

## **Governor's Committee to End Homelessness**

**August 3, 2020**

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

**GCEH Chair, Liz Hagar-Mace**

Attendance:

Liz Hagar-Mace, Chair, Department of Mental Health

Amanda Stadler, Vice-Chair, Community Partnership of the Ozarks

Natalie Allen, Secretary, Department of Social Services, Children's Division

Anthony Smith, BoS CoC, FCC Behavioral Health

Cassie Sipos-Haas, Missouri Housing Development Commission

Dottie Kastigar, St. Charles CoC

Randy Sharp, St. Joseph CoC

Sandy Wilson, ICA

Tammy Walker, Joplin CoC

Kathy Henderson, Sts. Joaquim and Ann Care Services

Jennifer Carter-Dochler, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Jessica Hoey, Missouri Community Action Network

Ken Chapman, Department of Corrections

Natalie Roark, Department of Transportation

Tom Epling, Department of Social Services, Workforce Development

Angela Webb, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri

Kelli Kemna, Department of Mental Health

Becky Poitras, BoS CoC, Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries

Alex Rankin – Missouri Foundation for Health

Gary Combs

Katheryn Stefanowycz

Wes Dent

Tracey Posten

Tammy Dreyer – Mexico Housing Authority

Gary Busiek

## **II. Census Update – Presenter Alex Rankin**

Presented on the critical importance of accurate census counts. Will share accompanying PowerPoint presentation. Timeline – Deadline to self-report may be moved up from October 31<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> and door to door workers start on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Census takers count people in transitory locations September 3-28. Counting unhoused in 3 day “mega count” on September 22-24 on site via interviews or facility records at serviced based locations. Workers should contact staff in August and can contact Alex for Census partner contact to start the process. [www.mffh.org/census](http://www.mffh.org/census) [arankin@mffh.org](mailto:arankin@mffh.org)

Key actions steps – Use platforms and communications to remind people to self-report and share important deadlines. Can use draft social media posts from Missouri Foundation for Health. Service based organizations promote to clients and why it is important to them.

## **III. ESG and CARES Act – Cassie Sippos-Haas**

ESG 021 – in the middle of scoring. Smaller allocations. Funding announcements later this month. Nove1 2020 – Oct 31 2021 for a 12 month grant cycle.

CARES Act – 2 allocations 1<sup>st</sup> is 9.5 Million BOFA on website. 2<sup>nd</sup> will be 18.7 million more information on that. All submit letter of intent for 1<sup>st</sup> allocations. Process on website. Funding period 18 months. Pushing to get applications out soon. Not match requirement 50% AMI, and 10% admin fee. AS soon as applications are in, begin scoring and pushing out funding for quicker turn around than usual. May be some changes as HUD hasn't made notice yet. All info under community initiatives tab. Uncertain if two allocations will require two applications. Current draft is a rolling basis where one application is submitted, and can request more fund from second allocation without a separate application.

Trust Fund – NOFA and allocation plan out soon. Applications released in the next couple of months. Sandy asked if COVID and homeowner impact has affected trust fund amount availability. Lis stated that based on when collections are completed, this may impact next year, but not likely this year.

#### IV. Subcommittee Updates

##### A. Missouri Continua or "MC2" - Amanda Stadler

Met this morning with representatives. Funding updates, and how each CoC is responding to COVID and various gaps experienced. Discussed what projects are thinking and planning event Fall Homeless Connect. Some considering canceling and focusing on crisis response. Discussed extreme weather shelters planning as most are congregate, and will require adjustments for COVID. Discussed PIT 2021 date – With so much in flux, tabled vote to October meeting to allow time for HUD guidance and more planning. Discussed nominations for chair of this committee since Amanda will no longer fill this role due to changes in GCEH leadership.

#### V. Old Business

A. **Motion to approve prior meeting minutes** – Motion to approved as submitted by Tom Epling and Second by Jennifer Carter-Dochler. Passed unanimously.

B. **Engaging New GCEH Partners** – Liz reminded everyone that the committee made a commitment to invite someone new to the committee and engage new partners on an ongoing basis to strengthen our network.

#### VI. New Business

A. **2021 PIT Count** – Pencil in on January 27, 2021 but not confirmed at this time.

**B. Nominations for 2021 – Need volunteer or nomination for Secretary and Vice Chair. Natalie will no longer be in her role at CD and Liz is retiring soon. Sandy will chair nominating committee. Randy, Amanda will also assist.**

#### VII. Additional Member Announcements/Updates

- Natalie Roark – MODOT – Homeless encampments update. Stand down in cleaning up encampments, working on establishing policy. Some in St Louis collaborate with city and partners which was successful and wanting to use the same approach in other cities. Key has been having placements for homeless and partnerships with City, LE, Dept. Health, CoC. KC – problem is continuing to grow and becoming overwhelming. Reaching out to homeless to communicated how important health and safety are to protect communities, encouraging litter pick up, provided bags, reminded people not build place items on infrastructure. Want to continue to work together locally and with this group. Anticipated that there will be an expectation from political standpoint and locally that have some plan and process in place to clean up. MODOT wants to continue to work together. Tom asked if the count has increased

or decreased state wide. Have not done a count, but employees report that more are popping up on an ongoing basis.

- Ken DOC – Dept. has been proactive and responsive to CCOVID. Has not released anyone who has tested positive for COVID prior to release until they test negative for COVID twice and quarantined for at least 14 days. Have not released anyone early because of COVID. Containment and protection plan in place. Can see updates on website. [www.doc.mo.gov](http://www.doc.mo.gov) newsroom for COVID data stats. Probation and parole following CDC guidelines and met clients in community, outdoors etc. to continue to provide full services with flexibility.
- Randy Sharp – St. Joseph dealing with serious flood issue which has cause a lot of short term homelessness and no rentals available. It affected about 200 homes. The problem does not rise to the level for state or federal assistance so all of the support depends on local resources. Lost funding for current shelter tied to hospital changes. May have a solution through CARES act funding. Facing a situation where they may not have any shelter options for homeless individuals.