

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

Thursday, April 15th, 2021
10:00 a.m.

TIME AND PLACE

The Mississippi Balance of State CoC Governing Council was called to order at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom Online Meeting Platform.

ROLL CALL

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Hannah Maharrey, Ivie Pulliam, Sara Smith proxy for Abby Miller, Chantel Maye, Louise Meyer, Ledger Parker, Bethany Latham, Florida McKay, Rebecca Ford, and guests Sara Ekiss and Javonda Stanton

Additional Notes

GC members Sherry Holloway, Myron Hudson, and Stephanie Johnson were unable to or did not attend.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes were submitted for the December 2020 Governing Council meetings.

ADOPTION / REVIEW OF AGENDA

Florida McKay adopted a motion to accept the agenda and minutes. The motion was seconded by Louise Meyer. All in favor by acclamation.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

1. Rebecca Nelson with United Way NEMS will be replacing Stephanie Johnson as Northeast regional representative
2. Vote was called for and all in favor by acclamation

II. CONTINUUM OF CARE REGIONAL UPDATES: Each Regional Representative were able to share an update about their regional coalition.

III. 2021 POINT-IN-TIME Plans

1. Housing Inventory Count and Sheltered PIT will be standard
2. Unsheltered PIT Count will be considered partial due to COVID-related count limitations

3. Deadline extended to May 14th, 2021
4. As of Governing Council Meeting, PIT data team was working on gathering PIT data from Domestic Violence shelters.

IV. COC Activities During COVID-19

1. RAMP-ERA: Rental assistance programming through MHC
2. RAMP-ESG: Update given by Ledger Parker, MUTEH
 1. Due to HUD regulations RAMP-ESG Homelessness Prevention is on hold
 2. Focus RAMP-ESG on RRH and Street outreach
 3. Goal is to effectively end homelessness in coverage area
3. State Vaccination Plan
 1. Hattiesburg – SEMRHI
 2. Meridian – EC Healthnet
 3. Tupelo – Kroger Pharmacies
 4. Implementation Issues – Janssen Vaccine pause
4. CDC Eviction Moratorium extended to June 30th, 2021
 1. New declaration form was distributed to COC agencies during coalition meetings.

V. MUTEH HMIS Report – update given by Bethany Latham, HMIS Lead.

1. User Placement: March 2021 – 45 clients taken from regional waitlist
 1. Placements are not the same as move-ins
2. System Performance Measure
 1. 10/1/2019 – 09/30/2020 – Average Length of Homelessness: 90 days
 1. Shelters increase the average length of homelessness across the CES
 2. 5% return to homelessness
3. HMIS Training Program created with 3 level skills training
4. HMIS Technical Assistance link is live on www.muteh.org
5. Monthly MPR reports along with follow-up calls

VI. MSBOS Coordinated Entry System

1. Javonda Stanton, new CES Director
 1. 3 Navigators will be hired
2. Updates to waitlist process – discussed future goal of CES assigning housing clients from waitlist to housing agency
3. CES navigators will monitoring entire CES process from Outreach, Housing, and Case Management, from intake to discharge
4. Shared with Governing Council the CES Process Timeline and how navigators will be involved at each step

VII. FY2020 COC Renewals

1. MSBOS COC programs were automatically renewed for the FY2020 grant year due to HUD's COVID-related exceptions

2. Resilience Development Corporation was not renewed for FY2020 due to the fact that their FY2019 grant start date was after the renewal deadline. RDC will be eligible for FY2021 renewal

VIII. FY2021 COC Funding Competition

1. NOFA has not been released
2. COC funding competition will resume
3. Rank and Review process will be implemented

IX. Updating COC Policies:

1. MSBOS will be updating CoC policies this year
 1. Written Standards
 1. ESG Vs. CoC Eligible Cost
 2. Moving-On Initiative
 2. Coordinated Entry Policy

X. COC Activities Recap:

- Monthly Meetings
 - 5 Regional Coalition Meetings
 - 5 Regional Waitlists
 - Vet BNL X2
- Programs Of Hope: Housing & Transportation
- HUD TA Call
- Coordinated Entry System Committee Quarterly Meeting
- National Alliance To End Homeless Conference Presentation
- Point-in-time Count COC-Wide Meeting
- SSVF Quarterly Meeting
- CDC Vaccination Webinar
- Strategic Planning Meet With MHC ESG Director
- Hosted ESG Interest Meeting With MHC
- ACLU Of MS Meeting : Law Enforcement & Homeless Service Providers
- Rapid Resolution Training – North MS
- Interview With NBC News
- Interview With MS Public Radio
- Interview With NEMS Daily Journal
- Interview With Daily Mississippian
- Rethinking Homelessness Conference
- HUD All Grantee Meeting
- COC-Wide Outreach Best Practices Meeting

NEXT GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING: July 15th, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm