

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

Thursday, February 27th, 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. The meeting was held at the E.T. Wolkfolk 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

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

PRESENT

Hannah Maharrey, Myron Hutson, Bethany Latham, Florida McKay, Demetra Bates, Kim Townsend, Ivie Pulliam, Ledger Park,

Additional Notes

GC members Louise Meyer, Abby Miller, Sherry Holloway, Allen Williams, and Stephanie Johnson were not able to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes were submitted for the December 2019 Governing Council meeting.

ADOPTION / REVIEW OF AGENDA

Attendee adopted a motion to accept the agenda and minutes. The motion was seconded. All in favor by acclamation.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. MS BOS Governing Council can have up to 15 voting members, and currently has 12. Looking for potential new council members.
2. Attendance Policy: f a Governing Council Member representative who has been duly notified of BoS CoC meetings misses three or more consecutive meetings or a majority of the regular meetings held in any calendar year without discussing the reason for the absence with the Executive Committee Chair will have presumed to have resigned.
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II. CONTINUUM OF CARE REGIONAL UPDATES: Each Regional Representative were able to share an update about their regional coalition.

1. Pine belt – Expanding outreach into Petal and Laurel communities, also addressing the Panhandling ordinance that was passed in Fall 2019
2. East Central – Planning a Homelessness 101 for community, which would be the first event of its kind for area.
3. Delta – Developing Relationships with local law enforcement
4. Northeast – Workforce Development partnership between City of Tupelo and NE coalition to help homelessness individuals gain employment
5. Southwest – WINGS DV Shelter is closing McComb facility and will consolidate in Columbia facility. Southwest Coalition is working on a resource guide to share with area partners.

III. POINT-IN-TIME AND PROJECT CONNECTS

1. Point-in-Time Count 2020
 - (a) The 2020 Point-in-Time Count was Tuesday, January 28th, 2020
 - (b) Preliminary data shows that the unsheltered population increased between PIT2019 and PIT2020.
 - (i) PIT 2019 – 189 unsheltered
 - (ii) PIT 2020 – 226 unsheltered
 - (iii) Increase could be due to the fact that a few emergency shelters in the MS BOS closed between 2019-2020.
- (2) Regional Project Connects
 - (a) The East Central Project Connect was Friday, January 24th, 2020
 - (i) 23 Agencies and 26 Attendees
 - (b) The Northeast Project Connect is Monday, January 27th, 2020
 - (i) 27 Agencies and 40 Attendees
 - (c) The Delta Project Connect is Wednesday, January 29th, 2020
 - (i) 16 Agencies and 40 Attendees
 - (d) Total number of Agencies and Participants across MS BOS COC were 66 agencies and 106 attendees

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

1. Awards Totals:
 - a) 102 Projects
 - b) 13 Non-Participating (including DV)
 - c) 120 Active Logins
 - d) 4,347 – current count unduplicated
 - e) 39,871 – historical count unduplicated
 - f) 12 Awards Training from December 12 GC Meeting
 - g) Coordinated Entry: 12
 1. 5 CES Outreach
 2. 7 Central Intakes
 - h) Shelter: 13
 1. 1 Day Shelter
 2. 2 Motel/Hotel
 3. 1 RHY Project
 4. 3 Shelters
 - i) Homelessness Prevention: 17
 1. 1 RHY Project
 2. 4 HOPWA
 3. 7 ESG HP
 4. 4 SSVF HP

- 5. 1 CHOICE
- j) Permanent Housing: 37
 - 1. 1 GPD TIP
 - 2. 10 HOPWA
 - 3. 8 ESG RRH
 - 4. 1 CHOICE
 - 5. 7 PSH
 - 6. 5 COC RRH
 - 7. 4 SSVF RRH
- k) Services Only: 15
 - 1. 6 HOPWA
 - 2. 4 PATH
 - 3. 5 Supportive CM
- l) Street Outreach: 3
 - 1. 3 Street Outreach
- m) Transitional Housing: 5
 - 1. 1 HOPWA
 - 2. 1 GPD Clinical
 - 3. 1 RHY
 - 4. 1 Treatment
- 2. HUD Requirements – HMIS Participation
 - a) Housing Inventory Count - Reflects the number of beds and units available on the night designated for the count (PIT COUNT) that are DEDICATED to serve persons who are homeless (and, for permanent housing projects, person who were homeless at entry), per the HUD homeless definition.
 - 1. The primary intent of the project is to serve homeless persons
 - 2. The project verifies homeless status as part of its eligibility determination
 - 3. The actual project clients are predominantly homeless
 - b) The Project Types included
 - 1. Emergency Shelter
 - 2. Transitional Housing
 - 3. Safe Haven (Day Shelter)
 - 4. Permanent Housing
 - 5. Rapid Rehousing
 - 6. Permanent Supportive Housing
 - 7. Other PH

Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness

Year	# of Persons Exited	0-6 months	6-12 months	13-24 months	2 years	Percentage 2 year
2018	1358	45	27	53	125	9%
2019	1197	19	10	22	51	4.26%

Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth
Leavers

EARNED INCOME

Year	# of Persons	Increased	Percentage
2018	332	74	22%
2019	244	71	29.10%

Non-employment cash income

Year	# of Persons	Increased	Percentage
2018	332	40	12%
2019	244	20	8.20%

Change in TOTAL Income

Year	# of Persons	Increased	Percentage
2018	332	101	30%
2019	244	82	33.60%

Measure 7: Successful Placements

Change in exits to PH Destination

Year	# of Persons	PH Exits	Percentage
2018	1710	1231	72%
2019	1330	921	69.20%

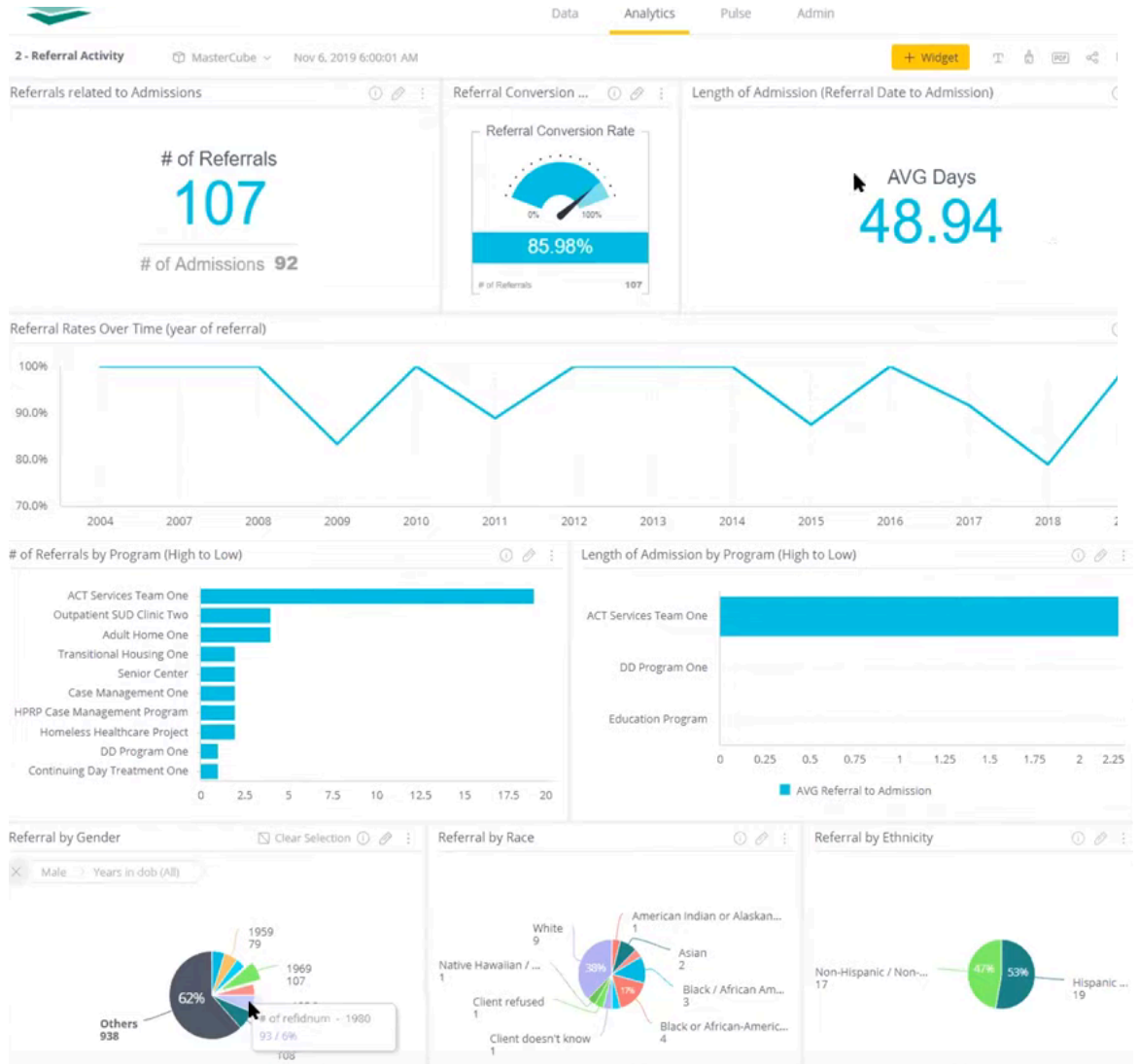
Change in exit to or retention of PH

Year	# of Persons	PH Exits	Percentage
2018	121	110	91%
2019	159	137	86.20%

c) Housing Threshold Recommendations: Vi-spdat Scores

1. 0-3: No housing intervention
2. 4-7: Rapid-Rehousing
3. 8+: Permanent Supportive Housing
4. If no PSH is available in area, then scores of 8+ need to be served using RRH. Scoring should not become a barriers for those that most vulnerable

3. Foothold New Stuff



4.

