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Central Update

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CMPDD Partners with Nissan and Holmes Community College for new EV Project

CMPDD's Southcentral Mississippi Works and Holmes Community College have partnered with Nissan to prepare workers for their newly planned electrical vehicle (EV) line in Canton, MS. The 2,000 existing employees will need to be retrained and upskilled to meet the new, state-of-the-art production processes. AccelerateMS has provided a \$1.5 million grant to assist in this training project.

Nissan will retool the plant to support production of all-new Nissan and Infiniti EV vehicles, scheduled to begin in 2025. The Canton facility will become a center for U.S. EV production. The automaker is in the middle of an \$18 billion program to expand its electric vehicle fleet through 2030. The company aims to have electric vehicles make up 40% of its U.S. sales by then.

Southcentral Mississippi Works and Holmes Community College will be assisting the company with prescreening of

new employees, internships, apprenticeships, work studies, and various customized training programs. As part of the "train-the-trainer" program, existing Nissan employees will be able to travel to other plants in Japan and Mexico to learn first-hand about existing EV production processes. These employees will then return to Canton and train fellow employees about the new processes.

"For nearly two (2) decades, Mississippians have kept our state at the forefront of the world's automotive industry," said Gov. Tate Reeves. "The announcement that Nissan Canton is shifting some production to EVs further positions Mississippi as a leader in this crucial economic sector. We are a top state for automotive leaders, and this significant investment by Nissan in the Canton facility lets the world know that we are open for business and our workforce is ready to take on these in-demand jobs of the future."



MAPDD Annual Conference

The Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts (MAPDD) held its annual conference in Biloxi, MS at the Beau Rivage April 18-21. It was attended by over 700 individuals from across the state. Speakers included NADO Executive Director, Joe McKinney; Harrison County Development Commission Executive Director, Bill Lavers; as well as Former Deputy Assistant to President Bush, Rhonda Keenum. Concurrent sessions offered during the conference included sessions on Medicaid Waiver, Workforce, Aging, and Planning. Plans are already underway for next year's conference. Mark your calendar for April 23-26, 2024!



CMMA and City Clerks Meetings

Both the Central Mississippi Mayors Association (CMMA) and the City Clerks association met in June. These groups shared best practices with each other and discussed issues that directly affect their jobs and municipalities. The Mayors met while on the Coast at the annual Mississippi Municipal League Conference and met with the Central District Transportation Commissioner, Willie Simmons.



Census Data

On May 25, 2023, the Census Bureau released the 2020 Census data on age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, and housing. This release is referred to as the Demographic Profile and Demographic Housing Characteristic or the "DHC" files. This release provides more detailed information on age groups, families and households, and housing. This information will be available at the census tract level and the block group and zip code for some areas. The official Census press release regarding this data can be found at cmpdd.org/2020-census. If you would like more information on this data related to your geography you can contact the District's Regional Data Analyst (Jay Wadsworth) at jwadsworth@cmpdd.org.

CMPDD Announces Funding for 6 Metro-Area Transportation Alternative Projects

On May 10th, \$2.9 million in Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding was awarded to six (6) projects in the Jackson Metro Area by the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) through CMPDD’s Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The TA program is a federal-aid transportation program that provides funding through the MPO to local municipalities and counties within the MPO Planning Area for transportation alternative improvements. Transportation alternatives funding is made available for projects which promote accessibility and mobility for non-drivers through the development of on- and off-road bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

In total, CMPDD received eight (8) applications requesting \$4.2 million in TA funding. Due to the limited amount of funding available, the MPO was able to fully fund the six (6) highest rated projects. Combined, jurisdictions receiving the \$2.9 million in transportation funding have committed to provide over \$1.3 million in local matching funds.

Entity	Project	Federal TA Funding	Local Matching Funds
Brandon	Grants Ferry Pkwy. Multi-Use Path Between Hwy. 471 and Cornerstone Dr.	\$1,194,563	\$398,188
Madison	Strawberry Patch Park Sidewalk Between Calumet Gardens and Sherbourne Dr.	\$441,000	\$189,000
Pearl	Riverwind Dr. Sidewalk Between Shell Convenience Store and Home 2 Suites Hotel	\$172,500	\$172,500
Pearl	Mary Ann Dr. Sidewalk Between Pearl City Park and Pearl Junior High School	\$125,000	\$125,000
Pearl River Valley Water Supply District	Fannin Landing Circle Multi-Use Path Extension Between Arbor Landing and Fannin Landing Circle Boat Launch	\$145,550	\$62,400
Ridgeland	Steed Rd. Connector Multi-Use Path Between Sunnybrook Rd. and Highland Colony Pkwy. Trail	\$894,425	\$383,325

CMPDD to Update Comprehensive Plan and Zoning for Simpson County

The District has begun developing an update of the Simpson County Comprehensive Plan. The Plan update will include revisions to all four (4) elements including the Goals and Objectives, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, and Public Facilities Plan. The new Comprehensive Plan will also be a web-based plan that incorporates interactive mapping. Simpson County’s current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2010.



