



**TIME & PLACE**

The Balance of State’s East Central Region meeting was called to order at the Meridian WIN JOB Center (2000 MS-19, Meridian, MS, 39307) at **10:10 AM** on **Tuesday, February 11, 2025.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ATTENDEES**

Present were the following:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Marika Baliko	BoS CoC	Tracy Coleman	USM-IDS
Hope Woods	USM-IDS	Marie Sipp	Care Lodge DV
Kirk Dahl	MUTEH Inc.	Jowanda McCoy	MUTEH Inc.
Cotina Brown	BoS CoC	Annie O’Reilly	USM-IDS
Reginald Glenn	BoS CoC		

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- I. Welcome/Introductions
  
- II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. Minutes were approved for our previous meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. East Central Coalition Minutes can be found here: <https://msbos.org/eastcentral/>
  
- III. Coalition Business
  - a. **New Staff: Meet Cotina Brown**
    - i. Cotina is the Director of Strategic Partnerships and Compliance. Her job will entail building partnerships with funded, civic, and community agencies, leading efforts to better collaboration within the CoC system, and monitoring CoC, ESG, and SSVF agencies as required by HUD.
  
  - b. **Federal Freeze/ Future Funding**
    - i. The memo for the freeze from the Federal Government has been rescinded
    - ii. Not receiving guidance on pausing any programming or funding
    - iii. CoC holds the right to change the funding assignment
    - iv. Be efficient, accountable
    - v. Show the impact of your program through data.
    - vi. Leverage funding from the private sector.
  
  - c. **Rapid Resolution**
    - i. Rapid Resolution is a housing intervention designed to prevent immediate entry into homelessness or to immediately resolve a household’s homelessness once they enter shelter, transitional housing, or an unsheltered situation. Rapid Resolution includes both Diversion and Rapid Exit strategies to ensure homelessness is avoided or is as brief as possible when it does occur.
    - ii. **RR Scenario for Troubleshooting:**
      - 1. David and Jayla are 19 years old and in love. They both lived with their parents but wanted to move in together. They got an apartment together,

but they are now being evicted. Neither of their parents will allow them to live in their home, and they refuse to be separated.

**d. Discharges**

**i. Discharges from programs should be:**

- 1. True & Accurate:** They are important for the entire CoC
- 2. True & Positive:** Know your client's status at discharge.
- 3. Always Timely:** Backdating Discharges Affect APRs, which affects funding.

**e. Current Funding**

- i. Please inform the CoC of any pauses in programming!

**f. Waitlist**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.