



ARORP Advisory Board/Executive TEAM Recommendation

Monday, August 11, 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 Wednesday, August 6, 2025, to recommend the ARORP Grantee: Helping Every Addict Recover Daily H.E.A.R.D, 14 Downing Drive, Texarkana, AR:

Dear Team,

H.E.A.R.D.'s Executive Director, Carlotta Powell, has formally requested that Legal Aid of Arkansas notify ARORP of an ongoing legal matter involving a housing discrimination complaint filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) against the City of Texarkana, Arkansas. The HUD case numbers are **06-24-7224-8** and **06-24-7224-4**.

As a result of this filing, the City of Texarkana has threatened Ms. Powell and her residents with criminal sanctions should she continue to operate the recovery residence in a manner that violates local ordinances. In order to remain compliant during HUD's investigation, Ms. Powell is currently limiting occupancy at **14 Downing Drive to four individuals**, despite the program's intended capacity of **twelve**.

Due to these circumstances, H.E.A.R.D. is requesting a **temporary extension** of any grant milestone or deliverable that would require operating at full capacity until the HUD complaint process has been resolved. ARORP's recommendation is to approve a **4-month extension**, with reevaluation at the end of that period.

Attached for your review:

- The formal request letter to ARORP
- H.E.A.R.D.'s completed packet
- ARORP's lien/loan-to-grant agreement
- Related milestones

Action Requested:

Please reply with your vote by **Monday, March 24, 2024**, using one of the following responses:

- **"I recommend"**
- **"I do not recommend"**

If no response is received by the deadline, your vote will be counted as **approval** by default.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out.

Thanks,

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