

Missouri Governor's Committee to End Homelessness

12/7/2020

**Welcome and Roll Call/Introductions- Amanda Stadler, Chair 12:30**

Kelli Kemna—DMH  
Thomas Epling—DSS  
Amanda Stadler—Community Partnership of the Ozarks/Springfield CoC  
Kathryn Stefanowycz—Eastern Kansas Health Care System  
Dottie Kastigar—St. Charles CoC  
Angela Webb—Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri  
Jennifer Carter Dochler—MCADSV  
Anthony Smith—Balance of State CoC  
Tom Burnham—Peter & Paul Community Services  
Sandy Wilson—ICA  
Beverley Ebersold—USICH  
Karyn Robinson Taylor—St. Louis County DHS  
Cassie Sipos-Haas—Missouri Housing Development Commission  
Kimberly Henderson—Reconciliation Services  
Randy Sharp—St. Joseph CoC  
Gary Busiek—Salvation Army  
Jennifer McGlothen—Unite Us  
Rebecca Sudduth—St. Louis VA  
Donna F—Community Services  
Coleen Neil—United Way 211  
Kimberly Henderson—Catholic Charities Kansas City and St. Joseph  
Sonya Campbell—Catholic Charities Kansas City and St. Joseph

**Homeless/At Risk Youth Updates Jennifer Carter-Dochler 12:30-12:45p**

Review of legislative changes regarding qualified minors and one fee exempt copy of a birth record may be obtained for a homeless or unaccompanied youth (under 21 years of age) upon completion of an Affidavit of Homeless or Unaccompanied Youth Status for Fee Exempt Certified Copy of Birth Certificate and an accompanying application. <https://health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/faqs.php#collapseFour>

<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=193.265&bid=48385&hl=> and

<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=431.056&bid=48803&hl=>

**Subcommittee Updates Dottie Kastigar, Chair Dottie Kastigar, Chair 12:45-1:00p**

- **Missouri Continua or “MC2”** – met this morning discussed unsheltered PIT and guidance. MO BoS CoC will not do an unsheltered count, other communities are looking at modifying the unsheltered count, and there are a combination of challenges during the pandemic. Kansas City CoC will do an unsheltered count but will use street outreach staff instead of volunteers. St. Charles CoC is looking at using their by-name list for their unsheltered count. Discussed the impact due to the pandemic including increase in call volume for housing crisis, COVID-19 related funding and its challenges.

- **GCEH Warming and Cooling** – has not met but had a lengthy conversation at MC2 regarding what CoCs are doing to address the issues. Many day shelters, businesses, libraries, etc., are not available to the public as they normally are, it appears all CoCs are struggling with this issue. Amanda said the group has worked on a toolkit which is available on the GCEH website. We do not have good numbers for all of the people that may utilize informal day warming centers. It may be helpful to get accurate numbers for that utilization. The homelessness study numbers can be found at [http://www.mhdc.com/ci/Missouri%20Homelessness%20Study\\_Final\\_11.18.19.pdf](http://www.mhdc.com/ci/Missouri%20Homelessness%20Study_Final_11.18.19.pdf)
- **Written Standards** – Cassie said that Emergency Shelter Group met Dec. 3, meeting scheduled for 17. St. Joe, Springfield, St. Charles, St. Louis, would like people from other areas in the state to participate.

#### **Old Business 1:00p – 1:20p, Amanda Stadler, Chair**

- Motion to approve October meeting minutes – Tom motioned to approve the October GCEH meeting minutes, Sarah seconded, unanimous approval, no abstentions.
- Impediments to Fair Housing Presentation – has been uploaded to the website.
- Engaging New GCEH Partners – asked for new attendees to introduce themselves: Donna F from Community Services, Coleen Neil from United Way 211, Jennifer McGlothen from Unite Us, Kimberly Henderson, Sonya Campbell from CCKC and St. Joseph, and Bev Ebersold from USICH is here instead of Bob Pulster (retired). Should we bring in public safety, disaster preparedness or other parties to inform them about the challenges we are facing this winter? During previous discussions, cold weather was not considered a “disaster” that could utilize Red Cross or other similar services. Amanda will try to connect with a SEMA representative. We should invite someone from the Missouri Hospital Association. Jennifer will reach out to the contacts that she has within MHA. It could be appealing to new members if there are official appointments by the Governor. Do we need to renew our standing as a committee? We believe it may expire this year. Amanda reached out to Kyle a month ago, but has not received a response. Amanda will reach out again today. Jennifer will send the previous renewal to Amanda.

#### **New Business 1:20-1:35**

- Point in Time Date – The GCEH normally adopts one date for the entire state. St. Joseph CoC does not want to set a statewide date because of all of the waivers. Sandy would like a decision on the sheltered count for the entire state. Sandy Wilson motioned that Jan 27, 2021, be the new PIT sheltered count date, Randy seconded. Unanimous approval by consensus, no abstentions. January 27, 2021, is the sheltered PIT date.

There is hope the legislature will pass something allowing us to bypass the NOFA process this year.

- 2021 Meeting Schedule – GCEH will continue meeting bi-monthly.
- Other Items - nothing

#### **Member Announcements/Updates All 1:35p-1:45p**

MHDC ESG 2021 has started, MO HIP training is next week, 12/18/20. We need more agencies to apply for CARES Act funding. Agencies can submit another application for CARES funding if they would like to

address another issue. You can email Aiden Rich for any questions. The ESG CARES Act: Application Training Recording can be found at the link below, under application forms <http://mhdc.com/ci/CARES/ESGCV.htm>. Funded Training will be posted the week of Dec 7-11, Q&A session will be Dec 17th from 1-2; Compliance and Finance Training Q&A will be December 18th from 9-10:30.

Reviewed Missouri CDC COVID-19 vaccine plan. Ideally, DHS would specify that shelter staff and residents would be a priority. <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/pdf/mo-covid-19-vax-plan.pdf>

Tom shared that benefits are provided as the max benefit amount per household size. Childcare Division has changed the rules so that a child could have care so they can attend virtual school. Tom is sharing a one-pager with Amanda to send to the group.

Our next meeting is February 1, 2021. Sandy motioned to adjourn meeting, Sarah seconded.