

**Mississippi Balance of State CoC
Coordinated Entry Systems Committee Meeting Minutes**
Thursday, March 31, 2016
10:30 am

TIME AND PLACE

The Mississippi Balance of State CoC Coordinated Entry Systems Committee was called to order at 11:05 am. The meeting was held at ASC Outreach Offices ([103 Broad St., Hattiesburg, MS 39401](http://103BroadSt.Hattiesburg.MS39401)).

ROLL CALL

All members of the CES Committee, MS Balance of State CoC Coordinator, HMIS Lead Agency Representation.

CALL TO ORDER

Ledger Parker, Program Director of the Collaborative Applicant, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Kathy Garner (Chair: ASC), Amy Ricedorf (PBMHR), Ledger Parker (MUTEH), Bobby Capps (Crosswind), Reginald Glenn (BoS CoC), Bethany Latham (MUTEH), Tamara Stewart (MUTEH), Kim Townsend (City of Hattiesburg)

AGENDA

I. USICH APPLICATION

- a. Hattiesburg's Declaration To End Veteran Homelessness
 - 1. Still not approved. USICH still has questions about a few of the items:
 - b. We still have not answered the low-barrier shelter option
 - c. K. Garner believes SSVF and GPD beds can remedy this solution
 - d. We still have to answer for dishonorable discharge
 - e. We need number of Veterans who are homeless in Hattiesburg.
 - f. We will continue to respond until can clear the barriers and are eligible to declare.

II. TIPS FROM THE COAST

- a. We can take the lessons from the Gulf Coast CoC and Hattiesburg and scale it for the CoC
- b. We have an initial by-name list from CoC, DMH, PIT and other data to begin the list.
- c. B. Capps: "We should sort it by Homelessness, Veterans, and VI-SPDAT scores.

III. CES INVOLVEMENT IN THE CES

- a. R. Glenn is going take prelim data for PIT to Coalitions next week.
- b. R. Glenn has to take data to each RCM and help them begin thinking about the by-name list.
- c. The by-name list will help us better understand where people are coming from and being referred to CoC, ESG, SSVF and other agencies.
- d. Regional Coalitions must move the meetings to more like CM AMAP meetings. Using the time to go through CT problem solving
- e. CT Consent/Confidentiality must be obtained before the CM AMAP meetings.
- f. Intakes must be recorded via VI-SPDAT and referred

- g. B. Capps: We must train our people to quickly hand off Special Populations (HIV+/AIDS/DV/Children)
- h. Should a person not want to partake of services, we must give them resources to point them back to us.
- i. K. Garner: We need to have a basic set of policy and procedures to guide our CES
 - 1. Ex. HIV/AIDS doesn't get put on general list.

IV. POINT-IN-TIME COUNT NUMBERS

a. Debriefing

- 1. Data has been collected from around the state has been entered into AWARDS.
- 2. MUTEH Staff is currently doing data quality analysis to determine our official counts.
- 3. Deadline for PIT Data Entry: Monday, May 1, 2016

b. Our Initial Count

- 1. Last Year's Count: 809
- 2. January 2016: *764 (Sheltered = 435 | Unsheltered = 329)
- 3. *Disclaimer: This number is an approximation.

V. NORTHEAST COALITION CES PILOT UPDATE/DISCUSSION

- a. Awards Report
- b. Tupelo Encampments

VI. NEXT STEPS: FORMALIZATION OF THE FUNCTIONAL SYSTEM

- a. Within the CES meeting, participant begins to formulate the beginnings of a functional system:
 - 1. **VISION:** To functionally end homelessness in the Mississippi Balance of State coverage area of rural Mississippi.
 - 2. **MISSION:** To develop a coordinated system where by homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring within our CoC.
 - 3. **MEANS:**
 - a. Accurate, real-time data (via the by-name list)
 - b. Agencies that are willing and have capacity to collect accurate data
 - c. Agencies that provide the most appropriate service via networking with CoC members and supporting agencies.
 - 4. **TASKS:**
 - a. CoC agencies must be willing to learn to educate themselves (participate in education)
 - b. Agencies must commit to doing VI-SPDAT on clients that enter their system.
 - c. Participate in Regional Coalition to place homeless (monthly)
 - d. The CES Committee meets monthly for the whole list
 - e. Special population (i.e. DV, HIV) will not be placed on the list due to confidentiality
 - f. Regional Coalitions must contact agencies that have a lapse of moving clients into housing. They are responsible for monitoring lengths of homelessness and contact referral agency.
 - g. Clients will be categorized by:
 - a. VI-SPDAT score
 - b. Chronic Homeless Status
 - c. Family Status

- d. Veterans Status
- e. We also want to note those that have been housed. Referral Source must be included in the spreadsheet list.
- h. CES will work to assign best referral for each assigned client.

VII. ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ABOUT CES

- a. Our CES should flag events of recidivism
- b. When does a client get removed from the list?

VIII. NEXT CES COMMITTEE MEETING:

- a. An in-person meeting in Tupelo @ a place to be determined: Friday, April 29th.
Details to come.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.