



ARORP Advisory Board- COPE Recommendation

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Via Email

Board members

Danny Ormand – Judge, Lafayette County | **Tom Barron** – Attorney, Bear State Law | **Dr. John Kirtley**- Pharm.D., FAPhA ,Executive Director Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy| **Jerry Jones** – Chief Legal and Ethics Officer and Executive Vice President, LiveRamp | **Cindy Smith** , Strong-Huttig School Board President | **Gloria Gordon** – Grant Writer, Researcher | **Deborah Motley-Bledsoe** – LPC, LADC, AAC, CS, Formal Substance Abuse Treatment Director | **John Wilkerson** – General Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League | **Colin Jorgensen** – Litigation Attorney, Association of Arkansas Counties | **Dr. Virginia Stanick** – Retired Project Director, The State Opioid Response Project | **Tim Helder** , Sheriff Washington County| **Danny Bradley** – Retired Police Chief, North Little Rock Police Department |

An email was sent to ARORP Advisory Board Members on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, to recommend the ARORP Grantee: Helping Every Addict Recover Daily H.E.A.R.D, 14 Downing Drive, Texarkana, AR:

From: Tenesha Barnes

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 11:54 AM

To: ARORP Advisory Board

Cc: Kirk Lane <klane@arorp.org>; Joy Spence <jspence@arorp.org>; Kayla Dennis <kdennis@arorp.org>

Subject: Need Your Recommendation: ARORP Grantee: Helping Every Addict Recover Daily H.E.A.R.D, 14 Downing Drive, Texarkana, AR

Hello ARORP Advisory Board,

I pray you are having a great week! We have an update with project ARORP23-184 HEARD Women's Housing . This project was funded at \$486,581.24 to purchase a home for Women's Chem Free Living. This home will house 12 women. H.E.A.R.D. INC. Purpose is to provide positive support through recovery focused services. We provide premier support services to anyone seeking recovery from substance use disorder. In addition, we will provide a safe environment that offers education, supportive services, access to community resources, peer training and transitional living. Our goal is to provide positive change opportunities to participate seeking a life free from chemical dependency we embraced the concept sponsored by SAMSHA, the Department of Behavioral Health Disabilities (DBHDD) and the National Alliance of Recovery Residents (NARR) as well as the Arkansas peer support model.

H.E.A.R.D.'s executive director, Carlotta Powell, requested that (Legal Aid of Arkansas make ARORP aware that H.E.A.R.D. has filed a housing discrimination complaint against the City of Texarkana, Arkansas with the

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United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The HUD case numbers are 06-24-7224-8 and 06-24-7224-4. The City of Texarkana has subsequently threatened Ms. Powell and her residents with criminal sanctions if she operates the recovery home in violation of Texarkana city ordinances. In order to stay in compliance with the city ordinances while HUD investigates, Ms. Powell cannot allow more than 4 individuals to reside at 14 Downing Drive at this time. H.E.A.R.D. requests an extension on any grant milestone/deliverable that would require her to violate a city ordinance including the requirement that it operate at full capacity (12 residents) until the HUD complaint process is completed.

The request is a reasonable extension until those legal issues can be resolve. Our proposal would be to give them a 6-month extension and reevaluate after that time period. Attached is the letter to ARORP, completed packet, ARORP's lien/loan to grant and milestones for review.

I will need your vote to allow this request to be granted:

Please vote by emailing me: **I recommend, or I do not recommend**. If I do not receive your recommendation by **Friday, March 21, 2024 (2025-sent correction), at noon**, I will count it as approved.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Tenesha Barnes, Deputy Director

Recommendations:

Colin Jorgenson, Deborah Motley- Bledsoe, Gloria Gordon, Tom Barron, Danny Ormand, Cindy Smith, Tim Helder, Danny Bradley, John Kirtley, Mark Hayse, Dr. Virginia Stanick Jerry Jones (John Wilkerson, - did not receive a recommendation)