

**Mississippi Balance of State CoC
Governing Council Meeting Minutes**
Thursday, December 13th, 2018
10:00 a.m.

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mississippi Balance of State CoC Governing Council was called to order at 10:10 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

Martha Mitternacht, Myron Hutson, Reginald Glenn, Hannah Maharrey, Demetra Bates, Florida McKay, Cassie Hicks, Kimberly Townsend, Sara Smith (proxy for L. Payne)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- GC Members I. Pulliam, A. Williams K. Moore, 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

Meeting minutes for the GC meeting on September 20, 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 conference phone.

b. Ranking Committee

1. Making a Competitive CoC

- a. **During previous meetings, the Council has evaluated the previous scores in the CoC Competition Debrief for FY2017 submission.**
- b. The CoC's FY2017 Application score was 145.75. The total CoC Application score decreased by points from the FY2016 score (165.00). The Competition Debrief can be viewed here: https://msbos.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/FY-2017-CoC-Application_NOFA-Crosswalk.pdf
- c. As a follow-up to the debriefing, the Council began working through possible ways to improve scoring. Suggestions included:
 1. Creating Employment Increase/Workforce Investment Committee
 - i. Recognize agencies for increasing job income
 - ii. CoC Coordinator suggested that the GC creates a committee to focus on this initiative. It was suggested that this project actually fits into the membership Committee. **R. Glenn will work to invite someone from Workforce Development to see if we can create partnership to improve job income development. Namely, someone from Mississippi Works.**
 - iii. Other Resources to connect with for opportunities:
 1. Families First
 2. Consortium of Community Colleges
 3. WIN Job Center
 4. SOAR
 2. Use a more effective ranking to for CoC Competition
 - i. (Ranking Committee has made adjustments for this improvement during our FY18 Competition.)
 3. Adjust strategies to end Veteran, Chronic, and Family homelessness
 - i. We've ended Veterans homelessness and will adjust to maintain status
 - ii. The CES Committee is working to create a Taskforce to end Chronic Homelessness
 4. Creating a "hold harmless" clause for new projects to give grace for initial performance
 - i. The Ranking Committee will have to convene to create said agreement.

c. HMIS/Technology Committee

1. The HMIS Committee Report:

- a. View the presentation here: <https://msbos.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/HMIS-Report-121318.pdf>

d. Resource Development/ Membership/ Awareness

1. Membership Update

- a. New members of the BoS:
 1. AJFC Community Action Agency (Natchez)
 2. Rise Above Poverty (Meridian)
 3. All Saints' Episcopal Church (Tupelo)
 4. The Fieldhouse (Hattiesburg)
 5. R3SM (Hattiesburg)
 6. ASLANe's Mission (Meridian)
- b. Members can now check their membership status online: <https://msbos.org/member-status/>

2. Regional Coalition Highlights
 - a. Average Coalition Attendance (Oct. 2018 – Nov. 2018)
 1. East Central – 15
 2. Northeast – 5
 3. Delta – 9
 4. Southwest – 5
 5. Pine Belt – 23
 3. What's to Come
 - a. Planning will begin for the 2019 Homeless Connects in East Central, the Delta and Northeast in the coming months.
- e. **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
- f. **Coordinated Entry Systems**
 1. **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
 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. **CoC CES Engagement Training – Jan. 18th, 2019**
 - a. On Friday, January 18th, our CoC is planning a one-day training to sharpen agency skills in implementing outreach and engagement related to the CoC Coordinated Entry Systems. In addition, we will also conduct in-person training for the 2019 PIT Count, including utilization of the mobile PIT App, Counting Us.
 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.
- g. **Funding & Strategy**
 1. **Point-In-Time Count: Planning**
 - a. View Details here: <https://msbos.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Planning-PIT-Count-2019-121318.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
- 3. September 12th
- 4. December 12th

- b. **NEXT CoC GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING: February 14th, 2019. Woolfolk 117.**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.