



## TIME & PLACE

The Balance of State's Southeast Region meeting was called to order online via Zoom at **10:05 AM** on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025**.

## 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	Tracy Coleman	USM-IDS
Hope Woods	USM-UDS		

## NOTES

Attendees for the Southeast Meeting also include participants from the Southeast WL meeting held on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

## AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. Minutes were approved for our previous meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Delta Coalition Minutes can be found here: <https://msbos.org/southeast/>
- III. Coalition Business
  - a. **2025 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count**
    - i. Date: January 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:rglenn@msbos.org)

**d. 2025 PIT Planning Notes**

**i. Targeted Count Areas**

1. Hattiesburg
2. Laurel
3. Outlying Southeast Counties

**ii. PIT Leaders for Team Areas**

1. R. Glenn, B. Rigney, C. Guzak, K. Garner, J. Windham

**iii. Agencies/Volunteers to Contact or Locate**

**1. Hattiesburg**

- a. Reona Burnett – Coalition for Community Renewal → R. Glenn to contact
- b. City of Hattiesburg – Code Enforcement R. Glenn → B. Rigney
- c. Lakinta Griffin - Oak Arbor SSVF → R. Glenn to contact
- d. Ben Mitchell – PBMHR → J. Windham to contact
- e. Susan Hrostowski – USM Social Work → R. Glenn to contact
- f. Christian Services → J. Windham to contact
- g. Edwards Street Fellowship
- h. Fieldhouse → T. Coleman & R. Glenn to contact
- i. St. Vincent DePaul Society (Tue-Wed, 9:30-11:30)
- j. Petal Children's Taskforce → A. Lyon to Contact

**2. Laurel**

- a. TSA Laurel → R. Glenn to contact
- b. The Haven Soup Kitchen → R. Glenn to contact
- c. Jessica Firment → R. Glenn
- d. DAFS → R. Glenn to contact
- e. USM-IDS will help with Laurel UNS
- f. Glory House → H. Woods

**3. Outlying Areas**

- a. Reona Burnett – Coalition for Community Renewal → R. Glenn to contact
- b. Justin Brooks – South MS Regional Housing Authority → R. Glenn to contact
- c. Hope Community Collective → A. Lyon

**4. PIT Count Homebase?**

- a. ASC Outreach Offices

**e. Waitlist**

- i. The agencies present provided updates for the Regional Housing Waitlist, and case conferencing will be conducted on Tuesday, January 21st, 2025, at 1 pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.