



Central MS CoC Membership Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 16, 2022
TIME: 10:30 am
FACILITATOR: Melvin Stamps

Roll Call

Members participated in roll call via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for May's membership meeting were approved.

Guest Speaker

Dondria Palmer & Marthesia Thomas, CM Services - Ms. Palmer and Ms. Thomas shared a presentation that gave an overview of their program and services, noted who can benefit from it, and explained why it's important and how they work to meet all of their clients' needs including connecting them with community resources. They expressed that they wished to assist people to stay in their homes longer and to raise awareness about the benefits of home care services that are available through Federal programs for Veterans. CM Services operates in the state of Mississippi. Ms. Palmer and MS. Thomas answered questions the membership had. They also mentioned that they have employment opportunities for those in their field.

HMIS Fees | Needed Changes and Action Steps According to HUD Guidance

Melvin Stamps reminded the members of the guidance the CoC received in regards to HMIS fees. He noted that \$26,200 was transferred to Mississippi Housing Partnership (MHP) on 05/25/2022 along with related documentation. On 05/27/2022, MHP sent proof of the transfer and related documents to HUD. Mr. Stamps explained that MHP as the HMIS Lead would be responsible for determining the fee structure moving forward.

2022 PIT/HIC Count data

Mary Elbert noted that this year's PIT Count was held on February 22 & 23 and the data was submitted on 05/04/2022. She shared data from the Count. It was explained that we are not sure how many were missed but noted that efforts are being made to raise awareness of the Count. There will be a brown bag canvassing event on June 28 & 29. Maria Morris encouraged members to join in the efforts, especially in other counties.



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Updates from Standing Committees

Data & HMIS — Mary Elbert noted that they meet on the 3rd Monday of every month at 2 PM. She noted that the HMIS manual was updated and that they would be joining the PIT subcommittee's brown bag event. She invited others to join the committee. Mary Elbert can be reached at melbert@centralmscoc.org.

Performance & Evaluation — To join this committee, you can contact Maria Morris. This committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2 PM. Maria Morris explained that they are working on modifying the scoring tool due to challenges faced and they will be working with the HMIS Administrator to get needed monitoring information. She also noted that the monitoring tool will help to make sure that performance and physical standards are in compliance.

Executive — Maria Morris noted that they are working towards getting more participation by reducing meetings. They discussed how having quarterly meetings will allow committees to be better supported. She noted that they discussed having the board meetings quarterly as well. Ms. Morris explained that the Vice Chair position is currently vacant; the committee recommends that Chantel Maye fill the vacancy. Jan Hillegas suggested that the meetings be held every other month, instead of just quarterly. The Board will consider the frequency of meetings at an upcoming meeting.

HUD Match Documentation Requirements

Melvin Stamps noted that there was a match clinic in March. He explained that documentation must be secured before the execution of a grant. For the upcoming grant cycle, match documentation must be approved by the Collaborative Applicant before an application can be submitted. Match documentation must be verifiable and eligible. The match clinic presentation can be found on the CoC's website.

Volunteer Hours Tracking Form

Michelle Shelton reminded the membership of the importance of documenting volunteer hours. She noted that the previous volunteer hours tracking form had been revised to better comply with HUD's requirements. Completed volunteer forms should be sent in at least monthly. Maria Morris also stressed the importance of in-kind services or donating monetary funds. Michelle Shelton explained how to donate online.

COVID Update & Impact

Maria Morris encouraged vaccination. Barbara Lawrence works to lower vaccine hesitation and has incentives to provide for those who get vaccinated. Maria Morris noted that board meetings are currently hybrid. Members were encouraged to bring any concerns forward. There is expert support within the membership. Maria Morris can be reached at 601-502-5954. Barbara Lawrence can be reached at 601-631-1096.



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HUD TA Training # 2- Coordinated Entry| June 22, 2022 | 11 AM-12:30 PM

Melvin Stamps informed the membership that on June 22, 2022 from 11 AM to 12:30 PM there will be a second training session on Coordinated Entry. All were asked to attend.

City of Jackson Homeless Outreach Event | June 17, 2022, 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

It was announced that there will be a homeless outreach event on June 17, 2022 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM where the Old Metro Inn was located. The City of Jackson, WJTV, Stewpot Community Services, the Central MS CoC, and others will be there. The homeless population will be provided with food, health screenings, and additional services.

Planning Director's Report

Melvin Stamps expressed our goals to meet needs in a coordinated effort. He noted that Facebook was a resourceful marketing and awareness tool. The CoC Facebook page currently has 117 followers. All were encouraged to follow the CoC's page and share its posts. The PD expressed the need to adjust and adapt as we work to meet the needs of the homeless population. He encouraged thinking as one to get the job done, sharing best practices, and educating others. Mr. Stamps explained that, as the PD, he is the lever to remove the rock of old thinking. He reminded the members of the acronym N.I.O.B.Y. (Not in Our Backyard) and how it applies to the CoC.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Open Forum Discussion

Reggie Wiggins explained who he was and shared his history of experiencing homelessness. He expressed that homeless people are invisible, even when they're seen. Mr. Wiggins encouraged those present to be visible by turning their cameras and participating in the conversation. He explained that the CoC is the federal response to homelessness and expressed the need for us to work together to address homelessness. He noted that they planned to be going before the city council soon. Freddric Brandon noted that you can't solve today's problems with yesterday's solution.

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 pm.