

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

Thursday, December 17th, 2020
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, Abby Miller, Ledger Parker, Bethany Latham, Florida McKay, Kim Townsend, Stephanie Johnson, Chantel Maye proxy of Kimberly Moore, Rebecca Ford

Additional Notes

GC members Martha Mitternacht, Sherry Holloway, Myron Hutson, Louise Meyer, Allen Williams were unable to or did not attend.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes were submitted for the August 2020 Governing Council meetings.

ADOPTION / REVIEW OF AGENDA

Ivie Pulliam adopted a motion to accept the agenda and minutes. The motion was seconded by Ledger Parker. All in favor by acclamation.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

1. Rebecca Ford will be replacing Demetra Bates as Pine Belt regional representative
2. I. Pulliam adopted the motion to replace the Pine Belt regional representative and F. McKay seconded. 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 will have COVID precautions and guidelines in place

1. PPE required
2. Limited volunteers
3. Shorter surveys
4. Using online platform
3. Submission Deadline will remain the same: end of April 2021

IV. COC Activities During COVID-19

1. CARES ESG-CV: RAMP Update given by Ledger Parker, MUTEH
 1. Within portal 1800 homeless prevention applications
 2. So far 167 assisted
 3. Rejected over 1000
 4. 55.5 intakes a day
 5. “order to vacate” is now required and documented risk to homelessness
 6. Plan to focus funding efforts on RRH in future
2. State Vaccination Plan
 1. Homeless individuals are in Phase 2
 2. MSDH will partner with homeless networks to disperse vaccinations
 3. Implementation plan issues include transportation and 2nd dose scheduling
 4. Eviction Moratorium expires: 12/31/2021.
3. Governing Council asked about future frequency of vaccinations: yearly or every 6 months. No CDC guidance has been released yet

V.COORDINATED ENTRY – update given by Bethany Latham, HMIS Lead.

1. HMIS Program and Users
2. HMIS Vendor
 1. Governing Council discussed vendor prices
 1. ESG- MHC Pays Fee For HMIS
 2. COC– No Cost
 3. Other Programs – Fee
 4. Surcharge for agencies with over 15 users
3. CES Changes in HMIS
 1. CES Event created when adding client to waitlist, after Vi-Spdat
 2. CES Activity created when taking client off waitlist and into housing program
4. System Performance Measures
 1. Discussed performance reports for agencies and if agencies would be interested.
5. HMIS Cost Analysis
 1. Will remain with AWARDS, best cost for service
6. LSA – 3 year reporting period, replaced AHAR
7. Regional Waitlists
 1. Discussed possible HP tool and separate waitlist
 2. COVID-edition waitlist: March 2020-december 2020
 1. 242 total placements

2. 49% placed since September 1st, 2020
 1. 119 placed since September 1st
 2. 104 move-ins since September 1st

VI. VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

1. MSBOSCOG VET BNL Call every two weeks
2. VET BNL Snapshot from 12/16/20
 1. 26 veterans on list
 2. 5 chronically homeless veterans on list
3. Staffing Changes at Memphis VA, new CES navigator hired
4. Expanding partnership with Veteran programs and civic clubs discussed

VII. CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

1. Planning session held September 15th, 2020
2. BNL Calls Schedule:
 - October 14th
 - November 18th
 - Next Call – December 15th
3. Chronic BNL Snapshot
 - a. Date of Chronic BNL 11/18/20
 - b. Number on BNL: 77
 - c. In housing programs without move-in dates: 20
 - d. In Emergency Shelter or Hotel/Motel: 6
 - e. PH Move-ins/Discharges in October 2020: 16
 - f. PH Move-ins/Discharges in November 2020: 10
4. Governing Council discussed the process of documenting length of homelessness and chronic homeless rarely hit shelter system, even warming or cold weather shelters.

VIII. FY2019 COC FUNDING COMPETITION PROGRAM UPDATES

1. Resilience Development Corporation PSH is working on finalizing HUD agreement and designated start date
2. Catholic Charities decided to cancel their TH-RRH COC project and will now be reallocated to Care Lodge.
3. Coordinated Entry System Program has been finalized, waiting on start date

IX. FY2020 COC Funding Competition

1. NOFA has not been released
2. Delayed due to COVID-19

X. COC ACTIVITIES UPDATE:

1. Monthly Meetings
 1. 5 regional coalition meetings
 2. 5 regional waitlists
 3. VET BNL x2

4. Chronic BNL
2. CES Committee Meeting
3. National Alliance to End Homeless Disaster Mitigation Meeting
4. UK Homeless Link Webinar on Rural Homelessness
5. UK Homeless Service Providers Meeting
6. Programs of HOPE: Housing & Transportation Committee
7. MS Dept of Education McKinney-Vento Conference
8. SSVF Quarterly Meeting
9. Hong Kong, China Consulate American Center
10. National Hunger and Homelessness Week
11. HUD Region IV Conference
12. National Low Income Housing Coalition Conference
13. Met with Meridian and Tupelo City Councils
14. Met with Meridian and Tupelo Police Chiefs

NEXT GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING: First quarter of 2021

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm