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CEDS 2018-2022

In summer of 2017, CMPDD staff began work on the 2018-2022 Economic Development Administration (EDA) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).

The CEDs is the result of a local planning process designed to guide the economic growth of the area. It was developed using a grass-roots approach and studies the economy of the area which provides a glimpse of the area as a whole. It includes goals and objectives to assist local governments to create more jobs, foster a stable and diversified economy and improve quality of life. The CEDs lists specific projects that will enhance the region's competitiveness and details an action plan to assist with the successful implementation.

The CEDs is a requirement of EDA to maintain funding eligibility for the region. Before EDA will consider funding a project, it must be addressed in the regional economic development plan, which is the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Furthermore, EDA requires the CEDs to be updated annually with a new CEDs being written every five years.

Specifically, during the development of the CEDs, the CMPDD solicited the participation of our public and private partners. Local elected officials, economic developers and other interested individuals were invited to attend brainstorming meetings in each county. During these sessions, participants conducted an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in their communities and the CMPDD region as a whole. A SWOT analysis offers a more in-depth view of the

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economic development problems and opportunities that may not be gathered from basic data. By soliciting the input of community representatives in the SWOT process, a more realistic view of the economic development situation is achieved. Further, all members of the CEDs committee were asked to respond to an online survey regarding needs, specific projects, and priority projects for their community and the region.

The thorough SWOT analysis became the foundation for the CMPDD CEDs. It identifies the obstacles facing the region that can be lessened using the identified strengths and opportunities, all of which influence the goals and objectives of the CEDs.

The CMPDD's Plan of Action for the Comprehensive Development Strategy will guide the implementation of the

(see CEDs on p.2)

CEDS *(continued from p.1)*

Goals and Objectives of the CEDS by:

- promoting economic development and opportunity,
- fostering effective transportation access,
- enhancing and protecting the environment,
- maximizing effective development and use of the workforce consistent with any applicable State or local workforce investment strategy,
- promoting the use of technology in economic development, including access to high-speed telecommunications,
- balancing resources through sound management of physical development, and obtaining and utilizing adequate funds and other resources,

To do this, the CMPDD will continue to work closely with committee members and economic development partners to

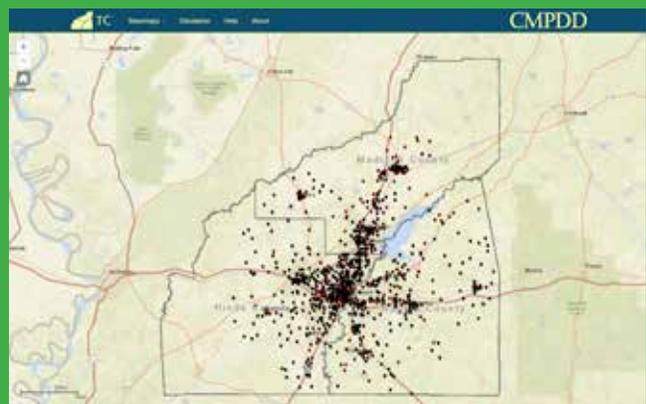
develop and implement the CEDS, use economic development programs to accomplish the strategic projects listed in the CEDS, make the CEDS available to public and private partners, and will work with the state to ensure the integration of the CEDS Strategic projects with the state's economic priorities.

With the draft complete, CMPDD is now accepting public comments on the proposed CEDS, which is available at gis.cmpdd.org/CEDS/. A 30-day public comment period will begin on October 2, 2017 and conclude on October 31, 2017. All comments will be accepted via email to Lindsay Sellers at lsellers@cmpdd.org. This process is being conducted in accordance with CMPDD's adopted Public Participation Plan and Federal and State regulations. Your views concerning the proposed CEDS will be appreciated.

Traffic Count Viewer Updated

The District updates and maintains an Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) count database for functionally classified roadways in the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA), which includes portions of Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. This data is collected in coordination with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), on a three (3) year rotating schedule in one of the aforementioned counties. This makes traffic count data available for each county which is no more than three (3) years old. For the interim years, that traffic count data is not collected, an estimated count for that year is developed using existing traffic count data and additional estimation factors provided to the District by the MDOT. The District disseminates this data to the public through use of its traffic count viewer.

In August, the District updated the traffic count viewer with the most up to date traffic count data available by adding data for the years 2015 and 2016. In addition, the updated data includes traffic projections for each roadway segment for the years 2030 and 2040. These projections were taken from the Jackson MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which is used to estimate traffic conditions in the JUA over a 25 year planning horizon. The traffic projections were developed using a traffic simulation modeling software which uses various input data such as: Existing traffic volume, population, school enrollment and land use patterns, just to name a few, to estimate traffic volume for the future. The traffic count viewer can be accessed through the District's website at gis.cmpdd.org/TC2016/. If you have any questions concerning the traffic count viewer please contact Scott Burge at (601) 981-1511 or by email at sburge@cmpdd.org.



CMPDD at MML Summer Conference

The District took the opportunity to showcase its recent planning and zoning products at the Mississippi Municipal League (MML) Summer Conference in July. AICP certified planners Gray Ouzts and David Wade displayed both printed and digital Comprehensive Plans and Zoning Ordinances recently developed. It was a great opportunity to visit and discuss recent innovations in planning and zoning with various municipal officials from across the state.



CMPDD Received MDA Site Visits for 2017 CDBG Public Facilities Applications

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facility Program provides grant funds to local units of government for a variety of public improvement projects (e.g., water or sewer facilities, storm drainage, public buildings, street reconstruction, etc.) that benefit low and moderate income families and areas. Special priority is given to water and sanitary sewer projects that eliminate existing health and safety hazards.

The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) recently conducted site visits for four (4) potential CDBG Public Facilities projects in the CMPDD area. A site visit does not guarantee approval; however, it is an important step toward approval of the CDBG grant. Listed below are the proposed projects that ranked high enough to be eligible for potential funding through the CDBG Public Facilities Program.

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>CDBG Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
City of Brandon	Unserved Sewer	\$ 372,400	\$374,000
Town of Edwards	Sewer Improvements & Extensions	\$ 450,000	N/A
Town of Puckett	Senior Citizen Center	\$ 418,000	N/A
Town of Utica	Water System Improvements	\$ 431,000	N/A

Katrina CDBG Updates

UMMC School of Medicine

District staff has been assisting the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMC) with the administration of their Katrina Supplemental Community Development Block Grant (K-CDBG) Economic Development Awards. On August 4, 2017, District staff attended a Dedication Ceremony to officially open the UMMC School of Medicine building.



The UMMC received \$10,000,000 in K-CDBG funds to complete site and utility work for the new building. The UMMC matched the grant with just over \$51,000,000 in State Bond funds, which were administered by the Bureau of Buildings. The initial utilities package was completed in 2016 and Phase II of the utilities work should be completed in November, 2017. The state-of-the-art building is now fully operational, and classes began in July, 2017. As a result of this new building and the expanded capacity, UMMC will hire an additional two hundred (200) employees and will be positioned to increase its medical school class size, this increases the number of physicians in the state. Job creation is anticipated to be completed in September 2018.

City of Canton Film Studio

District staff has been assisting the City of Canton with the administration and closeout of their Katrina Supplemental Community Development Block Grant (K-CDBG) Economic Development Awards. Recently, the City of Canton was able to successfully closeout its K-CDBG. The City was awarded \$1,945,000 for improvements at the Mississippi Film Studio. In return, thirty six (36) new jobs were created at the Film Studio through a partnership with the Canton Convention and Visitors Bureau and the private film industry. Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) approved the closeout of this grant in late June 2017.

Central Mississippi Mayors Association Meeting

CMPDD hosted a luncheon/meeting for the Central Mississippi Mayors Association (CMMA) on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at Mary Mahoney's in Biloxi, MS. This meeting was well attended and was held during the Mississippi Municipal League Conference. We wish to welcome the nine (9)

newly elected Mayor's in the CMPDD region.

The purpose of the CMMA is to provide a forum for mayors in the Central Mississippi area to get together on a quarterly basis to exchange ideas, special concerns, and new innovations on a collective basis.

Jackson MPO Approves Project Submittal Guidelines for Transportation Alternatives Funds, Issues Call for Projects

Project submittal guidelines for Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds, developed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Intermodal Technical Committee, were presented to and approved by the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee on August 9, 2017. The adopted project submittal guidelines outline the process for applying for TA funding made available through the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The project submittal guidelines include project evaluation criteria used to rank project applications, guidelines for eligibility, and general requirements for all pro-

posed project applications.

After approval of the TA project submittal guidelines, the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee issued a Call for Projects for \$1.7 million in TA program funds. The Call for Projects details how to access the evaluation criteria and application for TA funds, the project submission instructions, and the deadline of November 15, 2017 to submit project applications. Once all project applications have been received, MPO staff will rate each application, following the adopted evaluation criteria, and submit the scored project applications to the Intermodal Technical and

Metropolitan Planning Policy Committees at their regularly scheduled meetings in February, 2018 for review and approval.

Local jurisdictions with applications selected for funding can receive up to 80% in Federal TA funding for construction costs of a project and are required to provide at a minimum 20% in local matching funds. The MPO's last call for TA applications took place in 2013 and resulted in four (4) projects in the metro area receiving \$941,000 in TA funding.

For more information about the Jackson MPO please visit www.cmpdd.org.

District Completes Update of Pavement Management System

The Pavement Management System is an inventory of the functionally classified, non-State maintained, principal arterial, minor arterial, and collector roadways in the Jackson Urbanized Area. Each year, on a three (3) year cyclical basis, district staff completes a reassessment of the pavement conditions for Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties by completing roadway condition surveys for each roadway in each of the respective counties. For 2017, the District completed the reassessment for Hinds County.

Data is collected for the Pavement Management System by inventorying the roadways through the use of windshield surveys. Windshield surveys are conducted by driving the entire length of the roadway and determining the level of degradation that has occurred. When collecting the survey data the types of cracking are identified, such as: Alligator, edge or longitudinal/transverse line cracking. Other surface impediments that may be present are patching, rutting, pot-

holes, heaves and/or swells, and poor storm water drainage issues, just to name a few.

Once all of the information is factored in, the Roadway Surface Management System (RSMS) software program used by the District assigns a numeric value to each road segment which is called a Pavement Condition Index (PCI). This number signifies from highest to lowest the roadway segment that is in the poorest condition. This data is factored along with traffic count data, to determine which roadways are in the greatest need of funding for surface repair or reconstruction.

Now that data collection for Hinds County is complete, a pavement condition reassessment will be conducted in 2018 for the functionally classified roadways in Rankin County. If you have questions concerning the Pavement Management System please contact Scott Burge at (601) 981-1511 or by email at sburge@cmpdd.org.

CMPDD Staff Attend Data Summit 2017 at MSU

The second annual Data Summit hosted by NSPARC (National Strategic Planning & Analysis Research Center) was held on September 15th in Starkville. CMPDD's Regional Data Analyst (Jay Wadsworth) and Job Training Director (Mary Powers) attended the event to stay current with trends in data aggregation and dissemination and how reliable and up-to-date information can help in policy making and business planning. Speakers at this event included the Honorable Phillip Gunn (Speaker of Mississippi House of Representatives), Congressman Gregg Harper, and a number of other business leaders and data security experts from around the State. CMPDD staff learned how NSPARC is helping Mississippi to lead the way in developing innovative solutions to transform "big data" into "smart data".



CMPDD's Medicaid Waiver Program Update

CMPDD's Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Home and Community Based Medicaid Waiver program provides Case Management and Home Delivered Meal services to Medicaid eligible elderly and / or disabled recipients who desire to remain in their home setting. The Registered Nurse and Licensed Social Worker team assess the needs of the recipients, coordinate, and manage the services on a monthly basis.

- As part of the Division of Medicaid's Balancing Incentive Project, MediKey, also known as a One-Time Password (OTP) device, will be assigned and distributed to E&D beneficiaries by their Case Managers. They will be utilized by personal care attendants and in-home respite providers with a clocking in/clocking out system in the client's home. MediKey scheduled date to launch has been moved to November 1, 2017. Personal Care Assistant (PCA) and In Home Respite (IHR) providers will also utilize a Waiver client's accessible landline telephone as an electronic visit verification system. Those who do not have a landline telephone will be assigned and given an OTP device to be kept in the home and used by direct care workers.



- CMPDD has received and distributed 360 OTP devices. An additional 640 OTP devices has been received and will be distributed during the Case Managers' home visits for September 2017.

For more information on Elderly & Disabled Waiver services, please contact Teresa Shoto, RN, Case Management Director, at 601-855-5914 or tburrell@cmpdd.org.

