



COC PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 26th, 2023

10:00 am, ZOOM

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: , Daren Bell(Alliance), Lawrence Wilson (RHF), Katrill Braden (CMI), Jane Hooks(Alliance),Valarie Bobo (SHIELD),LaWanda Haley(CAFTH),Adrian Hall, Marian Bacon, Elizabeth Johnson (CMI), Julie Meiman(CAFTH),Stephanie Reyes (CAFTH), JeCarta Suggs(BHI), Andorian Thomas(CMI),Phillip Trenthem(CAFTH),Curtis West (FFL),Andrea Wilkins(CAFTH),Errin Woods(CAFTH),Brad Yackey(A Betor Way) Toni Johnson(CCWTN), Melinda Jones(CMI), Rod Lomax(MIFA), Valarie Mitchner(FFL), Sandra Mooney (NHCHC), Christina Mottley(AVOS), Merronique Murray(AVOS), Caprice Synder(MIFA), Lakisha Stewart(BMH), Janice Taylor (CCHS), Andorian Thomas(CMI), Vandi Walker(AVOS), Light Walleman(ABW), Jewel Weatherspoon(AVOS), Dr. Natasha Williams(Agape), Brad Yackey (ABW), Gwen Turner(YWCA), Shirley McClain (YWCA), Lisa Anderson(RITI), LaVerne Branch (CMI), Dana Brooks(CSA), Ceaira Brunson(Agape), Anthony Gary(FFA), Porsha Goodman(DOH), Cheryl Marsh(GHHI),Taurus Patton(CMI), Julie Sannon(Agape), Ann Terry(United Way), Vandi Walker(AVOS), Larry Williamson(CMI), Darrell Kriner

FACILITATOR: Errin Woods (CAFTH)

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Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Errin Woods at 10:00am. The June meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Porsha Goodman(DOH) and a second from Shirley McClain(YWCA). Motion passed

Lead Agency Updates

Errin discussed the 2023-2024 Consortium Membership has opened. She explained that the fee structure has increased individuals \$25 dollars, less than 5 employees \$50, and more than 5 employees \$100. Errin discussed that NOFO has started and is open for 2023. She discussed the information session for New Applicants, Renewal Projects and YHDP renewal information sessions scheduled for the week. She informed everyone that wanted more information about NOFO, on our website organizations can find the timeline. Julie added that HUD had not released the detailed instructions as of now but things are still unfolding with HUD. Julie encouraged everyone to read the full NOFO application. Julie added in the chat she is available for any questions about membership or NOFO.

Errin discussed the Symposium which is Aug 10, 2023 , she added if you had questions about registration or vendor information. There is a QR code available. Julie added that registration is open for early bird registration but to receive that you must renew your membership by the end of July. She added that the registration will be open to the public on Friday. She explained that there are 300 spots. Nomination for excellence awards is open. Nominations will be open until Friday July 21st.

Errin discussed Project Homeless Connect and informed everyone to save the date for 01/25/2024. She also let the committee know there will be more information in the future and also a form for those that would like to have a table at the event.

Phillip informed us that the Housing Navigators will be having office hours. Which will be every other Thursday to answer any questions about housing and problem solving issues as well. Phillip left his email address in the chat.

Committee Updates

HMIS Committee- no update given

CoC Planning- Errin discuss creating an re-engaging form to get those more

Youth Committee- no update given

Veterans Committee- no update given

Affordable Housing Committee- Andrea reported that did not have a meeting in July but in June talked about housing resources to sustain a person once they are housed. She stated that refocus on the landlords aspect and identifying flexible low barrier landlords. As well as looking for a new chair to lead the committee. Still focused on navigating housing and availability in the community.

YAB- no update given

Outreach Committee- Tori reported that the committee is dissecting the VI and re-writing the assessment for the community. To make sure it can be used for PSH, RRH and Family providers in CE. Reaching out to agencies to identify services for the community.

Healthcare Committee- Errin reported that the committee is focusing on identifying the agencies in the room that are providing health care resources for the community and who is missing from the consortium. Also, identifying known locations that are frequented with those with lived experience. This came about because of missed follow-up appointments with healthcare providers.

Families Committee- Julie reported that Toni Johnson has stepped into co-chair leadership role for the committee. She stated that the committee is focusing on existing gaps and services in the community for families. Family coordinated entry system and what supportive services will be needed for CE.

Announcements and Updates

YWCA's A Chat with Tabitha Brown –

September 15, 2023, at 630pm-Registration opens May 1st

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-chat-with-tabitha-brown-tickets-625277089607?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse>

Location: Brown Missionary Baptist Church (South Campus)

7200 Swinnea Road Southaven, MS 38671

Melinda Jones from CMI announced that they have had 32 SOAR for SSI and SSDI approvals. Also looking for an intern to help with SOAR applications.

Rod Lomax from MIFA announced that Our Seat, Our Story will be in September and they are hosting a Landlord round table in September.

Ann Terry from United Way announced that they have received a grant from the Department of Human Services, for their Drive the Dream program. They are in the process of implementing and coordinating new and existing MOUs in the community.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.