



## Central MS CoC Membership Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** March 17, 2022

**TIME:** 10:30 am

**FACILITATOR:** Melvin Stamps

### Roll Call

Members participated in roll call via Zoom.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes for February's membership meeting were approved.

### Guest Speaker

**Helen Brown, No More Tears** - Ms. Brown discussed the need for her organization and recent developments in human trafficking. She emphasized the importance of her work and expressed her passion for helping those who have been sexually abused and trafficked victims. Ms. Brown shared the services she offers and noted that she collaborates with other organizations to get her clients housed and works with other businesses to safely get them treatment. Helen Brown answered questions the membership had. She will send educational brochures that can be shared. Ms. Brown is available to speak regarding her work. Helen Brown can be reached at 601-896-7997, qwnbl1340@gmail.com, or helenbrown@nmtears.com. Melvin Stamps encouraged Ms. Brown to become a member of the Central MS CoC.

### 2022 PIT Count Update - Mary Elbert

Mary Elbert noted that the 2022 PIT Count was held on February 22 & 23. Twenty volunteers and workers participated. Ms. Elbert noted that approximately 110 individuals were identified as homeless and some were unable to be located during the Count. The data from the surveys are now being entered. Reggie Wiggins mentioned that a few surveys had names, but no additional information. Members discussed how to address counting those who did not provide any information.

### HUD Match Workshop

Melvin Stamps informed the membership that the local field office held a match clinic that provided insight and guidance on using in-kind and cash donations for match. He noted that, before an application can be approved and submitted in eSNAPS, the Collaborative Applicant must first approve match documentation. Match documentation will be a standing item on the agenda.



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### Updates from Standing Committees

**Coordinated Entry System** — Reggie Wiggins noted that this committee has not been very active, but they are working towards getting more done and having more members join.

**Data & HMIS** — Mary Elbert noted that the committee, along with the PIT Count subcommittee, will be meeting on Monday, 03/21/2022 at 2 pm.

### RAMP Report- Stewpot & Grace House

Bobby Pamplin noted the challenges they have faced, expressed his appreciation for working with the interns, and informed the membership that they are working with other counties. Tamara Stewart explained the difference between RAMP-ERA and RAMP-ESG. RAMP-ESG is funded through HUD, while RAMP-ERA is funded through the Treasury.

### HMIS Access Forms - Mary Elbert - Agency Participation and User Agreement Forms

Mary Elbert noted that updated agency participation forms were requested, because the agreement needed to be changed to the new Collaborative Applicant. She mentioned that 12 updated forms were received, but 14 more were needed. Additionally, she noted that end user agreements are needed for each person as it is required by HUD. Sixty-eight end user agreement forms have been received. Ms. Elbert acknowledged that some needed more time to return the requested forms. Melvin Stamps requested that these forms be completed and returned as soon as possible as it is required.

### Planning Director's Report

Melvin Stamps shared the data quality report for 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021. He noted that the numbers for transitional housing seems to be down due to COVID for FY 2021 and data quality could also play a part, so it should improve. Utilization and error rates were also discussed. Melvin Stamps emphasized that this report is based on past performance, so the destination error rate should lower with the new HMIS staff. The PD informed the membership that he had met with the other CoC directors on March 7, 2022 to establish a stronger relationship in order to share resources and best practices. Monthly meetings are planned to be held. Mr. Stamps told members how they have been working to broaden the experience of the JSU interns, who have their field placement with Mississippi Housing Partnership and the CoC, by having the interns work with funded agencies. The interns were able to share their experiences during their placement. The PD noted that funded agencies have been asked to provide a brochure to be included in a binder to provide various county/city administrators that will explain who we are and what we do. These brochures need to be sent by March 21, 2022. Melvin Stamps informed the membership that Mississippi Home Corporation's annual housing conference will be held March 29-31, 2022 in Biloxi. He noted that all CoCs will participate and that he and Reggie Wiggins will be speaking on Coordinated Entry. He noted that you can register to attend, if you wish, on Mississippi Home Corporation's website.

### Treasurer's Report

Katina Pace noted that the report was emailed prior to the meeting. The report was shared on screen.



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The ending balance for 02/28/2022 was \$21,776.32. Members were thanked for their prompt payment.

### Open Forum Discussion

Breakout rooms for each committee to explain what the committee does and when they meet were opened. All attendees were able to join a room. Melvin Stamps encouraged participation and feedback. Reggie Wiggins emphasized the need for collaboration to achieve our goals.

### Announcements

Dr. Mary Manogin informed members that the Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting on March 24, 2022 at 10 am. Members were asked to enter their email addresses in the chat or email Michelle Shelton or Melvin Stamps if they would like to attend.

### Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.