

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

Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, Rebecca Ford, Ivie Rivers and guests Reginald Glenn and Javonda Stanton.

**Additional Notes**

GC members Martha Mitternacht, Sherry Holloway, and Abby Miller were unable to attend

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

*Minutes were submitted for the July 2021 Governing Council meetings.*

**ADOPTION / REVIEW OF AGENDA**

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

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**I. Governing Council Members**

1. Charter states Governing Council can have up to 15 members, voting quorum would be 8.5.
2. Current Council – 9 members, voting quorum is 5.5
3. Today's meeting had 10 attendees, and 6 voting members
4. Current Council members include:
  1. Martha Mitternacht
  2. Ivie Rivers
  3. Chantel Maye
  4. Louise Meyer/Ledger Parker (share 1 vote)
  5. Florida McKay
  6. Rebecca Ford

7. Abby Miller
8. Rebecca Nelson
9. Hannah Maharrey (non-voting/support)
10. Bethany Latham (non-voting/support)
5. New member nominees were presented to the Council:
  1. Collin Billingsley - Outcome Studies & Data Coordinator, Family Resource Center
  2. Cindy Cheeks - Director, Program Operations, Hope Science Institute
  3. Jason Spencer – Executive Director, Tennessee Valley Regional Housing Authority, Vice-President of MS Assoc of Housing and Redevelopment Officials
  4. Colleen Hartfield – Retired vice president, Community Relations and Governmental Affairs, Hinds Community College
  5. Ailrick Young – Executive Director, Laurel Housing Authority
  6. Robbie Brown - Deputy Director, Mississippi Municipal League
  7. Dr. Sarah Grabmiller - Program Director/Designated Institutional Official, East Central Mississippi Health Network, INC, Family Medicine Residency
  8. A motion was made by R. Nelson and seconded by R. Ford to accept new members to Governing Council, council vote was unanimous.

## **II. CONTINUUM OF CARE REGIONAL UPDATES:**

1. Northeast – Rebecca Nelson
  1. Tupelo Homeless Task Force is still very involved with regional efforts, focused on rapid resolution, housing process. Hunger Coalition of Northeast Mississippi is great partner to help with food insecurity, Active churches are helping with efforts, ALICE report from local United Way helps identified Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed families that experience housing insecurity.
2. Delta – Florida McKay
  1. Delta region is working on landlord relationships to improve housing availability, BCCAA Headstart new program Plan A to partner with BCCAA RRH, new CES NAV Robert Lukes has been very involved in outreach and communicating with Delta agencies.
3. East Central – Abby Miller
  1. COC and MUTEH met with Meridian City Council, building a weekly community outreach team, plans to build police department and municipal court relationship
4. Pine Belt – Rebecca Ford
  1. Monthly coalition meeting and waitlist meeting, New co-chairs for Pine Belt coalition are Sharon Cohen from ASC, and Catherine Jorns from RISE. New City of Hattiesburg outreach is Jody Fortenberry

5. Southwest – Representative role is vacant. Javonda Stanton gave update about Southwest region.
  1. Southwest Outreach clean-up including discharges and destinations, including those still on waitlist that have been housed.

### **III. MSBOS Coordinated Entry System**

1. Emergency Housing Voucher Program
  - MOUs Emergency Housing Vouchers – 6 PHAs
    1. South Delta Housing Authority
    2. Greenwood Housing Authority
    3. Oxford Housing Authority
    4. Tennessee Valley Regional Housing Authority
    5. Region VI Housing Authority (Shared with Central CoC)
    6. Region V Housing Authority
  - New EHV Director – Javonda Stanton
  - Referrals through EHV director, each PHA has different referral requirements, will prioritize those that are currently literally homeless or have been in COC/ESG RRH or PSH less than a year
2. MSBOS CES Program
  1. Reginald Glenn became CES director in September
  2. 3 Navigators- East Central, NE/Delta, and PineBelt
  3. CES will focus on Advisor Role, Outreach, Training, and Partnerships
    1. Advisor – Assist, Assess, and Assign
    2. Outreach: street outreach, outreach program clean-up, and outcomes from outreach
3. Homelessness Prevention CES
  1. Building out waitlist and prioritization and eligibility process with MHC
4. SSVF Program Updates
  1. Homelessness Prevention Assessment – changed assessment practices to be less invasive for veterans and include more self-declaration
  2. Shallow Subsidies - provides Vets ability to stay in housing, 2-year eligibility,
5. Other Programs Within MSBOS
  1. Ramp-ERA – Spent first \$200 million, another \$150 will be awarded, current understanding is that everyone has been affected by COVID-19 so there is no COVID restriction on assistance
  2. Ramp-ESG: shifted to RRH, currently no HP, focus on Rapid Resolutions
  3. Standard ESG – in allocation process
  4. Home – ARP: MSBOS will be assisting with implementation planning
    1. Hattiesburg

