and boots on the ground representative. There will be some planning before this meeting takes place. Matthew will ensure that info is disseminated out to everyone. Other cities affected is Billings, Montana and Jackson, Mississippi. Ben interjected an example, if Dr. Bland could give examples of what this might look like if the president's budget is cut and HCV programs are cut by 20%, what would it look like for them and other PHAs? What would be the contingency plan and how do you get ahead of the issue? Sharing with the community, things to think about, if that were to happen. Doesn't look like the sky is going to fall this year but it's good planning for if the sky falls next year. NAEH will work with us to come up with 3 areas to concentrate on. IE., If Permanent Supportive Housing is cut? What would be the plan (pre-planning). Andre J. asked, how will they determine who will be @ the table? All CoC partners will need to take part. Possibly canceling the September board meeting to be a part of these meetings. NAEH will be here for 3days and will need to know if the worst happened with the majority of the funding with People Trust, what will we do? Matthew D. will pull the latest email to present to the membership. If Dr. Anderson has a plan, he will check in with her. Lashun B. piggy backed that National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) is a nationwide organization, she is a part of their homelessness committee. They are proposing to



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have a toolkit online to help those that may have a reduction in their vouchers. Currently gathering data for the tool kit. 5k proposal letters to date have been sent out nationwide to Rep. Womack and others. Greg clarified the online presence for participants on Section 8 and Rental Assistance for individuals not receiving vouchers? Pushing the work requirements due to administration concerns that funds are going to waste. Matthew D. is wondering if all our Pulaski County housing authorities are doing the same, to ensure that all the housing authorities are engaged and thinking about the concerns. Lashun B, recommended reaching out to NLR and LR because Jacksonville, Lonoke County housing authorities are working on a plan. Ben mentioned that we may not have to spend time on that aspect if a toolkit is being created by NAHRO. Lashun B. will meet with the President of NARHO to see what's possible on a collaboration. Greg C. mentioned that St. Francis House, help with utility assistance twice a month, for shut offs or disconnect notices. All month they receive a lot of calls for rental assistance. Rents are increasing and hard for folks to stay in leases. Biggest issues are in NW Arkansas due to rents increasing quicker there. Solution is working together to soften the blow.

- **Contact Arkansas Congressman update:** Greg C. didn't get to receive an update from Dr. Anderson. Requested if anyone had any updates to add? No one responded. He referenced that Dr. Anderson went to Washington, he will follow up with her regarding updates.
- **September Board Meeting Proposal:** Motion to cancel the September 2025 board meeting. Chris P. moved to cancel the September meeting, to meet with the NAEH representatives. Matthew D. seconded. Motion passed with no objections.
- **Other Business:**
Open Beds at various organizations-Matthew DeSalvo. Organizations are struggling to get data into the system. Our House is updating almost daily on open bed total, no one else is staying consistent. Lost his part time person, who recently resigned, she was manning the system. He was working on best way to help the organizations who are struggling with updates. Should be updated daily. Immerse updates weekly. In short, 2 of 4 organizations are updating regularly, one having programmatic issues and one organization is having staff issues. Cecilia C.



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requested clarity on the system showing when there are bed availabilities? The struggle is the data not being updated so it will only be a picture of one organization. Some don't want their bed numbers shared publicly. Michelle S. requested clarity on the 2 organizations that don't want their bed numbers shared publicly, which defeats the purpose? If they were funded then we could request and receive the data, but they are not funded. Ben G. added that their info is being shared with the city. Matthew D. stated, others may not want the data shared publicly on the website for whatever reason. Are they participating in HMIS? Great idea in theory but in practice it has complications. Plan was to embed the organizations to create a flow. Greg C. asked until the staffing issue changed would receiving a daily call help? Matthew had planned for that to be a role of the part time employee. Michelle S. requested updates on permanent supportive housing beds? Referrals are being made often and contact info for People Trust is included in correspondence. Artina B. advised to send a Coordinated Entry referral form to Housing at programs@providingequalopportunities.org. Michelle S. stated that the contact info is shared with the callers calling across central Arkansas, the contact info is shared. Artina B. explained, most permanent supportive housing grants were at capacity when grant was acquired by People Trust. They ensure eligibility so there are no gaps, if there are gaps due to people no longer qualifying or pass away those eligibility checks identify. Sending the referral form to the email provided with name, contact info will go to their Outreach Specialist for follow up.

HMIS Update, Artina Blackmon: ABT is our data analyst and are back on with TA support. ABT is connected with the TA and AR-500 is in a good space. Data input is needed overall. ESG conversion with ADFA is good. Application process for ESG closed yesterday. Lots of shelter applications. Homeless prevention and Rapid Rehousing were the target and those were pushed forward. Rejections would have been sent if those applications weren't pushed forward. Important to stay active with the CoC and in good standing. Kudos to everyone. Greg C. asked about updates about the HMIS training attendance? Artina B. reported the training was good, great turnout, everyone acclimated to new changes. Thanked everyone for approving the visibility piece, it was a major milestone for central Arkansas and for the State, (all CoCs came together). Only have 1 outstanding left which is Pine Bluff. They are still pending but held their general session last week and hoping for good news after speaking with their board. Visibility will open the space to see all services that the



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individuals have received to assist them. Date of next HMIS training is October 16th but will confirm. Greg C. spoke of St Francis House attendance and the information provided was in-depth and very helpful.

Announcement:

Ben G. asked, how can we get to sharing the PIT Count #'s? Artina B, is a little hesitant to ensure that HIC and PIT count #'s match. Some organization did not share their HIC data into the system up front. Ensuring the HIC #'s match the PIT #'s is the concern. HUD is understanding the shortcomings as long as we don't alter the #'s. Ben G. mentioned that it helps to provide insight to our local #'s. Prelim #'s are out and Artina will share those with the group. Steven M. inquired about HMIS training for new employees? Artina B. mentioned contacting the help desk, however the initial training is online.

No Organization Announcements

Ben asked for clarity on board nomination committee? Greg, responded that it will take place during the membership meeting.

Artina B moved to adjourn and seconded by Lashun B.

Adjourned at 9:55am

Next Virtual Board meeting: October 17th, 2025

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Michelle Spencer- Board Secretary

Date: October 14, 2025

Approved: October 17, 2025