District Staff Completes Safety Analysis Report

District staff recently completed development of the 2017-2021 Safety Analysis Report for the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) planning area. The crash data analyzed by District staff in the development of the report was obtained from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and from data provided to the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (MDPS). The intent of the report is to provide a snapshot of the crash trends affecting users of the transportation system in the Jackson MPO's planning area covering a five (5) year planning period. The report not only looks at crash trends for the planning area as a whole, but also includes a breakdown of the crash trends impacting each of the three counties included in the planning area.

Crash statistics contained in the report include total amount of crashes, total fatalities resulting from automobile crashes, total serious injuries resulting from a crash and the total amount of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries resulting from a crash. Additionally, the report includes a breakdown of various behavior related crash information, most common crash types and the time of day with the highest percentage of crash occurrences.



The 2017-2021 Safety Analysis Report can be found on the District's website at <http://cmpdd.org/safety-performance/>.

CMPDD to Update Comprehensive Plan and Zoning for Rankin County

The District has begun developing an update of the Rankin County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Plan update will include revisions to all four (4) elements including the Goals and Objectives, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, and Public Facilities Plan. In 2002 Rankin County began the planning process by working with the District to develop the County's first Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The result was the 2004 adoption of a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance that has been widely embraced by citizens as well as those who do business in Rankin County.

Since the adoption of the first Rankin County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance in 2004, there has been two (2) updates of the Comprehensive Plan (2010 and 2017) and several revisions to the Zoning Ordinance such as the addition of the Reservoir Community Overlay District. The Rankin County Land Use Plan and Zoning regulations were also incorporated into the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District (PRVWSD) Master Plans developed



in 2013 and 2023 to better facilitate land use planning and controls on properties under both jurisdictions.

In 2017, the District completed the County's first web-based Comprehensive Plan. The Plan is hosted on the County's website in a Story Map format that incorporates

interactive maps along with pictures and videos. Rankin County has continued to grow in population and overall development making the demand for land a continued priority. This demand necessitates proper planning and land use controls.



MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

CMPDD's Medicaid Waiver Program Update

The Elderly & Disabled Medicaid Waiver (E&D Waiver) is a statewide program designed to provide in-home assistance to qualified Medicaid beneficiaries. Beneficiaries must be 21 years of age or older. They must qualify by either SSI Medicaid or 300% of SSI Medicaid. They must require assistance with activities of daily living (ADLS) such as bathing, dressing, eating, ambulation and/or transferring; or instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) such as laundry, light housekeeping, errands, and/or assistance on community outings. Registered Nurses (RN) and Licensed Social Workers (LSW) work together as a team to assess the referred client, submit for approval of services to the Division of Medicaid (DOM), then manage and coordinate the approved services for all clients.

CMPDD's Waiver and Workforce Investment divisions continues to partner to employ Social Workers who have received their bachelor's degree in social work and are seeking to work as a licensed social worker case manager. The salary-based 12-week program provides dedicated study time, information, preparation for taking the licensure exam, and supervised observation of case management home visits. Trainees also receive the traditional benefits of insurance coverage, leave time accrual, and other employee benefits. At the end of the 12-week training period and passing the licensure exam, the trainee will automatically transition to a permanent LSW Case Manager position.

- On June 5, 2023, our second hired SW Trainee (Ms. Daneisha Williams) began employment. Ms. Williams has begun her 12-week training period and dedicated study time in preparation for taking the licensure exam.

The Division of Medicaid's Appendix K (Public Health Emergency Amendment to the Waiver) continues to be in effect for 6 months following the end of the federally declared PHE on May 11, 2023. Appendix K flexibilities are set to end November 2023.

Approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS) was received by the Division of Medicaid on June 26, 2023, for all five (5) of Mississippi's 1915(c) waiver renewals. In addition, a 1915(b)(4) Waiver Selective Contracting agreement for the E & D Waiver was approved. It supports the current case management structure between the Division of Medicaid and the Planning & Development Districts.

*Individuals who own an agency and are seeking to become a Medicaid Waiver service provider should contact the Division of Medicaid, Long-Term Care Bureau at 601-359-6141.

For more information on Elderly & Disabled Waiver services, please contact CMPDD's Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Center at 1-844-822-4622. Or contact Teresa Burrell-Shoto, RN, Case Management Director at 601-855-5914 or tburrell@cmpdd.org.



2022 CDBG Award

The City of Byram was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to provide vital drainage improvements to a residential area. These funds will build a detention facility that will reduce flash flooding events for 100 residents in a low- to moderate- income subdivision. The Mississippi Development Authority

awarded the city \$750,000 and the city has committed \$470,100 to the project as well. CMPDD staff partnered closely with the city to submit the application and will be continually involved in the administration of the grant until the project is completed.

