



Central MS CoC Membership Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 20, 2023
TIME: 10:30 am
FACILITATOR: Melvin Stamps

Roll Call

Members participated in roll call via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for January's and April's membership meeting were approved.

Guest Speaker

Rodger Wasson, MS; Mental Health Treatment Courts Operation Analyst; Mississippi Supreme Courts

— Rodger Wasson gave a brief history of mental health treatment courts. He explained what mental health treatment courts do to ensure participants get the help they need and reduce recidivism. Mr. Wasson answered questions. Referrals for this program can come from the arresting officer, court, or jail for non-violent felonies. The program's goal is to let no more than 20 days pass from the arrest to receiving treatment through the court. He can be contacted at rodger.wasson@courts.ms.gov.

Lorena Quiroz; Executive Director; Immigrant Alliance for Justice & Equity of Mississippi — Lorena Quiroz explained that Immigrant Alliance for Justice & Equity of Mississippi's focuses include HIV, LGBTQ, immigration rights, and environmental rights. They serve Latino, Hispanic, indigenous, and immigrants. She explained that raids caused many to lose their documents, so IAJEMS created an ID program, membership not government. IAJEMS keeps copies of 2 forms of ID to verify their clients' identity which helps them with applying for assistance. Melvin Stamps noted that Ms. Quiroz helped the CoC to identify Latinos experiencing homelessness in Copiah County and Canton. Ms. Quiroz shared that they have working committees of leadership throughout Mississippi and encouraged people to reach out if needing help.

Cornelius Marshall; Chief Operating Officer/Owner; Cornerstone Properties of Mississippi LLC —

Cornelius Marshall explained who Cornerstone Properties is and what they do. They offer affordable, shared housing. He explained how the shared residence operates. Residents will need to provide their own food, clothing, and transportation. They do not charge an application fee or require security deposits. Rent can be paid weekly or monthly. A sliding scale will be used when needed. He answers questions from members. His contact number is 601-329-2991.

Updates from Standing Committees

Report was shared via email prior to the meeting.

HUD Match Documentation Requirements



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Melvin Stamps emphasized the importance of match documentation. Match documentation is required before a grant can be executed, and the Collaborative Applicant must review and verify match documentation prior to an organization applying for CoC funding.

COVID Update & Impact

Melvin Stamps noted that COVID is still here, but the CoC is considering an in-person meeting for the next membership meeting.

Endeavors Case Management Training

Melvin Stamps explained why the training was needed and informed the membership that case management training had been arranged through Endeavors. The 5-week training is in its second week. He noted that the CoC hopes to host another training before the end of the year.

Trauma-Informed Training

Melvin Stamps explained why this training is important. A training session has been arranged for October 11th by Tonya Tate. More details will be provided.

2023-2028 Strategic Plan

Michelle Shelton provided an update on the Strategic Plan and an expected timeframe for the report (end of the month). Freddric Brandon is the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

HMIS Data Quality Plan

Mary Elbert informed the membership that the Data Quality Plan has been approved by the Board. The Plan was emailed prior to the meeting. **A motion was made and approved to accept the Data Quality Plan.**

NOFO for FY2023 CoC Competition

Melvin Stamps provided information on the FY2023 CoC Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The NOFO was released on July 5, 2023. The deadline for submission is September 28, 2023. He noted that the CoC is still awaiting documents from HUD and these documents will be shared with the membership once they are available. A link to the NOFO was provided in the chat. Melvin Stamps encouraged members to review the NOFO.

HMIS Admin Report

Mary Elbert provided an update on HMIS fees and data quality reports. Data quality reports will be posted online beginning in August. She noted that personally identifiable information cannot be shared via email unless it is encrypted. Mrs. Elbert explained that emails that are sent as "confidential" are not the same as being encrypted. She informed members that the next HMIS Office Hours will be held on July 27, 2023 for all points of contact regarding the responsibilities of a point of contact and data standards. The annual HMIS training will be held on September 26 - 28, 2023.



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Coordinated Entry Report

Shalisa Gaines informed the membership that as a result of case conferencing five people have been eliminated from the by-name list. She noted that they have been working with Cornerstone Properties to house clients. Five outreach initiatives have been completed which has resulted in establishing relationships with city officials, landlords, and other interested parties.

Planning Director's Report

The report was shared via email prior to the meeting. Melvin Stamps answered any questions regarding his report. He emphasized the importance of cleaning up data within the HMIS as it tells our story. He noted that as a CoC we are doing a great job, but HUD needs to see that from our data. Additionally, he encouraged everyone to find strategic ways to ensure we are able to offer services throughout the year.

Treasurer's Report

The report will be shared via email.

Announcements/Open Forum

Melvin Stamps informed the membership that the CoC has partnered with Together We Care to host a school supply giveaway. He noted that we need more supplies to fill the bags such as paper, pens, pencils, etc. Donations can be brought to Mississippi Housing Partnership. Maria Morris encouraged everyone to make sure that people have updated their addresses for recertification for Medicaid and CHIPS. She will share a card that explains the process to update the address. Shalisa Gaines informed the membership that parent resource bags will be given out at the school supply giveaway, so organizations can provide promotional materials by Monday to be included in the bags. Jill Buckley explained that Stewpot and Downtown Jackson Partners are going to create another resource guide for fall. She provided the link to the current guide in the chat (https://static1.squarespace.com/static/646bfdab011e7a19cbfed8c2/t/64820803392e67064ac99158/168624332690/DJP_SPRING2023_Homeless-Guide_forWeb.pdf). Organizations can make suggestions for corrections starting on August 1st. Suggestions can be sent directly to Jill Buckley at jbuckley@stewpot.org. HeART Works, a weekly art class, will be starting next Tuesday at 9 am. The next membership meeting will be held the third Thursday of October.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.