

**NE Oklahoma Continuum of Care Full Partnership
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 30th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Teleconference Only

Teleconference via Zoom

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1. Denise Phelps, GRAND Mental Health
2. Lindi Conover-Thompson, NEOCAA
3. Ashley Benz, CDSA
4. Brandon Thomason*- Reincarnation Cottages (First Meeting)
5. Cliff*- Reincarnation Cottages (First Meeting)
6. Cindy Bedford
7. Evelyn Pettigrew, CREOKS Sallisaw
8. Jacque Davis, NEOCAA
9. Jody Reiss, Safenet Services
10. Katie Wilson, Youth and Family Services
11. Kristi Boydston, CREOKS Housing
12. Natalie Shelton, Tahlequah Men's Shelter
13. Suzanne Redden, CARD
14. John Ann Thompson, NEOCAA

1. Introduction of Guests
 - a. Jessica Izquierdo
2. Jessica Izquierdo from ODOC
 - a. Jessica provided an overview of the ESG Program
 - i. There are four components to the program: a) 24/7 Shelter Services b) Rapid Rehousing c) homelessness prevention d) street outreach (if applicable)
 - b. For those agencies that have received ODOC's ESG, what is working?
 - i. Denise Phelps: Because we have few shelters in our rural area, using hotel/motel vouchers is helpful. Also, the roundtable meetings. And Jessica and the ODOC staff are great.
 - ii. General consensus: Getting money to folks in need is quick, easy, and helpful for people who need it.

- iii. Jody: Without these funds, a lot of people/families would go back into abusive situations.
 - iv. John Ann: Access to ODOC and staff is helpful; they're always very responsive
 - v. Lindi: Application process and the differences between each year. Also, the uploads section of the app
 - c. What is not working?
 - i. Lindi: As we grow, the same funding gets divided more ways. Jessica says the best way to demonstrate need is improving data and data quality in HMIS
 - ii. Jody: DV agencies are "stuck" with not having comparable DV databases. Jessica notes that yes, this is a critical problem.
 - iii. Jessica asked what could be a problem once ESG-CV funds go away? In total, it's just that there won't be enough money.
 - d. What changes/solutions do you recommend to address what is not working?
 - i. For DV: Make OAG and HUD sit down at a couch until they get along. They're policies are conflicting, and it can make the work we do very difficult. Those who suffer the most are clients.
- 3. Updates and events
 - a. None
- 4. Consideration and action regarding May 26th, 2022, COC Full Partnership minutes
 - a. Motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented made by Ashley Benz and seconded by John Ann Thompson; motion carries unanimously
- 5. Update regarding the ESG Grant
 - a. Applications were submitted on time & are being scored
 - b. Volunteers to score other COCs' applications have been assigned; contact Jessica Izquierdo for more information or guidance
- 6. Update on SNAPS/HUD/Consolidated Application
 - a. We'll do an overview & public notice in July
- 7. Committee updates, recommendations, and action items
 - a. General update
 - i. Review the proposed committees & responsibilities
 - ii. Volunteers for committee members
 - iii.
 - b. HMIS Committee, Ashley Benz
 - i. Fix your errors
- 8. Old business
 - a. None
- 9. New business
 - a. \$54million available for rural COCs
 - b. Next meeting, July 28th (virtual)

Motion to adjourn: JAT, Kristi; motion carries

2022 meeting schedule:

July 28th – 12:00pm Full Partnership Meeting & Board Meeting

August 25th – 12:00pm Full Partnership Meeting

September 22nd – 12:00pm Full Partnership Meeting

October 27th – 12:00pm Full Partnership Meeting & Board Meeting

November 17th – 12:00pm Full Partnership Meeting *Moved up due to Thanksgiving

December: No meeting due to Christmas