Counties Striving to Achieve Work-Ready Community Status

CMPDD's counties are in the process of developing Work-Ready Communities. The America College Testing (ACT) Work Ready Communities Initiative is a core element in the effort to build a national system for work readiness. At the core of this aspiration sit ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates (ACT WorkKeys NCRCs) that focus on certifying individuals in three essential skills - applied math, workplace documents, and graphic literacy. The ACT WorkKeys NCRC is an evidence-based credential that has been proven to accurately predict work readiness and job performance in all three key groups of people: new workers, transitioning workers, and individuals who already have jobs.

These Certificates, and the skills they verify, help assure employers that the people hired and/or advanced will succeed. The Certificates also act like passports, in that regardless of where an individual lives or moves, the Certificates testify to work readiness. Because the

Certificates are a win/win for employers and employees alike, counties that have sustainable, ongoing certification efforts are far more attractive. In effect, counties that are Work Ready Communities have a built in economic development advantage in the eyes of existing employers as well as those contemplating relocations.

ACT's Work Ready Communities (WRC) Academy is for leaders who want to move aggressively forward into this 21st century approach to work readiness and economic development. The Academy is a twelve (12) month performance-driven program that WRC leadership teams use to initiate, deploy, and drive efforts that grow counties certified to become work-ready.

By participating in the ACT Work Ready Communities (WRC) initiative, counties can identify skill gaps and quantify the skill level of their workforce. This helps educators build career pathways aligned to the needs of business and industry and it also helps a

community stand out and be recognized for its workforce development efforts.

We all have a stake in making our country more competitive and closing the skills gap that threatens to negatively impact our economy. By participating in ACT's Work Ready Communities initiative, counties, regions and states are helping business and industry know exactly what foundational skills they need for a productive workforce, and helping individuals understand what skills are required by employers and how to prepare themselves for success. The initiative also helps policy makers consistently measure the skills gap in a timely manner while helping educators close the skills gap, build career pathways, and offer stackable industry-recognized credentials related to training.



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Planning Updates

CMPDD to Update Comprehensive Plan for Richland

Recently, the District entered into a contract with the City of Richland to update its Comprehensive Plan. The plan update will include revisions to all four (4) statutorily required elements including the Goals and Objectives, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, and Public Facilities Plan. The Plan will also include a web-based GIS map viewer with the capability of viewing various data layers such as the Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, Zoning, and available infrastructure layers. The new Comprehensive Plan will be published in printed form, as well as an online Story Map format that will be available for public viewing through the city's website, giving citizens greater access to the information.

City of Clinton Comprehensive Plan Update

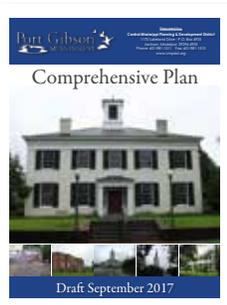
The District continues to work with the City of Clinton on the update of their Comprehensive Plan. The updated plan will include all elements and tasks as required by State Code and restore a web-based GIS map viewer with the capability of viewing various data layers such as: Infrastructure layers, the Land Use Plan and Zoning. The new Comprehensive Plan will be published both in printed form as well as an online Story Map format that will be available for public viewing through the city's website. Citizen input continues to be an important component to planning activities in the City, and District staff will be utilizing an online survey, social media, and public meetings to gather information and opinions about future of Clinton.

Town of Flora Comprehensive Plan Underway

The District continues to work with the Town of Flora to update its Comprehensive Plan and make amendments to Zoning Ordinance. In addition to completing the existing Land Use Windshield Survey, planners have met with the Town's Department Heads to determine the community facility needs. District staff will continue to meet with the Mayor and Board and Department Heads over the next few months to develop a draft of the Plan. Public input will be sought throughout the development of the Plan, and prior to adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Finally, a public hearing will be held to gather local input and opinions about the Plan. Upon completion of the Comprehensive Plan update, the District will assist the Town by proposing amendments to their Zoning Ordinance.

Port Gibson Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update

District staff completed a revised draft of Port Gibson's Comprehensive Plan for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to review. The plan is comprised of the four elements required by State law: Goals and objectives, a land use plan, a transportation plan, and a community facilities plan. Although the comprehensive plan is a long-range plan (25 years) intended to guide



New Executive Assistant Appointed to Replace Retiring Sandra Knight

Mr. Mike Monk, CEO has announced that Ms. Jane Foster has been hired by CMPDD as Executive Assistant to replace Ms. Sandra Knight who is retiring. We thank Sandra for her 20 years of service to the District and wish her all the best in her retirement. Jane, a resident of Canton, comes to the District from Mississippi Magazine, where she was employed as an Account Executive since 2005. Her experience in communications will be an asset as we work to expand our existing publications and social media reach in the region.



future growth and development it also includes a chapter on more immediate short-range (5 years) needs. The five-year plan arranges a number of mostly capital improvements by priority on a short term basis. The purpose of this portion of the plan is to help the city address some of its most pressing problems.

