

**Mississippi Balance of State
CoC Southwest Regional
Coalition Monthly
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, July 17th, 2019
10:00a.m.

TIME AND PLACE

The Southwest Regional Coalition Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at St. Mary's Basilica - Family Life Center, 613 Main Street, Natchez, MS 39120

CALL TO ORDER

Hannah Maharrey, MS BOS COC Director called the meeting to order.

PRESENT – 5

Hannah Maharrey (MSBOSCO), Annie May (WINGS), Chantel Maye (VA Jackson), Suzanne Nichols (AJFC), Whitney Irving (Catholic Charities shelter)

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made to adopt the minutes for the meeting on May 2019 by C. Maye Motion was seconded by S. Nichols All in favor by acclamation. For previous meeting minutes, visit <https://msbos.org/southwest/>.

ADOPTION / REVIEW OF AGENDA *Attendee adopted a motion to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded. All in favor by acclamation.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I. Agency Report – AJFC Community Action Agency
 - a. Presented by Suzanne Nichols
 - i. AJFC serves 7 counties in the Southwest area
 - ii. Can assist qualified families and individuals with rent and utilities, case management, medications, education and employment services, free income tax service. Adams County has a food program for those over 60
 - 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:
 - ii. 5 -10 Presentation during coalition meeting. PowerPoint capability provided if needed
 - iii. Each agency must volunteer to present a month c. Next Agency to Report (listed on <https://msbos.org/southwest/>)
- o August 2019 – Catholic Charities
- o September 2019 – Oak Arbor

NEW BUSINESS

- I. CoC Application Submissions Deadline**
 - a. COC application is due September 30th
 - b. Project application is due September 1st
- II. Coordinated Entry System/HMIS Waitlist Process**
 - a. Do people feel comfortable using the new waitlist system?
 - b. Multiple Trainings and webinars are available, please email hmaharrey@msbos.org or blatham@muteh.org
- III. Resource/Referral Guide**
 - a. Southwest Coalition is interested in putting together a list of agencies in their region. Attendees were asked to make a list of agencies that would need to be included.
- IV. Rapid Rehousing Institute Follow-up:**
- V. Southwest Homeless Outreach Team**
 - a. Allen Tisdale, MUTEH is leading a volunteer team of individuals to do street outreach Southwest MS
 - i. The team will plan on doing outreach twice a month in the Southwest.
 - ii. Please dress comfortably for outreach. Jeans, boots/sneakers jacket/coats, and gloves are appropriate attire for the occasion. 3. Please bring all necessary items needed for identification and communication (clipboard, forms, cards, cell phone, etc.). 4. If you are not able to attend the duration of outreach, please come as much as time will allow.
 - b. McComb in July 2019
 - i. 6 individuals/agencies attended the outreach day
 - ii. Found 3 men in abandon house
 - iii. 1 veteran
 - iv. Connected with local church that has a homelessness outreach mission and church said there were about 10-15 people homeless in the McComb area.
 - v. Outreach will be in Natchez in August
- VI. Open Discussion**
 - a. **Rapid Resolution Training**
 - i. MSBOSCOG and MUTEH will have a Rapid Resolution Training in Hattiesburg, August 20th, 2019 at 2pm at the Salvation Army
 - b. **Laurel, MS**
 - i. There was discussion that Laurel MS was having more displace Hispanic families because of rent gauging.
 - c. **Natchez Housing Authority**
 - i. There was discussion that the Natchez Housing Authority should have some emergency housing available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. HUD Exchange Notes of the Month

- a. No HUD Exchange Notes to report.

II. CoC Announcements

a. 2019-20 CoC MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our current membership year will end June 30, 2019. Current member agencies/individuals and potential new members must apply for membership for the period of July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. To apply/re-apply for membership, all agencies (current & new members) must complete our online [CoC Membership Application](#). Please take the time to update your agency's contact and other pertinent information using our online Membership Application form. After submitting your membership request, you will receive (via email) an invoice for your membership dues. Once receiving the invoice, payment for membership can be submitted by cash, check, or money order.

b. SCHEDULING MEETINGS FOR 2019

To better prepare advocates and members for the CoC's 2019 meetings. The MS Balance of State has compiled a meeting calendar of its important information and gatherings. Download the calendar here: <https://msbos.org/calendar/>

d. THE BALANCE OF STATE WEBSITE

For news, events, resources, and documents visit: www.msbos.org.

III. NEXT Southwest MEETING: Next Southwest COC meeting will be in August 20th, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.