SS4A Regional Safety Action Plan Development

In June the Central MS Planning and Development District (CMPDD) released a request for proposals seeking assistance from engineers or other qualified firms to partner with CMPDD in developing a Regional Comprehensive Transportation Safety Action Plan. CMPDD was a recipient of U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding to assist member governments in CMPDD's seven-county region in effectively identifying and addressing transportation safety concerns and readying them for potential implementation.

This grant provides the CMPDD region with the opportunity to take vital steps to improve the region's



transportation system by developing a Vision Zero Action Plan for our communities that will serve as a roadmap in leading the region to an ultimate vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries on our transportation system.

The Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will be developed through a collaborative effort and will include a community outreach campaign that involves the public and community stakeholders throughout the process to collect diverse input and ensure equitable representation across CMPDD's seven-county region.

For more information, please contact Lesley Callender at 601-321-2152.



West Side Cafe'



Tougaloo



T.L. Love



Smith Robertson



Puckett

A TASTE OF CENTRAL *Eating Well Over 60*



Pearl



Golden Key



Clinton Christian
Community Corporation



Flora



Champions Center

Aging Nutrition Program Café Style Coffee and Conversations

Central Mississippi Planning and Development District/Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Congregate Nutrition Program recently upgraded its image by rebranding and reevaluating the services offered to our seniors. We realize a welcoming atmosphere is the most critical characteristic to recruiting and retaining seniors. Therefore, it was important for the nutrition site managers to create a safe space where seniors would feel

comfortable and accepted. With grant funds awarded by the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP), AAA staff purchased items for seniors to enjoy while attending the nutrition sites. Café style sections were set up by the Site Managers with the help of participants; to encourage coffee and conversation among participants. When asked about all the changes, several seniors expressed how the

congregate program makes them feel better, less sad, and less anxious, while others shared that the program increases their social connection opportunities. For more information on the Nutrition Program, contact Brenda Knott, Senior Program Coordinator or Chelsea B. Crittle, PhD, Aging Division Director at 601-981-1516.

CMDC BULLETIN

Representative De'Keither Stamps, President of the Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. (CMDC), announced CMDC is currently reviewing an assisted living facility project.

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 of 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 (June 2023)	6.05%
20 (June 2023)	6.38%
25 (June 2023)	6.33%



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 Mississippi Development Authority (MDA). The interest rate on loans made through this program to a minority owned business is currently 6.75% 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.)

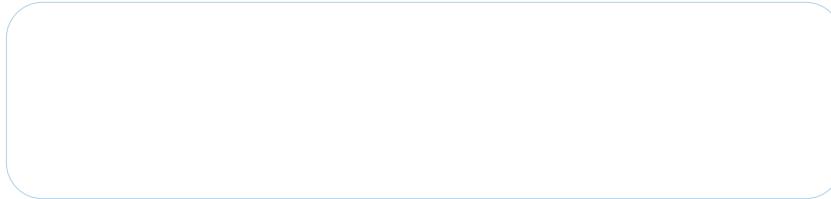
Representative De'Keither Stamps invites bankers, commercial loan officers, business owners, real estate developers, and general contractors to contact Dwayne Perkins at 981-1625, or visit our website at cmpdd.org. See the tab labeled "Small Business Loans."

Hazard Mitigation Planning

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). Recent spring and early summer severe thunderstorms have brought high winds, large diameter hail, frequent lightning, and tornadoes to Central Mississippi, which highlight the need for mitigation planning. All jurisdictions are reminded to review their adopted Hazard Mitigation Plans annually to ensure accuracy with current visions and needs and to account for any development or population changes that might

have occurred that could increase or decrease a community's risk to a particular hazard.

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. Their human and financial consequences 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. CMPDD Planners remain available to assist local governments with their annual reviews, as necessary.



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

WANTED: RNs and Licensed Social Workers-Case Managers seeking to make a difference!

Central Mississippi Home and Community Based Elderly and Disabled Waiver Program seeks Registered Nurses and Licensed Social Workers-Case Managers to work Monday – Friday (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.). Make a difference in your community by providing healthcare support services to those in need of assistance. We provide excellent benefits, additional incentive compensation and generous leave policy. Send resume's to tburrell@cmpdd.org.



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Grants Update

CMPDD staff worked with local municipalities and counties to submit Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) in May to the Mississippi Development Authority. Applications were submitted on behalf of municipalities in Copiah, Hinds, Madison, and Rankin counties.

Delta Regional Authority (DRA) announced a June deadline for their States Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) grants. This program allows applicants to apply for up to \$500,000 for necessary infrastructure, workforce, or business growth programs to increase economic development along the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt regions. Applicants submitted their proposals to CMPDD staff for application review and assistance.

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