After the Comprehensive Plan has been adopted by the Mayor and Board, the District will update the City's Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map. In addition, District Staff will update the definitions section with newer definitions to address emerging trends in development. Three (3) new zoning districts, and improvements to the administration section will make the ordinance easier to administer. Finally, the zoning map will be adjusted to more accurately depict existing conditions.

Yazoo City Overlay District

Several years ago Yazoo City constructed Willie E. Morris Parkway that connects U.S. Highway 49 to MS Highway 3 near the northern edge of the city. Recently, the District developed an overlay district and amended the Zoning Ordinance to protect the integrity of the Willie E. Morris Parkway. In addition, the overlay district will encourage improved development design along the Parkway. The overlay lists uses that are prohibited in the district and provides landscaping, architectural, and driveway standards to improve the appearance and function of the Parkway's land uses. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopt the overlay district amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The Board is expected to act on the overlay district in October.

Medicare Open Enrollment October 15th- December 7th

Making sense of Medicare isn't easy for people who are age 65 and older and those with disabilities. The options include parts A and B (original Medicare), Part C (Medicare Advantage), and Part D drug coverage.

Every year from October 15th through December 7th beneficiaries have an opportunity to change their coverage. Beneficiaries are able to switch from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage or vice versa. They can switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another or from one Part D drug plan to another. If they didn't enroll in a Medicare plan when they were first eligible they can do so during open enrollment.

By September 30th beneficiaries should receive a notice from their existing Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D plan informing them of any changes to their plans. Because plans can change from year to year it is important to review this information and to understand the changes. If the current plan meets the beneficiaries needs then they are not required to make any changes.

The cost of Medicare creates a financial burden for those who have a limited income. That is why the State of Mississippi provides Medicaid programs and the Federal government offers a low income subsidy to help with these costs. Each program has a different income and eligibility limit. Even if a beneficiary does not qualify for the State of Mississippi's program they may qualify for the federal government's program. This program assists with Medicare



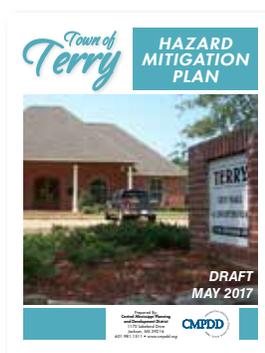
prescription plan premiums which lowers the cost of their medication. These State and Federal programs are called Medicare Saving Programs.

Although understanding Medicare is often complicated, CMPDD's specially trained State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Counselors are available to provide assistance. These Counselors provide unbiased insurance counseling to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers. Assistance is often provided in the areas of coverage options, billing problems, appeals, and enrollment in low-income assistance. They also conduct presentations to participants of senior centers, community groups, faith-based organizations, outreach agencies, and attend local health fairs. For more information or to speak to a Counselor, please contact our office at 601-981-1516.

Hazard Mitigation Planning Update

Over the last few months, the CMPDD has prepared and submitted for approval Hazard Mitigation Plans for Byram, Pearl, and Jackson State University. CMPDD continues to work with the Town of Terry to prepare and submit their updated Plan for approval. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires local jurisdictions to maintain an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to maintain grant eligibility for certain pre- and post-disaster grant programs available through the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In addition, Plans are required to be reviewed and updated every five (5) years to account for any changes that might have occurred that could increase or decrease a communities risk to a particular haz-

ard. Predicting where the next disaster will occur, and how severe its impact will be on a community is difficult. Given the right conditions, natural disasters, such as tornadoes and flash floods, can occur at anytime and anyplace. The human and financial consequences of such destruction can be significant. Mitigation planning is intended to assist communities in determining their risks to natural disasters and developing an action plan to address the known risks by lessening



the impact of natural disasters when they do take place.

