

Memorandum of Understanding
between
Open Doors Homeless Coalition and the City of Pascagoula
for
The Implementation of SCORE: Shared Community Outreach and Engagement

I. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this Agreement is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party hereto as they relate to the implementation of the SCORE program (“SCORE”). The objective of SCORE is to implement a strategic collaborative approach to address homelessness and the at risk population in the community.

II. Roles and Responsibilities

A. The City of Pascagoula commits to the following:

1. Contract with a reputable firm to conduct a cost study related to homelessness in Pascagoula;
2. Make public the results of the cost study and determine efficient ways to allocate City funds related to homelessness;
3. Coordinate available CDBG funds to help achieve the goals of the plan;
4. Coordinate community efforts to raise funds and promote volunteerism from the business community, faith community, and foundations to implement a Resource Center;
5. Coordinate community efforts to secure a building for the Resource Center;
6. Organize a community effort to collect furniture, housewares, and other items to assist people moving into housing;
7. Raise funds or arrange for a donation of a storage space for furniture and housewares.

B. Open Doors Homeless Coalition (ODHC) commits to the following:

1. Manage data related to homelessness in Pascagoula using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data system to report the number of known people experiencing literal homelessness in Pascagoula at any given time, report the number of homeless persons housed and those who fall into homelessness in Pascagoula monthly.
2. In the first 12 months after implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding, house 25 literally homeless persons in Pascagoula;
3. Create service plans for each participant to ensure housing stability for at least 85% of the participants;
4. Assist in developing a Resource Center for a Day Center/ One-Stop Shop that will include coordinated assessment and quick connections to solutions for participants based on their individual needs;
5. Create an organized outreach team to engage with literally homeless persons and link to housing using a Housing First approach;
6. Partner with the local shelter to utilize temporary beds as a 14-30 day bridge to move people indoors until housing is obtained.

III. Term and Termination

- A. The term of this Agreement is one year from the date on which this Agreement has been signed by both parties hereto and may be renewed annually upon written agreement of the parties hereto.
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by either party hereto by giving written notice to the other party thirty (30) days in advance of a specified date of termination.

IV. Availability of Funds

This Agreement is contingent upon the receipt and availability of funds. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of this Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or are insufficient, ODHC shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to ODHC of any kind whatsoever.

V. Miscellaneous

- A. The City of Pascagoula shall not assign, subcontract or otherwise transfer this Agreement in whole or in part without the prior written consent of ODHC.
- B. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be modified, altered or amended only by a written document executed by ODHC and the City of Pascagoula.
- C. If any term or provision of this Agreement or its application shall be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect as written, that shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement, which shall continue to be effective as though the invalid and unenforceable part, clause or invalidation had not been made, and the remainder of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent allowed by law.
- D. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute an instrument.
- E. The laws of the State of Mississippi control in all respects.

OPEN DOORS HOMELESS COALITION

BY: _____

Date: _____

Its: _____

CITY OF PASCAGOULA

BY: _____

Date: _____

Its: _____