

ARORP Advisory Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, | 10:00am

Via Zoom

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 |

Time:	Items	Owner
10:00am-10:05am	Welcome	Kirk Lane
10:06am-10:15am	Community Advocate Network (CAN) Program update ARORP Funding Update	Ivory Daniels/ Alex Smith Colin Jorgenson
10:16 am	Prevention Recovery Education Program (PREP) (See attached PREP timeline) (T/K) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26-531 Watson Chapel SD (\$302,861.48) • 26-528 Hot Springs School District (\$300,123.29) • 26-533 Springdale School District (Secondary) (\$297,146.24) • 26-530 Fayetteville School District (\$256,214.40) • 26-529 Springdale School District Middle/High) (297,146.34) Total: \$1,453,491.75	TBarnes/KLane
10:30am	<u>ARORP General Proposal Presentation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26-539 Mainline Health (\$790,333.88) (K/T) • 26-541 Connection Center-RCO (\$774,671.66) (K/T) • 26-544 Carter’s Crew: Youth Success Center (3,830,342.46) (K/T) • 26-543 Adult & Teen Challenge of AR (\$2,485,169.40) (K/T) Total: \$7,880,517.40	KLane/TBarnes
	Grand Total: \$9,334,009.15 (if all approved)	
	<u>ARORP Updates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Life Care Specialist (LCS) (K/T) • HERO Application 	Kirk/Tenesha

Time:	Items	Owner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eval Update (K/T/J) • AR Drug Take Back (K) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denial Log/Discussion/Questions 	All
	Announcements /Adjournment	ARORP TEAM

Attendance Members	Plan to attend (Present)	Has not confirmed/Not present
Advisory Board		
Colin Jorgensen	x	
John Wilkerson		X- Not attendance/meeting conflict
Danny Bradley		X-Email not attending
Cindy Smith	X	
Danny Ormand		X-Email not attending
Dr. John Kirtley	X	
Gloria Gordan	X	
Dr. Virginia Stanick	X	
Jerry Jones	X	
Deborah Motley-Bledsoe	X	
Tim Helder	X	
Tom Barron	X	
Executive Team		
Chris Villines		X-Not in attendance/meeting conflict
Mark Hayes	X	
Kirk Lane	X	
Tenesha Barnes	X	
Non-Board Members		
Joy Spence	X	
Aleccia Tyous	X	
Alex Smith	X	
Ivory Daniels	X	

Recommendation Notes

- Gloria Gordon recommended that ARORP explore partnerships with Community Health Workers (CHWs) funded through Medicaid to help strengthen community outreach and support services. She also noted that, due to current staff capacity, ARORP may need to consider increasing and potentially outsourcing some site visits to ensure adequate monitoring and program support.
- Board recommended that future funded projects consider allocating a select number of beds or service slots for uninsured individuals at no cost, in addition to serving insured clients, to help expand access to care for underserved populations.
- All proposals were recommended for approval pending final review and next-step processing by the ARORP Executive Team.
- The Board agreed to table the opening of the LCS program at this time and allow the pilot program to be evaluated further before making a final determination on future expansion or implementation.