

**Mississippi Balance of State CoC**  
**Delta Regional Coalition**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, July 09, 2015  
10:00 a.m.

**TIME AND PLACE**

The Delta Regional Coalition Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the Bolivar County Community Action Agency Offices (810 E. Sunflower Road, Cleveland, MS 38732).

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reginald Glenn, MS CoC Coordinator called the meeting to order.

**PRESENT**

Angela Glenn (BCCAA), Florence Coleman (BCCAA), Florida McKay (BCCAA), Jeremy Scott (BCCAA), Ora Jackson (BCCAA), Victoria Hawkins (BCCAA), Reginald Glenn (MS BoS CoC), Patricia Edwards (Our House), Delinda Robinson (WWISCAA), Joe McCall (Our House), Angela Harris (Cleveland School District), Gwendolyn Green (BCCAA)

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by V. Hawkins to adopt the minutes for the meeting on May 14, 2015. The motion was seconded by D. Robinson.*

**ADOPTION / REVIEW OF AGENDA**

*Attendee adopted a motion to accept the agenda. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. All in favor by acclamation.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- I. Agency Report: Washington Warren Issaquena Sharkey Community Action Agency (WWISCAA)**
  - a. Delinda Robinson, Program Director, presented about WWISCA and it's services**
    - i.** Warren-Washington-Issaquena-Sharkey Community Action Agency, known as WWISCAA, is a private non-profit organization established in 1972. The agency's administrative office is located at 1544 Old Leland Road, Greenville, Mississippi. WWISCAA provides comprehensive human service programs in Warren, Washington, Issaquena, Sharkey and Yazoo counties. Other counties in which limited services are provided include Humphreys, Desoto, Tate, Tallahatchie, Panola and Quitman. The agency has forty (40) years of experience in administering anti-poverty programs including: job training, home renovation, child care, adult day care, teenage pregnancy, homeless, after-school care, youth at risk, tutorial services, transportation, meals for the elderly and handicapped, energy assistance, family health care, outreach and referral, family counseling and case management. WWISCAA provides comprehensive services to the entire family through the case management approach. These programs are designed to foster family stability and promote self-sufficiency.
    - ii.** For more information about WWISCAA, visit [www.wwiscaa.com](http://www.wwiscaa.com)

- II. Agency Reports – We want to know more about what your agencies do!**
- a. We want all agencies to be able to give a brief report concerning the programs and initiatives:
    - i. 5 -10 Presentation during coalition meeting
    - ii. PowerPoint capability provided if needed
    - iii. Each agency must volunteer to present a month
    - iv. VOLUNTEERS slated for NEXT MEETINGS
      - 1. August 2015 – Our House
      - 2. September 2015 – Catholic Charities SSVF

**III. PIT Count 2015: Results**

- i. **The results for the 2015 PIT Count can be viewed (via PDF). Download here: <https://muteh.files.wordpress.com/2015/07/delta-regional-meeting-july-9-2015.pdf>**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**I. HUD Exchange Notes of the Month – July 2015**

- a. **Issuance of the ESG Notice for Additional Public Comment on the Interim Rule**
  - i. HUD is announcing the issuance of the ESG Notice for additional public comment on the interim rule, entitled: “Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program: Solicitation of Comment on Specific Issues.”
  - ii. **This is the second time HUD is opening the ESG interim rule for public comment, before issuing the final rule.** HUD has carefully reviewed all comments received in response to the interim rule through the first comment period.
  - iii. However, because recipients and sub-recipients have now had more experience implementing the interim rule, HUD recognizes that they may have additional input and comments for HUD to consider in its development of the ESG final rule.
  - iv. Therefore, HUD is issuing this Notice to re-open the public comment period for an additional 60 days. The comment period will close on **Monday, August 3, 2015.**
- b. **Strategies for Ending Veteran Homelessness in 2015**
  - i. **Since 2010, homelessness among veterans has decreased 33 percent, and the number of veterans who are homeless on any given night fell to under 50,000 in 2014.**
  - ii. Over the coming weeks, HUD will be releasing a series of In Focus messages related to veteran homelessness and effective strategies that have been key for those communities finding success.
  - iii. To support these efforts, HUD and the VA created Best Practices: Sharing Information to End Veteran Homelessness, which seeks to provide guidance for local homeless veteran service providers to improve information sharing across programs and systems, strengthen the targeting of resources based on a shared prioritization system, and create more efficient systems for ending veteran homelessness within their communities.
- c. **USICH Releases 2015 Amendment to *Opening Doors***
  - i. On the five-year anniversary of the launch of the first comprehensive Federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness, **USICH is pleased to release *Opening Doors*, as amended in 2015.**
  - ii. This amended version sustains core elements of the original Plan, reflects what we have learned since 2010 when *Opening Doors* was first launched, and includes new strategies to drive increased progress. Our intention remains to ensure that the Plan serves as a living blueprint, containing the latest knowledge and best practices to prevent and end homelessness.
  - iii. The Obama Administration launched *Opening Doors* based upon the vision "no one should experience homelessness, no one should be without a safe, stable place to call home." Over the last five years, we have seen tremendous progress toward this but much work is left to be done.

**d. Additional Notes**

- i. To join the HUD Exchange Email List, visit:  
<https://www.hudexchange.info/maillinglist/>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**I. Introduction: CoC Governing Council**

- a. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL
  - i. **Martha Mitternacht** - Executive Committee Chair (At-Large Representative)
  - ii. **Ivie Pulliam**, Southeast MS Rural Health Initiative - Vice Chair (Pine Belt Coalition Rep.) - Hattiesburg, MS
  - iii. **Trisha Hinson**, MS Department of Mental Health - Secretary/Treasurer (Dept. of Mental Health Rep.) - Jackson, MS
- b. COUNCIL MEMBERS
  - i. **Bobby Capps**, Crosswind (Northeast Coalition Rep.) - Corinth, MS
  - ii. **Leslie Payne**, Care Lodge (Central MS Coalition Rep.) - Meridian, MS
  - iii. **Jean Spring**, WINGS (Delta MS Coalition Rep.) - McComb, MS
  - iv. **Mayor Johnny Dupree**, City of Hattiesburg (Municipal Rep.) - Hattiesburg, MS
  - v. **Patricia Lane**, VAMC-Jackson (Veterans Affairs Rep.) - Jackson, MS
  - vi. **Louise Meyer**, MUTEH Inc. (Executive Director of the Collaborative Applicant) - Cleveland, MS
  - vii. **Cassie Hicks**, Institute for Disability Studies (MS Permanent Supportive Housing Council Rep.) - Jackson/Hattiesburg, MS
  - viii. **Myron Hutson** (Formerly Homeless Person) - Leland, MS

**II. Balance of State Membership Dues (7/2015 - 6/2016)**

- a. The BoS will be issuing invoices concerning 2015-2016 Membership Dues. **Membership Dues are now set at \$10 annually for individual and agency members of the BoS.** This **MINIMAL FEE** is set to encourage participation from all subpopulations that have an interest in the work of the CoC.
- b. Anyone who attends meetings of the CoC (including Regional Coalition meetings) can complete the membership application and pay membership dues. See the CoC Governance Charter for more details.
- c. **If you would like to join the CoC Membership and pay dues, contact the CoC Coordinator via email: [rglenn@muteh.org](mailto:rglenn@muteh.org).**

**III. Next Delta Coalition Meeting: August 2015. Location: TBD**

**IV. MPR Agency Grade Rankings**

- a. **Published on [muteh.org](http://muteh.org) monthly. See Rankings here: <http://muteh.org/#/hmis/mpr-trends>**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.