

**Mississippi Balance of State CoC
Governing Council Meeting Minutes**
Thursday, February 14th, 2019
10:00 a.m.

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mississippi Balance of State CoC Governing Council was called to order at 10:09 a.m. The meeting was held at the E.T. Woolfolk State Building (501 N. West St., Room 117, Jackson, MS 39201).

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

Ivie Pulliam, Hannah Maharrey, Demetra Bates, Florida McKay, Cassie Hicks, Kimberly Townsend, Kimberly Moore, Ledger Parker, Bethany Latham

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- GC Members M. Mitternacht, L. Payne, A. Williams, S. Holloway & L. Meyer were not able to attend due to scheduling conflicts.
- R. Glenn will email the travel form to all GC members to complete for reimbursement.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made to adopt the minutes for the meeting on December 13th, 2018 by H. Maharrey. The motion was seconded by F. McKay. All in favor by acclamation.

Meeting minutes for the GC meeting on September 13, 2018 have been completed but were not submitted during the current meeting. The Council has determined to table the minutes until the next meeting. A link to the minutes can be viewed here: https://msbos.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/GCMinutes_092018.pdf

To access these minutes, as well as minutes from other GC meetings, visit: <http://msbos.org/council-minutes/>.

ADOPTION / REVIEW OF AGENDA

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Committee

1. Active Committees

- a. R. Glenn re-iterated the need for active committees doing committee work to move the CoC and its objectives forward. R. Glenn stated that new members of the Council need to evaluate their skills and strength and join a committee that best fits their abilities.
- b. The CoC Coordinator will work to provide technical assistance for meetings held via web-conferencing and and conference phone.

b. Ranking Committee

c. HUD ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$2 BILLION FOR FY2018 COC PROJECTS

1. On January 26, 2019 HUD announced nearly \$2 billion to renew more than 5,800 local homeless housing and service programs across the U.S. and its territories. These Continuum of Care (CoC) grants will help end homelessness and provide critically needed support to local programs on the front lines of serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The announcement includes FY 2018 awards for all renewal projects and projects that applied for transition grants. [View a list of the renewal and transition grant awards by CoC.](#)
2. **Not Funded (all from Tier 2 of the CoC Ranking)**
 - a. The Alloy System (CES) - \$343,055
 - b. MUTEH Crisis Project (DV Bonus) - \$694,405
 - c. CCI Natchez CoC RRH (DV Bonus) - \$206,511
 - d. Total = \$1,243,971

d. HMIS/Technology Committee

1. The HMIS Committee Report:

- a. View the presentation here: <https://msbos.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/HMIS-Report-2-14-19.pdf>

2. COC RACIAL EQUITY TOOL

- a. HUD is pleased to announce the availability of the [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Racial Equity Analysis Tool](#) to help communities understand who is accessing their homeless service system and what outcomes those families and individuals are realizing. The CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool can help identify racial disparities in your system. The racial distributions of people living in poverty by race and ethnicity, age, and veteran status are sourced from the American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015 5-year estimates. Each CoC's information has been pre-populated into the Racial Equity Analysis Tool. You can find the [CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool, Instructions, and Methodology](#) on the HUD Exchange.

e. Resource Development/ Membership/ Awareness

1. Membership Update
 - a. New members of the BoS:
 1. MS Medical Relief Care Services
 - b. Members can now check their membership status online: <https://msbos.org/member-status/>
2. Regional Coalition Highlights
 - a. Coalition Spotlight
 1. The Northeast, Delta, and East Central discussed their Homeless Connect events during the Point-In-Time Count.
 - b. Average Coalition Attendance (Dec. 2018 – Jan. 2019)
 1. East Central – 16
 2. Northeast – 12
 3. Delta – 14
 4. Southwest – 5
 5. Pine Belt – 37 (One meeting in Jan, no meeting in Dec.)

f. Quality & Performance Evaluation/Monitoring

1. The CoC's Performance and Evaluation Committee needs to review the monitoring tool used in the monitoring of CoC projects and needs help with development of a monitoring and evaluation of ESG Projects.
2. R. Glenn will schedule visits and release a schedule visits by Winter/Spring 2019

3. NHIP RANKING OF COCS

- a. The National Homeless Information Project (NHIP) has completed a ranking of Homeless Continuums of Care using data from system performance measures submitted in 2017. The rankings divide CoCs into Higher, Average and Lower Performers with separate rankings for each of the three (3) geographic divisions of Continuums. The NHIP cautions against reading too much into the ranking since many measures are not comparable due to differences in program allocation and resources in each community. The goal of the rankings is to provide a general look at CoCs that appear to be high performing and communities in need of improvement. The NHIP welcomes any comments about improving the rankings. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the rankings and read the report.

g. Coordinated Entry Systems

1. RECAP: CES Outreach & Engagement

2. Regional Outreach Teams

- a. To strengthen street outreach across the CoC, the Collaborative Applicant is seeking to develop regional outreach teams throughout the BoS. Led by Allen Tisdale, these teams will consist of local agency representation and volunteers willing to participate. The aim is to have more agency participation in the BNL data compilation.
- b. Schedule:
 1. Pine Belt: Weekly (Fridays)
 2. East Central: Monthly (1st Thursday)
 3. Delta: Monthly (1st Wednesday)
 4. Southwest (1st Tuesday)

3. Ending Veterans Homelessness in the BoS

- a. The BoS has ended Veterans Homelessness! See a letter form the USICH here: https://msbos.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/LTR_VeteranGoalConfirmation_MS-BoS-CoC.pdf

4. Chronic Homelessness Taskforce

- a. The committee is also in the process of creating a chronic homelessness taskforce for the BoS. We hope to mimic the success of the #EndThis taskforce for veterans. Members will include partners in mental health services, permanent housing services, HIV service providers, veterans service providers.

h. Funding & Strategy

1. Point-In-Time Count: Debriefing

- a. View Details here: <https://msbos.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-PIT-Debriefing-021419.pdf>

II. ADDITIONAL NOTES

- a. The CoC Governing Council requested that the Rapid Rehousing Institute should completed again in 2019 for the benefit of the Continuum. R. Glenn will talk to MUTEH Inc. and all other parties involved to see if implementation is feasible.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. There is no unfinished business to conduct.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. There is no new business to conduct.**

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Governing Council Meeting Calendar For 2019 (All meetings will be located at Woolfolk 117)**

- 1.** February 14th
- 2.** May 30th – The Council suggests that the date of the May 30th meeting be moved to an earlier date before Memorial Day weekend.
- 3.** September 12th
- 4.** December 12th

- b. NEXT CoC GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING: Mid-May 2019. Update Forthcoming.**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.**

ADDITONAL NOTES

C. Hicks will be retiring from service at USM-IDS in 90 days. We are thankful for her service to the Council and CoC At-Large. Hicks suggested that Ben Mokry of MHC be contacted about a replacement of the MS Permanent Supportive Housing Representation on the Council.