5. MUTEH Website

- a) Schedule/Request Training
- b) Dashboard for MPRs/Agency Report
- c) Video and PDF how-to's and tutorials

6. Announcements/Goals for Coordinated Entry and HMIS

- a) HUD HDX provides STELLA – upcoming reports on System Data
- b) Changes Drop-In Center in AWARDS
- c) St. Gabriel ESG & New Hope Village to come on board
- d) Hopes of TSA – Laurel coming on board in the next few months
- e) Data Exchange with Stewpot & Open Doors
- f) System Performance Measures due 2/28/20
- g) HIC/PIT Data due 4/30/20

7. MS Balance of State Coordinated Entry System Committee Meeting

- a) Friday, April 17th
- b) Friday, July 17th
- c) Friday, October 16th

V. COC APPLICATION APPEALS PROCESS:

1. MS Balance of State Governing Council discussed the Appeals Process. This is a continuing issue from the previous Governing Council meeting.
2. APPEALS PROCESS Background– Three of the agencies with projects in Tier 2 applied for a ranking appeal. The Governing Council discussed the precedent that was set for past application cycles and what options the GC has for creating a new appeals policy. With documentation from October 2014 to present the precedent the MS Balance of State COC Governing Council has for ranking appeals is that an agency can only appeal the ranking process, and not the numerical ranking itself. The current appeals document is out of date and needs to be updated. M. Mitternacht, executive committee chair, weighted in and said that the Ranking Committee is comprised of members of the Governing Council and that the ranking decision that they determine should be upheld unless gross negligence within the ranking process is determined. It was decided by the GC that the appeals process needs to be proactively updated not reactively.
3. It was suggested by members of the Governing Council that the appeals process of other Balance of State COCs would be the appropriate next step in the continuing discussion of examining the appeals process.
4. MSBOSCOC Director consulted HUD Technical Assistance and they offered examples of other COCs appeals Process
 1. Riverside California COC Awards Protest
 2. Similar to MSBOSCOC Current Policy in which only the ranking and review process can be appealed not the numerical ranking of projects in Tier 1 and 2

VI. COC WRITTEN STANDARDS

1. The Mississippi HUD Office of Community Planning and Development noticed discrepancies in the MS Balance of State Written Standards.
2. Especially regarding allowable cost and short-term and mid-term rental assistance standards
3. These changes were made by COC director and submitted to the HUD CPD office for revision. Currently are waiting on the CPD office to respond to revision

VII. UPCOMING TRAININGS AND EVENTS

1. Housing Inspection Training-
 - a. February 26th, 2020 – 41 attendees
 - b. Facilitated by MSBOSCOC and MUTEH
 - c. 3 HUD CPD Office Staffers Participated included CPD Director
 - d. For COC and ESG funded agencies
2. Trauma-Informed Care
3. Motivational Interviewing
4. Racial Equity
5. SNAP Applications
6. Grant Writing and Funding Workshop
7. Client Financial Management and Budgeting

VIII. OTHER ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. National Alliance to End Homelessness – Washington D.C.
2. Laurel Housing Authority and future Homeless Task Force Plans
3. Activities between December 2019 and February 2020 Governing Council Meetings:
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- b. MS Municipal League Meeting
- c. MS Home Corp Strategic Planning Meeting
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 - e. Bolivar Commercial

IX. 2020 GOAL: EFFECTIVELY ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

1. It is a goal of the MS Balance of State COC is to end Chronic Homelessness
The next action steps will be:
 - a) Gather Data to determine current Chronic Homeless situation
 - b) Form a Task Force/Committee of interested stakeholders
 - c) Implement Gap Analysis on Chronic Homelessness
 - d) Create year-long plan to address and effectively end Chronic Homelessness
2. Additional Goal is to End Homelessness in Targeted Communities
 - a) Tupelo, MS – Community has reduced street homelessness by 40% over last two years, current unsheltered population is under 15 individuals that could be zero'd by the end of the year
 - b) Southwest Area – Small waitlist, that has become stagnant. With increased efforts to outreach and house MSBOCCOC could “end homelessness” in Natchez and McComb area

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NEXT GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING: Summer 2020
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm