



MS Balance of State CoC Northeast Regional Coalition Monthly Meeting Minutes

TIME AND PLACE

A meeting of the Mississippi State Balance of State Continuum of Care - Northeast Region was called to order at 10:00 A. M. at All Saints Episcopal Church located at 608 W Jefferson St. in Tupelo, MS on Friday, May 10, 2024.

CALL TO ORDER

Marika Baliko, Interim CoC Director, called the meeting to order.

ATTENDEES

Present were the following: Kathy Garner via Zoom (ASC), Chiquita Dent (CCSM), Latoya Hatchett (ASC), LaCura Dixon (MS Department of Health), Andrew Thompson (SAFE), Merrie Kate Grayson (MUTEH), Reginald Glenn (MS BoS CoC), Marika Baliko (MS BoS CoC), Robert Lukes (MS BoS CoC), and Miranda Horn (MS BoS CoC).

REVIEW OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Minutes from the March 2024 CoC Northeast Regional Coalition Meeting were reviewed. The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed. Robert Lukes motioned to approve both documents, and Miranda Horn seconded.

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Welcome / Introductions
 - a. Miranda Horn was introduced as the new Assistant CoC Director. All attendees introduced themselves and the agency they represent.
- II. Updates from Member Agencies
 - a. CCSM stated they have a new worker (Victoria) who has joined their agency.
- III. Presentation
 - a. Kathy Garner, Executive Director of Aids Service Coalition (ASC) presented via Zoom on the programs offered by their agency and how to make a referral.
 - i. Covers the entire Balance of State coverage area.

- ii. Melinda is the case manager for the region - she is a good contact for questions.
- iii. 121 Haven House
- iv. 227 Place
- v. Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- vi. Ryan White Part B Grant
- vii. ESG-HP
- viii. Community Fund
- ix. Additional Services

IV. Discussion

- a. What challenges or obstacles are you facing lately that affect your efforts in housing the homeless?
- b. Are there any specific topics or areas of training that you think we should prioritize or expand upon?
- c. Who should be at the table/meeting?

V. Review of CoC Goals

- a. Prioritization - Keep those that we should be serving - those sleeping outside - a priority.
- b. Performance/Compliance - Help you administer your program as the funder requires through compliance.
- c. Capacity Building - Serve the CoC and help build capacity through trainings, access to resources and networking.

VI. Resource Opportunities

- a. Sponsor a Move-In
- b. Kitchen in a Box
- c. Bed in a Box
- d. Statewide Resource Guide

VII. Coalition Business

- a. Save the Date - Annual Membership Meeting is June 18, 2024 in Jackson, MS.

VIII. Waitlist

- a. The agencies present provided updates for the Housing Waitlist, and case conferencing was conducted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.