

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

Thursday, July 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, Chantel Maye, Ledger Parker, Bethany Latham, Florida McKay, Rebecca Nelson, Abby Miller, and guest Javonda Stanton.

Additional Notes

GC members Martha Mitternacht, Ivie Rivers, Sherry Holloway, Louise Meyer, Rebecca Ford, and Myron Hutson were unable to attend

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes were submitted for the April 2021 Governing Council meetings.

ADOPTION / REVIEW OF AGENDA

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

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONTINUUM OF CARE REGIONAL UPDATES:

1. Northeast – Rebecca Nelson
2. Delta – Florida McKay
3. East Central – Abby Miller
4. Pine Belt – Rebecca Ford
5. Southwest – Representative role is vacant. Javonda Stanton gave update about Southwest region

II. COC Activities During COVID-19

1. RAMP-ERA: Rental assistance programming through MHC
 1. \$200 million stat wide rental assistance
 2. All Prevention clients that are in a current lease will be referred to ERA

2. RAMP-ESG:
 - a) RAMP-ESG required to spend 20% of total funding or 18 million by December 2021.
 - b) MUTEH, the MSBOS RAMP-ESG provider, is at 50% of spending
 - c) Due to HUD regulations RAMP-ESG Homelessness Prevention is on hold
 - d) Focus RAMP-ESG on RRH and Street outreach
 - e) Goal is to effectively end homelessness in coverage area
 - f)
3. State Vaccination Plan – Vaccination events have occurred in each region of the MSBOS except the Southwest region.
 1. Pine Belt– SEMRHI
 2. East Central – EC Healthnet
 3. Northeast - Good Samaritan Health Services
 4. Delta – Delta Health Services
4. Additional extension to CDC Eviction Moratorium: July 31th, 2021. Information was shared with regional coalition agencies.
5. Information regarding new federal financial programs was shared with regional coalition agencies and homeless service providers. During regional coalition meetings information New federal financial programs:
 1. Child Tax Credits
 2. Stimulus Payments

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

1. AWARDS Totals
 1. 87 Total Projects
 1. 69 Active
 2. 10 Inactive
 3. 8 Central CoC
 2. 97 Active Logins
 3. 3,212 Current Record Count
 4. 43,255 History Record Count
2. Awards Waiting List “PLACED” for last quarter 4/1 - 6/30, 2021
 1. April - 43
 2. May - 28
 3. June - 31
 4. July – 16
3. Agencies Placing from Waitlist
 1. MUTEH RAMP – 50
 2. OA SSVF – 4
 3. Resilience CoC – 2
 4. SAFE ESG – 1
 5. 227 Place – 5
 6. ASC ESG – 1
 7. BCCAA – 15
 8. CCSM CoC – 7

9. IDS CoC – 5
10. MUTEH CoC – 5
11. MUTEH ESG – 1
4. MPR Summary Table was shared with Governing Council, this table is shared with each agencies when MPRs are sent out.
5. HP By-Name-List
 1. MSBOS Coordinated Entry System Committee is in the planning stage of creating a new HP By-Name List and Screening.
 2. MHC is requesting updated assessment process for ESG-HP providers
 3. Discussing the use of the VA SSVF HP screening as basis of MSBOS screening
6. TA Assistance
7. ESG Grading
 1. Submitted ESG Grading to MHC for following agencies:
 1. CCSM Recovery House
 2. Care Lodge
 3. Cora's House of Hope
 4. Domestic Abuse Shelter (DAFS)
 5. St Gabriel Mercy Center
 6. WWISCAA
 7. MUTEH
 8. Multi-County Community Service
 9. Catholic Charities Guardian Shelter
8. Awards Update
 1. Numerous Trainings
 2. Studying SPMs
 3. CHOICE data collection
 4. Executive/Program Director training
 5. Improvement Plans
 6. Data Clean-up
 1. Intakes = move-ins
 2. CES data concerns
 3. Discontinued Projects

IV. MSBOS Coordinated Entry System

1. Javonda Stanton, CES Director gave update
 - a) 3 Navigators will be hired
 1. Northeast and Delta
 2. East Central
 3. Pine Belt
 4. Southwest CES will be covered by CES director
2. Review of Program Components
 - a) Updates to Waitlist Process
 - b) Assigning Program Admissions
 - c) Monitor Program Discharges

V. New Housing Programs and Funding

1. Emergency Housing Vouchers – 7 PHAs
 - a) South Delta Housing Authority
 - b) Greenwood Housing Authority
 - c) Oxford Housing Authority
 - d) Tennessee Valley Regional Housing Authority
 - e) Region VI Housing Authority (Shared with Central CoC)
 - f) Region V Housing Authority
 - g) Region VII Housing Authority (shared with Coast CoC)
2. HOME-ARP
 - a) Hattiesburg
 - b) Balance of State

VI. FY2021 COC Funding Competition – as of July 15th, no new updates

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

VII. 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
 3. Case Management Policy – Critical Time Intervention

VIII. COC Activities Recap:

- Monthly Meetings
 - 5 Regional Coalition Meetings
 - 5 Regional Waitlists
 - Vet BNL X2
 - Programs Of Hope: Housing & Transportation
- Submitted HIC and PIT To HUD
- Submitted Grant Inventory Worksheet to HUD
- Re-Entry Initiative with MHC and State-wide stakeholders
- Vaccination Clinic in Meridian and Tupelo
- National Alliance to End Homelessness Capitol Hill Day
 - Meeting with Senator Hyde-Smith and Wicker's Offices
 - Meeting with Representative Kelly's Office
- Meeting with Jackson Mayor's Office about Project Solution
- HUD Region IV TA Huddle x 2
- Meeting with Chicago Health Lab
- Stakeholders meeting with Starkville Strong
- SSVF Quarterly Meeting
- COC-Wide Housing and Case Management Meeting

- Mission Mississippi and Kiwanis Club Presentations
- Meeting with Lifecore about Mental Health Services
- Meeting with MDOT about transportation opportunities
- Meeting with Healthcare stakeholders in Meridian

NEXT GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING: October 14th, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm