



## ARORP Advisory Board- COPE Recommendation

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Thursday, March 27, 2025

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Via Email

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### Board members

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**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 |

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An email was sent to ARORP Advisory Board Members on Thursday, March 27, 2025, to recommend approval of Six COPE Applications:

**From:** Tenesha Barnes <[tbarnes@arorp.org](mailto:tbarnes@arorp.org)>

**Date:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 11:10 AM

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**Subject:** ARORP Advisory Board – COPE Phase 2 Proposals for Review

Hello Advisory Board Members,

On January 29, 2025, the ARORP Advisory Board recommended approval to launch Phase 2 of the Coalition Partnership Empowerment (COPE) initiative, which opened on January 31, 2025, and closed on March 14, 2025.

COPE Project: [ARORP-COPE-Application.pdf](#) (just a refresher) 😊

**What is the Coalition Partnership Empowerment (COPE) Proposal?** The Coalition Partnership Empowerment project will equip coalitions with the training they need to become sustainable, transformative forces in their communities. At the end of the funding cycle, coalitions will be able to apply to be a Drug Free Community (DFC). Note that no two applicants will be approved within the same zip code. **What will the funding cover?** The funding will cover travel and training fees for two coalition members to attend the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Mid-Year Conference, CADCA Forum Conference, and Arkansas-specific CADCA training. It will also pay for CADCA membership for the coalition. Any additional funding may be used for educational materials. The amount may not exceed \$25,000.

I will be sending each proposal individually via email. Please let me know if you do not receive the documents. Kindly review each proposal and submit any questions via email.

The following six applicants are under review for recommendation:

- **25-447** I Bet That Empowerment Movement
- **25-448** Gartrell High School Alumni Association (C.H.A.N.G.E Coalition)
- **25-449** Heber Springs Area Chamber Foundation (Cleburne County HC)
- **25-450** Where You Are Inc. (Project Restore)
- **25-451** Bridge 2 Success (Southwest Little Rock Coalition)
- **25-452** Freshly Renewal Transition (FRT-Coalition)

Please provide your recommendation for each proposal by **noon on Monday, March 31, 2025**, using the following options:

✓ **YES – Recommend for approval**

✗ **NO – Do not recommend (please provide reasoning)**

If I do not receive your response by the deadline, I will assume your recommendation is for approval.

Additionally, please find attached the **COPE/DFC Map** to review the geographical distribution of DFC placements.

Feel free to reach out with any questions. Thank you for your time and input!

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#### Recommendations:

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