



## Central MS CoC Membership Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** February 17, 2022  
**TIME:** 10:30 am  
**FACILITATOR:** Maria Morris / Melvin Stamps

### Roll Call

Members participated in roll call via Zoom.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes for January's membership meeting were approved.

### Guest Speaker

**Valerie Tucker, City of Jackson** - Valerie Tucker explained what the HOME American Rescue Plan Program is and the planning process for allocation of funds. She noted that they are making plans to hold a summit and are looking to consult with service providers to determine the needs of the community.

**Dr. Kendrick Bailey, iProgress** - Melvin Stamps provided a brief bio on Dr. Kendrick Bailey. Dr. Bailey explained that they started iProgress in 2017 with a focus on self-help and self-improvement as he wants everybody to operate at an optimal level. He explained that he accepts insurance and self-pay to cover the costs of his services. He expressed a desire to offer services for homeless service providers. Dr. Bailey noted that he does do some pro bono work on a case-by-case basis. The importance of holistically addressing the needs of those experiencing homelessness was emphasized, and it was noted that iProgress would be an asset in accomplishing this. Members expressed that there are repeat returns from being housed, so mental health services are important as providing a home isn't always enough. It was emphasized that individuals need to be stably housed. Dr. Bailey was encouraged to learn more about and join the CoC.

### RAMP Grant Status

This item was not discussed during this meeting.

### 2022 PIT Count-Update

Melvin Stamps reminded the CoC membership that the PIT Count would be held on February 22 (Jackson area) & 23 (surrounding areas), 2022. He noted that they assembled the hygiene bags on February 15. Volunteers (approximately 25) will be meeting at Voice of Calvary Ministries at 8 am both days of the Count; the Hinds County Sheriff's Department will be providing security. He emphasized that the PIT Count is a HUD requirement, so we need accurate and timely information to receive future funding. Everyone was encouraged to volunteer or donate if they can. Mandatory training can be found online



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(From chat: <https://mailchi.mp/centralmscoc.org/pit-count>). Chantel Maye noted that there will be a brief training overview before leaving the day of the Count and each group will be assigned an outreach worker who will tell you where to go.

### Updates from Standing Committees

Committee Chairs had no additional updates to provide.

### Funding Opportunity - State Farm

Michelle Shelton informed the membership that all submissions were already filled when the CoC tried to apply for the funding opportunity. Submissions opened on February 16, 2022 at 12 pm. She noted that the CoC will look into other options to help get funding for acquiring needed documentation for the homeless population. Melvin Stamps mentioned that one of the options we are looking into is through Entergy to address this barrier in obtaining housing assistance: acquiring the necessary documentation.

### HUD Match Workshop

Melvin Stamps informed the membership that on February 23rd at 10 am (lasting approximately one hour) HUD will be hosting a match clinic. It is mandatory for all Collaborative Applicant executive directors, CoC directors, and executive directors of funded agencies, though others can attend if they wish. The invite will be shared via email for the meeting.

### Planning Director's Report

**FY2021 CoC Competition** — Melvin Stamps noted that the CoC is still awaiting a response from HUD regarding the status of the competition. The membership will be notified by email once the CoC receives a response from HUD. Mr. Stamps expressed his hope that we'll receive a response by the end of the month.

**2021 HUD Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)** — The PD provided an overview of the details found in the report. The report will be emailed after the meeting. (Link to report shared via email: [https://www.hud.gov/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/HUD\\_No\\_22\\_022#:~:text=WASHINGTON%20%2D%20The%20U.S.%20Department%20of,of%20eight%20percent%2C%20from%202020.](https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_22_022#:~:text=WASHINGTON%20%2D%20The%20U.S.%20Department%20of,of%20eight%20percent%2C%20from%202020.))

**HUD 2020 CoC Performance Profile Report** — The report was shared on screen as Melvin Stamps highlighted a few areas of interest. The report will be emailed to the membership and added to the CoC website. (Link to report shared via email: [https://files.hudexchange.info/reports/published/CoC\\_Perf\\_State\\_MS\\_2020.pdf](https://files.hudexchange.info/reports/published/CoC_Perf_State_MS_2020.pdf))

**CoC Data Maturity Assessment Tool** — Mr. Stamps explained what the tool is and its purpose. He noted that the Strategic Planning and Data & HMIS Committees will be meeting together to complete the assessment, discuss the results, noting areas for improvement, and develop an action plan to improve performance.



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**Mississippi Home Corporation Annual Housing Conference** — The PD informed the members that Mississippi Home Corporation's Annual Housing Conference will be held on March 29-31, 2022. He noted that all 3 CoCs will be present and the Central MS CoC will give a presentation on Coordinated Entry.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was shared on screen. Katina Pace explained the details of the report ending January 31, 2022. The ending balance was \$9880.86. An updated report for December was also shared on screen.

### Open Forum Discussion

Maria Morris expressed her appreciation for all those who have supported the PIT Count. The interns expressed their experiences working with Mississippi Housing Partnership and the CoC with such projects as the PIT Count and RAMP applications.

Members discussed the woman recently featured in the news, a teacher who became homeless who expressed an inability to get shelter from where she hoped. They discussed the importance of raising awareness so people know who we are, where they can find help, and what services are available.

It was noted that the woman who was on the street at the corner of Rose and Robinson has moved locations. Members also discussed what resources may be available in our area for homeowners who need assistance with small jobs that they cannot afford.

### Announcements

There were no announcements made.

### Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.