Mississippi Balance of State CoC
#EndThis Taskforce Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 23, 2016
10:00 a.m.

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of Mississippi Balance of State CoC – #EndThis Taskforce to end Veterans' Homelessness was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at MUTEH Offices (201 W. Capitol St., Suite 800, Jackson, MS 39201)

CALL TO ORDER

Ledger Parker, leader of the taskforce, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Ledger Parker (MUTEH), Chamon Williams (Catholic Charities SSVF), Amy Ricedorf (Oak Arbor SSVF), Kim Townsend (City of Hattiesburg), Tamara Stewart (MUTEH), Bethany Latham (MUTEH), Reginald Glenn (BoS)

I. OVERVIEW OF HOMELESS COUNT IN HMIS

a. 72 veterans have been RRH'd since 2/1/16
b. Currently, 29 veterans are recorded in the Balance of State.
    i. 20 veterans are in GPD beds
    ii. 9 are in ES or Outreach (after further evidence we may only have 8—possibly
c. Client Release for Veterans Identification Check
    i. Theresa Checkley Peer Support Specialist - Fax 601.364.1327 t.checkley@va.gov
d. GPD beds are hurting—are they requiring income
    i. Per Rebecca Ford: "Clearview: No, Oak Arbor: No, Bridge Housing: Yes
    ii. What if we get a MOU btw CoC and GPD to come every 14 days to offer PH.
        1. Try to get Carol Brown to sign
        2. A. Ricedorf will get the info that (SSVF Program Guide)
    iii. We also need ESG MOU for GPD to house people as well. (combine the GPD and ESG)
e. MOU with Gateway Rescue Mission TH in Magee. To engage with SSVF programs give a point of contact.
f. MOU with Recovery House

II. CURRENT EFFORTS:HATTIESBURG

a. Description of the "Rapid Response Team"
    i. Going out every 2 weeks to engage veterans
b. What are we going to do with the rest of the BoS?
    i. Northeast: MUTEH can take that. Also Melissa Pound contributes to CES narrative
    ii. Delta:
    iii. Central:
c. L. Parker: Can R. Glenn compile a most wanted list?

III. STATUS REPORT BY AGENCY

a. Review of the "By Name List"
b. We need to add names to the BNL (since its password protected)

i. Who have you contacted?
ii. How many veterans have you contacted?
iii. How many Veterans were removed from the list?
iv. How many encampments have you visited?

IV. AVAILABLE SERVICES

a. What is available in our continuum?
   i. Oak Arbor TFA? RRH only.
   ii. Catholic Charities SSVF TFA? RRH only.
   iii. MUTEH SSVF TFA? No TFA available.
   iv. VOCM/Soldier On TFA? HP & RRH.

V. NEXT STEPS

a. When do we meet again?
b. Outreach efforts: Meridian (tentative date: September 13th)

VI. NEXT #ENDTHIS MEETING

a. September 16th

VII. ADJOURNMENT

a. The meeting was concluded at 1:45 pm.