In July, the revised Mitigation Plans for Byram and Jackson State University received final approval from FEMA. In the past years, revised Mitigation Plans were developed and approved for Bentonina, Brandon, Clinton, Eden, Flora, Florence, Flowood, Georgetown, Hazlehurst, Jackson, Richland, Ridgeland, Pelahatchie, Satartia, Vicksburg, Wesson, Yazoo City, Copiah County, Madison County, Rankin County, Warren County, and Yazoo County. For more information concerning the mitigation planning process or to find out how you can be involved in the process contact CMPDD Planning Staff at 601-981-1511 or visit the District's mitigation website page at www.cmpdd.org/mitigation-planning/.

CDBG Administration

CMPDD staff continue the process of providing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administration Services to Hazlehurst, Vicksburg, Yazoo City, and Hinds County. Recently, the Town of Edwards selected CMPDD to provide administrative services for their 2017 CDBG award. Administrative services include; professional services procurement, environmental clearance, compliance with all Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) regulations, financial management, oversight including submission of requests for cash re-



porting compliance, and closeout assistance. CMPDD's professional staff helps to insure that State and Federal requirements are followed by our communities, leading to a smoother completion.

Yazoo City CDBG ADA Improvements

The City of Yazoo City began construction at City Hall in February, 2017. With the help of a 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities grant in the amount of \$288,661, the City was able to renovate City Hall to comply with requirements of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The City Hall building was built in 1906. It is a two story, five-bay brick building with hip roof, central pediment, and a bell tower. It is also among the earli-

est Georgian Revival public buildings in Mississippi. The City Hall building houses the Mayor's office, the office of the City Clerk, and the Fire Department. This project is projected to be complete by late October, 2017.

CMPDD assisted the City of Yazoo City with the submission of their CDBG application and also provided grant administration services. For additional information on the CDBG program, please contact Mitzi Stubbs or Jason Larry at 601-981-1511.



Ombudsman Community Workshop

The District hosted an Ombudsman Community Workshop on Friday, September 15, 2017, at the Madison County Win Job Center in Canton, MS. The workshop was attended by several nursing home, assisted living, and personal care home staff members. Mr. Randolph Brown, Chief Investigator for the Office of the Attorney General was the invited speaker. The training provided insight into how street level police officers are specially trained in the areas of recognition, and proper response to, allegations of exploitation of persons who meet the criteria under vulnerable adult laws. Mr. Brown informed the audience that his office receives daily complaints relative to abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults.

Throughout the workshop he gave an overview of how the Vulnerable Persons Unit investigates and prosecutes persons who abuse, neglect, or exploit vulnerable adults residing in private homes. This unit currently consists of 1 prosecutor and 5 investigators who coordinate with local law enforcement, as well as, with the Department of Human Services to guarantee that Mississippi's vulnerable persons are protected.

The training provided tips, resources, and information to the local Ombudsmen who advocate for residents that reside in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and personal care homes. District Ombudsman LouSonya Horton

explained to the participants the responsibility of the Ombudsman and how they play a vital role in ensuring that the needs of the residents are met. The training concluded with positive comments and feedback from the participating agency providers.

Complaints of abuse or neglect of patients living in nursing homes or personal care homes, should be reported to the Medicaid Fraud Unit of the Attorney General's Office at 601-359-4220 or toll free 1-800-852-8341.

For more information on the Ombudsman Program, please contact our office at 601-981-1516.

City Clerks Meeting

CMPDD hosted a luncheon/meeting for the City Clerks in the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District. The Clerks shared best practices with each other and discussed issues that directly affect their jobs. We are very happy to facilitate meetings such as this because increased efficiency greatly benefits our participating governments and those they represent.



Pictured are City Clerks from Hazlehurst, Flora, Georgetown, Pelahatchie, Brandon, Byram, Florence, Braxton, Crystal Springs, Raymond and Learned, Clinton attended the meeting.

CMDC BULLETIN

Ms. Wanda Cowart, President of the Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. (CMDC), announced the approval of one (1) new loan.

This loan was for \$1,879,624 of a \$4,699,060 project under the United States Small Business Administration’s 504 Loan Program. The proceeds of this loan will partially finance the acquisition of two restaurants in Biloxi, Mississippi. This business will create seventy-five (75) full-time jobs and approximately ninety-five (95) part-time jobs in the private sector.