## 2. Balance of State

### IV. HMIS Report

1. 86 total projects
  1. 76 active
  2. 5 inactive
  3. 5 Central CoC
2. 105 active logins
3. 3,155 active logins
4. 43,672 History record (client) count, unduplicated, 2008 – present
5. Housing (waitlist vs. move-in) Last Quarter 7/1/2021-9/30/2021
  1. Waitlist Placements
    1. July – 25
    2. August – 39
    3. September – 36
    4. Total – 100
  2. Move-in Dates
    1. July – 28
    2. August – 34
    3. September – 28
    4. Total – 90
6. Improvement Plans: HMIS Team will meet with agencies to make improvement plans to help agency improve HMIS accuracy and system performance measures
7. MPR Table – shared with agency monthly, includes grading of utilization of cumulative service total, average for each quarter, utilization is still low across CoC
8. Awards updates:
  1. New data standards – 10/2021
  2. SPMs due 2/28/2022
  3. ESG CV Q4 due in SAGE
  4. HMIS COC Application
  5. Executive/Program Director Training Program
  6. Improvement Plans
  7. HP Screening Implementation – new screening form PR-VI-SPDAT

### V. FY 2021 COC Funding Competition:

#### CoC Competition Timeline:

1. Wednesday, September 1st, 2021 – Announce NOFO and Letters of Intent
2. Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 – Letter of Intent Deadline
3. Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Project Application Submission Deadline
4. Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – Rank and Review Committee
5. Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Project and Public Notification of Rank and Review
6. Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – CoC's HUD Application Submission

## **VI. Rank and Review Committee:**

1. Consist of Governing Council members who do not receive CoC or HUD funding
2. Rank and Review Considerations:
  1. HUD Policy Priorities
  2. COC Funding Priorities
  3. Agency Performance Review for Renewal Projects
  4. Agency Capacity Review for New Projects
  5. HUD Monitoring Data and Reporting (for currently/previously HUD funded agencies)
3. HUD Policy Priorities:
  1. Ending homelessness for all persons
  2. Use a Housing First approach
  3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
  4. Improving System Performance
  5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
  6. Racial Equity
  7. Persons with Lived Experience
4. Local CoC Funding Priorities:
  1. Individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness
  2. Projects in geographical regions of MS BOS COC with highest population of homelessness
  3. Chronic Homelessness

## **VII. COC Activities Recap:**

- Monthly Meetings
  - 5 Regional Coalition Meetings
  - 5 Regional Waitlists
  - Vet BNL X2
  - Programs Of Hope: Housing & Transportation
- Met with Texas Balance of State CoC - Outreach
- Met with Pinellas County Florida CoC - Equity
- Coordinated Entry System Committee Quarterly Meeting
- SSVF Quarterly Meeting
- Delta Housing Fair
- MDOT and MHC Transportation and Employment Meetings
- Met with Feeding Gulf Coast re: SNAP application assistance
- Presented to Meridian City Council
- Met with Holly Springs, MS city administration
- Met with Oceans Springs, MS city administration
- Met with Community Organizations
  - Rotary Club
  - Canopy Solutions LINK program
  - Hunger Coalition of Northeast MS

- Northeast MS Episcopal Clergy Conference
- Habitat for Humanity
- Met with United Healthcare - Health and Housing Initiatives
- HOME-ARP webinars
- EHV workshops and meetings with multiple housing authorities

**NEXT GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING:** December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm