

Mississippi Balance of State CoC
Southwest Regional Coalition
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 19, 2016
10:00 a.m.

TIME AND PLACE

The Southwest Regional Coalition Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. The meeting was held at the St. Mary's Basilica: Family Life Center (613 Main St., Natchez, MS 39121)

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Reginald Glenn (MS BoS CoC), Annie May (WINGS), Jean Spring (WINGS), Pansy Clayton (WINGS), Courtney Hicks (CCI), Sandra Barr (CCI)

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made to adopt the minutes for the meeting on July 19, 2016. The motion was seconded. All in favor by acclamation.

Reminder: Minutes will not be printed for the meetings starting January 2016. Visit www.msbos.org to view minutes.

ADOPTION / REVIEW OF AGENDA

Attendee adopted a motion to accept the agenda. _____ seconded the motion. All in favor by acclamation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Agency Report: SEEDS OF CHANGE RESOURCE FOUNDATION

- a. SOFRF was unable to present this month. Will be rescheduled at a later date.
- b. **Agency Reports – We want to know more about what your agencies do!**
 - i. **REPORT FORMATTING:** We want all agencies to be able to give a brief report concerning the programs and initiatives:
 - 1. 5 -10 Presentation during coalition meeting
 - 2. PowerPoint capability provided if needed
 - 3. Each agency must volunteer to present a month
- c. **VOLUNTEERS slated for NEXT MEETINGS**
 - i. September 2016 – Oak Arbor SSVF
 - ii. October 2016 – Catholic Charities SSVF
 - iii. November 2016 – Southwest Mississippi Opportunity (Tentative)
 - iv. December 2016 – Catholic Charities Natchez

NEW BUSINESS

I. COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS

- a. The CoC is working to create an effective network to
 - i. Identify homeless individuals or families
 - ii. Gathers important information from them (that will let us know HOW and WHO can help them)
 - iii. Connect them to services in the region (or beyond) that can help.
- b. And your coalition will be an important piece to making that happen.

- c. A portion of the presentation from the CES Roundtable was used in this discussion. It can be viewed at the following link: <https://msboscoc.files.wordpress.com/2016/06/2016-ces-roundtable-presentation.pdf>
- d. BNL Access
 - i. Go to www.msbos.org
 - ii. Under the 'Homeless Data' menu, click 'CES Training'
 - iii. Training begins with viewing CES webinars online (links included)
 - iv. After viewing the videos, everyone wishing to access the list must take a brief quiz
 - v. Access will be granted within 48-72 hours of taking the quiz.

II. COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS: Street Outreach Investment

- a. **70:20:10 Street Outreach Investment Rule**
 - i. See diagram here: <https://msboscoc.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/screenshot-2016-08-29-09-54-59.png>
- b. **Effective Outreach**
 - i. In outreach we should measure effectiveness of ending homelessness. Therefore, street outreach is mobile housing work.
 - ii. It requires the outreach worker to have all of the **forms, data systems, and information necessary to move a person directly from living outdoors to living indoors** and getting connected to the supports necessary to be successful long-term in housing. It is also, therefore, true that the metrics measured for an effective system of ending homelessness also applies to street outreach:
 - 1. Of those document ready, how long is it taking to get these people into housing?
 - 2. How many people move into housing?
 - 3. Of all of those moved into housing, how many return to homelessness?
 - iii. "Outreach only matters if it ends homelessness. Outreach can only matter if most of its time is spent working with those that can be housed. Otherwise, outreach is incredibly busy, but remarkably ineffective." – Iain DeJong

III. HUD & COC EXPECTATIONS: System-wide Performance Measures

- a. **This presentation can be viewed here:** <https://msboscoc.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/2-01-how-to-stop-guessing-and-start-knowing-an-introduction-to-system-performance-measurement-william-snow.pdf>

IV. HUD Exchange Notes of the Month – August 2016

- a. **CONTINUED DECREASE IN VETERAN HOMELESSNESS**
 - i. Thanks to your unwavering commitment and partnership at the federal, state, and local levels, we've reduced Veteran homelessness by 47% in this country since 2010. **That's a 17% reduction in the past year alone.**
 - ii. Through the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) counts you performed earlier this year, communities across the country reported that fewer than 40,000 Veterans were experiencing homelessness on a given night in January 2016, and that just over 13,000 Veterans were unsheltered, a 56% decrease since 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 2016

I. RESCHEDULING: COC SITE VISITS

- a. See map for updated site visit schedule:
<https://msboscoc.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/screenshot-2016-08-29-11-06-11.png>

II. COC APPLICATION RANKINGS

View the rankings here: <https://msbos.org/coc-app-rankings/>

III. NEXT SOUTHWEST MEETING: Tuesday, September 20th, 2016. Location: McComb.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

During the meeting, coalition members scheduled the location of the meetings until the end of 2016. The locations are listed as follows:

- September 20th - WINGS Conference Room - McComb, MS
- October 18th - St. Mary's Basilica: Family Life Center – Natchez, MS
- November 15th - WINGS Conference Room - McComb, MS
- December 14th - St. Mary's Basilica: Family Life Center – Natchez, MS