

**Mississippi Balance of State CoC
Governing Council Meeting Minutes**

Friday, February 24, 2017
10:00 a.m.

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mississippi Balance of State CoC Governing Council was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held online via web conferencing system WebEx.

ROLL CALL

Elected CoC Governing Council Members, the HMIS Lead Agency, and the CoC Collaborative Applicant

CALL TO ORDER

Reginald Glenn, CoC Coordinator, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Sherry Holloway, Bobby Capps, Myron Hutson, Louise Meyer, Leslie Payne, Reginald Glenn, Florida McKay, Cassie Hicks

ADDITIONAL NOTE

- GC Members M. Mitternacht, P. Lane, I. Pulliam, J. Spring & P. Brantley were not able to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

REVIEW OF MINUTES.

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<http://msbos.org/council-minutes/> . Password: **gcm meetings**

ADOPTION / REVIEW OF AGENDA

I. DISCUSSION: ASC's SHELEY PLACE

- a. During the FY2013 Competition, the CoC gave ASC \$407,000 to fund permanent housing project dedicated to serving HIV+/AIDS and chronic homeless persons. Sheley Place is a 4-duplex complex siting adjacent to the offices of AIDS Services Coalition. The city of Hattiesburg has been very supportive of the project putting up money to support the project as well. In the last CoC competition, the CoC awarded the project an additional \$207,000 to continue the project.
- b. Although the project has had setback over the past years, the project is still moving forward. ASC has contractors who are working to get the facility up to code and ready for business.
- c. In the Fall of 2016, ASC submitted a budget amendment and management plan (assisted by L. Meyer) to the HUD Field Office to continue expending funds. However, their requests were denied towards the end of the year due to the project being "non-compliant" according to the HUD Office's Donnetta McAdoo. With this finding, ASC was not able to draw down funding to continue the implementation of their project. Funds were frozen of late last year 2016
- d. ASC inquired about the non-compliant status in hopes of correcting the issue. The hope was to get an official letter explaining the reasoning behind the denial and to appeal the status of the project. To date, ASC has not received an official letter explaining the non-compliance of the project. In late 2016, D. McAdoo told ASC that she would request that her Washington supervisors review the project to determine if the project should be allowed to continue.

- e. At this juncture, ASC is looking to appeal with the Washington Office concerning their project status. After K. Garner consulted with various resources, she felt like the best course of action is to resolve the matter rather than file complaints. ASC board will be meeting to discuss options
- f. In the next couple of weeks, K. Garner and ASC are looking to talk to Norm Suchar of the SNAPS office to ask that the funds for the project be released.
- g. RAMIFICATIONS: If the project is cancelled, the money may be lost to the CoC indefinitely.
- h. K. Garner: If you feel compelled to write to the office to give assistance in the continuation. Of the project.
- i. **The CoC Governing Council has been supportive of ASC Sheley Place and will continue to be supportive of the project's existence in the BoS. Our hope is that ASC will be able to acquire the funds so that this facility can add more capacity to the CoC's ability to house persons experiencing HIV and/or homelessness.**

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Active Committees

1. We want to see that all our committees are active and working towards solutions to move our CoC forward.
2. We are asking each committee at least 1 meeting between today and our next meeting date.
3. Take time to connect with your committee member today and submit the data for your first meeting.
4. The CoC Coordinator will work to provide technical assistance for meeting held via web-conferencing and conference phone.

b. NEXT CoC GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING: June 1st, 2017

III. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.