



TIME & PLACE

The Balance of State’s East Central Region meeting was called to order at **10:05 AM** on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024, online via Zoom.**

CALL TO ORDER

Reginald Glenn, CES Data Bridge Director, called the meeting to order.

ATTENDEES

Present were the following:

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Reginald Glenn	BoS CoC	Marika Baliko	BoS CoC
Hope Woods	USM-IDS	Tracy Coleman	USM-IDS
Brianna Fairley (intern)	USM-IDS	Marie Sipp	Care Lodge DV
Benjamin Stephens	MS Band of Choctaw Indians	Christal Murphy	MUTEH Inc.
Jowanda McCoy	MUTEH Inc.	Teresa Grice	MCCSA
Linda Hoskins	MCCSA		

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Minutes were approved for our previous meeting on November 12th, 2024. East Central Coalition Minutes can be found here: <https://msbos.org/eastcentral/>
- III. Updates from Member Agencies
- IV. Coalition Business
 - a. **2025 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count**
 - i. Date: January 28th-31st, 2025
 - ii. For more information regarding the PIT Count and Resources surrounding the Count, visit: <https://msbos.org/pit/>
 - b. **Important PIT Information**
 - i. **When is the 24-hour PIT reference period?** *January 28th, 2025 @ 12:00 a.m. – January 29th, 2025 @ 12:00 a.m.*
 - ii. **How long can the surveys be conducted?** *Tuesday, January 28th, 2025 - Friday, January 31st, 2025*
 - iii. **Who do we count?** Sheltered homeless persons (emergency shelter or transitional housing clients) and Unsheltered (living in a place not meant for human habitation)
 - c. **How Do I Volunteer for the PIT?**
 - i. **#1: Complete Volunteer Registration**
 1. If you or your organization would like to volunteer for the PIT Count, please submit an online volunteer form
 - ii. **#2: Volunteer Orientation Videos**
 1. To prepare volunteers to count, we prepared videos that give examples of how to conduct various surveys and provide quick tips for a safe and successful count. **NOTE: We tried to get Pixar to animate some of our**

videos but couldn't afford it, so they asked **ME** to do it. (You've been warned.) 😊 **HINT: YOU CAN WATCH THE VIDEOS AND TAKE THE QUIZ IF YOU SKIP TO STEP #3**

iii. **#3: Volunteer Orientation Quiz**

1. In addition to volunteers watching the PIT Count videos, all volunteers **MUST COMPLETE** the volunteer orientation quiz before assisting with the count. Results will be recorded and the scores will be emailed to you after submission.
- iv. If you have questions about any process of the Count, please contact Reginald Glenn PIT Count Coordinator at rglenn@msbos.org.

d. **2025 PIT Planning Notes**

- i. C. Dahl and J. McCoy will lead Unsheltered Count Teams. Additionally, we may involve another local advocate to lead an East Central UNS team.
 - ii. **Below are volunteers that are being contacted to help with East Central PIT:**
 1. **Lt. Roy Fisher (TSA-Meridian)**
 2. **Latasha Howard (Wesley House Comm. Ctr.)**
 3. **Lakeisha Davis (Meridian WIN Job Center)**
 4. **Pastor of St. Paul Episcopal Church**
 5. **Amanda Davis (Compassus)**
 6. **Jil Montgomery (Ochsner Hospital)**
 7. **MSU Social Work Dept (for Volunteers)**
 8. **Fannie Johnson – LOVES Kitchen**
 9. **Feed By Faith**
 - iii. **C. Dahl will collaborate with the MBCI tribe to establish a Count for the tribal community.**
 - iv. **M. Sipp will connect Care Lodge for DV Shelter Count.**
- e. **Waitlist**
- i. The agencies present provided updates for the Regional Housing Waitlist, and case conferencing was conducted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.