CMDC is a commercial lender certified by the U. S. Small Business Administration and works with local banks and other financial institutions in providing debt capital for small businesses. CMDC provides fixed rate low interest long term financing for small businesses and saves thousands of dollars in debt service on fixed assets. This type financing removes the problem of variable rate financing on long term assets. Many economic forecasters are certain that interest rates will rise. These predictable interest rate increases will not negatively impact the cash flow of those small businesses that have fixed rate low interest loans through the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) 504 Loan Program. The most recent fixed interest rates under this loan program were:

SBA 504 Loan Program Interest Rates

<u>TERM (YEARS)</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>
10 (September 2017)	4.15
20 (September 2017)	4.38%

Also, CMDC serves as the Loan Review Board for the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District’s (CMPDD’s) Minority Business Enterprise Loan Program (MBELP). The MBELP receives its funding from the Mis-



The Reef Oyster Bar



Baja Beach Restaurant

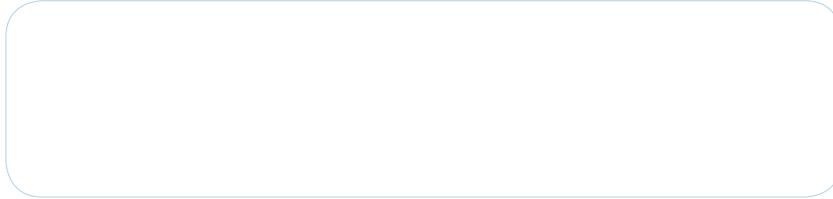
issippi Development Authority (MDA). The interest rate on loans made through this program to a minority owned business is currently 3.75% per annum. The term of a loan can be up to 15 years depending on the use of the loan proceeds (commercial buildings, equipment, inventory, working capital, etc.)

Bankers, commercial loan officers, business owners, real estate developer, and general contractors, may contact Larry Anderson or Dwayne Perkins at 981-1625, or visit our website at cmpdd.org. See the tab labeled “Small Business Assistance.”

MPO Public Participation Plan Available for Review

CMPDD is seeking public comments regarding proposed changes to the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO) Public Participation Plan. The MPO’s Public Participation Plan provides a list of activities and procedures the Jackson MPO follows to engage the public in the transportation planning process. The Plan establishes the methods used by the Jackson MPO to provide a proactive public involvement process which increases public awareness and understanding. The Plan sets forth the need for complete information availability and timely public notice; and supports early and continued involvement of the public and the stakeholders. It also provides more opportunities for meaningful involvement and citizen feedback. The proposed Public Participation Plan can be viewed by visiting the MPO’s website, www.cmpdd.org/public-notices/. Transportation stakeholders and other interested individuals are encouraged to review the proposed plan and to provide feedback. Comments will be accepted through Monday, October 30, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Comments can be provided by:

- Using the Transportation Comments link provided on CMPDD’s website: www.cmpdd.org/public-notices/
- Emailing MPO Staff: mpo@cmpdd.org
- Mailing written comments to:
Post Office Box 4935 Jackson, MS 39296-4935
- Delivering comments in person during the comment period to MPO staff:
1170 Lakeland Drive Jackson, MS 39216;
8am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday



If the name and address of the recipient needs to be updated, please contact our office at 601-981-1511.

Area Agency on Aging Public Hearing Fiscal Year 2017

The CMPDD Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Human Services/ Division on Aging and Adult Services held its annual public hearing on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Area Plan for Aging Services on July 18, 2017 at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. Over 170 senior adults and representatives from partnering organizations attended this annual meeting. Dr. Chelsea Crittle, Director of Aging Programs presented a comprehensive overview of the AAA's accomplishments from October 1, 2016 through March 30, 2017. Additionally, she provided information of the Agency's FY 2018 goals and expected funding limits by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. She continued the presentation by explaining the purpose of the Area Plan and the required mandates, and concluded by advising the audience that the FY 2018 Area Plan would be available for review beginning September 1, 2017. Anyone interested in reviewing the plan could contact the District office.

Mrs. Sandra McClendon, the Director of Aging and Adult Services, with the Mississippi Department of Human Services presented the FY 2018 State Plan Initiatives at this public hearing as well. Mrs. McClendon stated that she has two goals for the State of Mississippi. The first goal is to keep all senior



citizens safe and the second is to provide all senior citizens and vulnerable persons 18 years and older with the services they need in order to live in their homes without being admitted into a care facility.

Overall, those in attendance who completed evaluation forms indicated that the public hearing was helpful and informative. For more information on FY 2018 Area Plan, please contact Dr. Chelsea Crittle at 601-981-1516.



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