



## TIME & PLACE

The Balance of State's Southeast Region meeting was called to order at **10:05 AM** on **Wednesday, December 18, 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
<b>Reginald Glenn</b>	BoS CoC	<b>Jasmine Windham</b>	MUTEH Inc.
<b>Hope Woods</b>	USM-UDS	Dominique Bolton	CDI
<b>Kayla Hinton</b>	AIDS Services Coalition	<b>Tracy Coleman</b>	USM-IDS
<b>Bethany Rigney</b>	City of Hattiesburg	<b>Amy Lyon</b>	United Way of Southeast MS

## NOTES

Attendees for the Southeast Meeting also includes 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 November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Delta Coalition Minutes can be found here: <https://msbos.org/southeast/>
- III. Updates from Member Agencies
  - a. CDI and ASC both are HOME-ARP grantees.
- IV. 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. **Possible PIT Count Homepage?**
      - a. Jackie Dole Sherill Community Center?
        - i. Ask B. Rigney about getting this meeting place free...

- b. Ask other volunteers for suggestions for headquarters.

- e. **Waitlist**

- i. The agencies present provided updates for the Regional Housing Waitlist, and case conferencing was conducted on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 1 pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.