

MC2 Subcommittee meeting minutes 2/6/23

Attendance - check with DMH re: persons on the zoom call

Dottie Kastigar, Amanda Stadler, Gregg Ochoa, Kimberly Myers, Drew Geer, Tammy Walker, Teresa, Sonia Campbell, Amy Bickford, Kimberly Moss, Samantha Ghormley Hill, Kelli Kemna

Discussion around PIT:

Tammy and Kelli indicated that they expected the unsheltered count to be down, as they were seeking fewer people due to the cold snap. Tammy noted that they added a question to their count form this year asking the person if they were new to the area and why they came there.

Overall, communities reported that the count went well.

St. Charles County also tries to call everyone on their housing prioritization list to understand their sheltered status for the PIT count and to update the prioritization list.

Warming Shelters:

- Amanda shared that there was an increase in cold weather shelters in Springfield.
- Dottie reported that she thought St. Louis also had expanded warming shelter capability this year. St. Charles has seen high utilization, providing over 180 bed nights of shelter to date.
- Sonya shared that there was a warming shelter in St. Joseph, but no longer a regular shelter.
- Everyone has seen high utilization of cold weather shelters this season.

General CoC updates and planning:

- **Springfield CoC** - indicated that they were doing some strategic planning. They also were updating their scoring tool for rank and review. They were disappointed to not be funded under the SNOFO.
- **Joplin CoC** - is looking to work across the state to streamline ways to meet HUD requirements, including ways to share trainings and/or training materials, developing a list of canned resources for rural CoCs, etc. (Note - this will be worked on in the Capacity Building workgroup)
- **BoS CoC** - focusing on implementation of the YHDP statewide grant. They are concerned about finding and identifying providers to administer funds. They applied for rural and unsheltered funding to expand Coordinated Entry, but only got \$300,000 of several million dollars requested.
- St. Charles CoC - just beginning some strategic planning, and also plans to work with the Capacity building workgroup. Was disappointed to not receive any of the SHOFO funding.

There was a general discussion about housing and behavioral health issues, and how MICH might look at opportunities to leverage opioid funding for affordable and permanent housing similar to Amethyst Place in Kansas City, that created a recovery community for singles and families.

MHDC updates:

- SAHFR rental assistance has ended. No more applications will be accepted.
- SAHFR mortgage assistance program is still accepting applications for persons to get caught up.
- FY23 ESG program has had to make minor changes on which programs will be paid through ESG-CV, and which will be paid through the regular ESG grant. Contracts have been sent and must be signed and returned by Feb. 28th. MHDC is still waiting on funding.

USICH New Federal Strategic Plan:

Presentation will be made by USICH at the MICH general meeting.

Meeting adjourned 11:45am