

Governor's Committee to End Homelessness

February 3, 2019

I. Welcome and Introductions

GCEH Chair, Liz Hagar-Mace

Attendance:

Amanda Stadler, Community Partnership Springfield CoC

Amie Bickford, St. Louis City

Anthony Smith, FCC Behavioral Health

Becky Allmeroth, Missouri Department of Transportation

Cassie Sippos-Haas, Missouri Housing Development Commission

Cheryl Kosmatka, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Cynthia Duffe, Gateway Housing First/St. Louis CoC

Dirk Cable, Department of Mental Health

Dottie Kastigar, Community Council of St. Charles/St. Charles CoC

Gary Busiek, The Salvation Army, Midland Division

Jessica Hoey, Missouri CAN

Jessie Dryden, Common Sense

John Shackleton- Governor's Office/Census Operations

Kathy Henderson, Sts. Joquim and Ann

Katie Burnham Wilkins, Veteran's Administration

Liz Hagar-Mace, Missouri Department of Mental Health

Matt Hesser- Office of Administration State Demographer

Natalie Roark, Missouri Department of Transportation

Randy Sharp, Interfaith Community Services, dba InterServ, St. Joseph CoC

Sara Owsley Townsend, Empower Missouri

Sarah Paulsrud, Empower Missouri Intern

Tammy Walker, Economic Security Corporation of the Southwest Area, Joplin CoC

II. 2020 Census Presentation

John Shackleton – Governor's Office

Census Overview

Presentation from John Shackleton (Governor's Office/Director of Census Operations) and Matt Hesser (Office of Administration/State Demographer). Goal is to engage with non-profits across the state to "count everyone, only once, and in the right place" (ie where you are ordinarily living on April 1 or slept that night). The Census is mandated in the US Constitution and data is used to determine representation in federal government and state legislature. Additionally, data is used to allocate federal funding – \$16 billion is allocated to our state based on Census data. For every 100 people missed, state will lose \$1.3 million over 10 years. Funding is used for health care, food/nutrition programs, and section 8 and impacts a minimum of 55 federally funded programs. For additional resources, individuals should reach out to the state and local Complete Counts Committees. Missouri Foundation for Health has a dashboard with messaging and people can connect with the census via @MoCensus, mffh.org, Census.Mo.Gov, www.2020Census.Gov, and CensusCounts.org

Complete Counts Committees

The state facilitates a Complete Count Committee, made up of 19 members across state. The goal is to ensure an accurate and timely count to secure federal funding and have fair representation for all

Missourians. There is \$500,000 appropriated for an outreach campaign. Cities, counties, and other civic organizations are also creating local complete count committees to identify hard to count areas/populations and perform grassroots level outreach through strategic partnerships and digital access. Hard to count populations could include individuals who are geographically or socially isolated (homeless, rural, youth, low-income, ethnic minorities, immigrants, renters, those with disabilities, transient populations, young children, and youth in foster care).

Counting Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Census date is April 1, 2020. Individuals experiencing homelessness and staying in Transitory/Special Locations (camp grounds, circus, hotels/motels etc.) will be counted for an extended period of time. Census Bureau will be using a Service Based Enumeration Tool and conducting outreach at pre-identified locations, including soup kitchens, health care clinics, etc. Because of this model, people will be asked "Have you already been counted with Census". Additionally, the Census Bureau is working with libraries across the state to set up questionnaire assistance centers - librarians will be trained to facilitate answering questions. Typically, individuals need an address to be counted (that's how you are tied to census tract etc.). There is a special form for people who don't have an address- libraries will be trained to administer/set up this form (self-report).

State Wide Mapping Tool

The state has developed a mapping tool to capture detailed information and descriptions of places to use the Service Based Enumeration Tool and to provide better/more timely information than what the Census Bureau has access to. The target audience is service providers; it is not really designed for public access. They acknowledge that locations change for temporary lodging, but encourage people to keep submitting all locations into the tool, even if you know the same people frequent them. Individuals can review information that was already submitted and can add an extra information. After information is submitted and used for the Census, the state won't be using it for any other projects.

Questions

- *Question- How are you working with local providers to identify locations?* State can help with outreach for awareness and identifying locations, but Census Bureau conducts the actual count via field enumeration.
- *Question- How are you counting those displaced by disasters?* The Census is a federally run program- our role as a state is to give the Census Bureau information about where people might be and to market that Census Bureau will be doing outreach and its important to be counted.
- *Question- How are you identifying outdoor locations, transitory lodging, campgrounds, hotels, etc.* The mapping tool helps identify this type of location. If agency has already shared information directly with Census, we recommend that agency re-submits so that we can ensure all locations are identified.
- *Question – What is the deadline to submit locations?* The Census Bureau is planning now for this process, so agencies should input information ASAP. This is to supplement information that Census Bureau has.
- *Question- How can individuals get connected with local Complete Counts committee, is there a list of committees across the state?* There is a list of partners is on website and a list of committees is on Census Bureau website (if facilitated by government entity). If the committee is facilitated by a private group, they might not be listed on website.
- *Question- Department of Transportation, Department of Mental Health, and Department of Corrections have data/maps that could supplement this- what's the best way to connect it to the map?* Have data base people work with Office of Geospatial information for programming to reformat for this.

- *Question (To Mo-DOT): Can we get MoDot data for future PITs? Yes- they are in the process of re-connecting since Sarah switched departments.*
- *Question- This database is destroyed after Census is complete. Would this data base be available on-going to assist with other efforts - could we keep locations available for future assistance but remove details? Possibly.*

III. Best Practices Across the State

Cynthia Duffey- Gateway Housing First

Gateway Housing First was founded in 2013; their mission is to provide safe, affordable, supported housing for individuals with wide range of disabilities, complex disorders, and life situations and who struggle to secure or maintain housing. They are landlords and have acquired properties, built new housing, and transitioned traditional units. They have 210 units and have housed 375 individuals. They are unique in that they do not provide direct service, but partner with service providers in the community for supportive services. See Power Point attachment for additional information.

- *Question- have you explored or do you have examples of programs addressing the intersection of housing programs and poverty? IE pairing resources – affordable housing communities with green energy, agricultural opportunities, assistance with education etc. We look to providers for input on this, are always looking for innovation. Next big thing is opioid crisis- housing for disorders. Have submitted applications for this population and youth pairing out of foster care program and pairing with senior community (might or might not need PSH) →intentional inter-generational community on what tenants can provide. There are so few funding sources (competitive). Also try to stay in lane as a housing provider and partner with other agencies for supplemental needs. Concern with long-term stability for programs.*

IV. Sub-Committee Updates

- Missouri Continuum of Care – Group discussed Point in Time, HUD Continuum of Care Grant Awards, and the 2020 meeting schedule. Previously, the group had conference calls scheduled on the months that GCEH did not meet and met immediately prior to GCEH on the other months. The group decided to only host in-person meetings in conjunction with the GCEH meetings.
- Warming/Cooling – They are working diligently on wrapping up the Tool Kit. They will have their final meeting in February and would like to present on progress at the April meeting and get ideas from GCEH on next steps.

V. Old Business

- December Meeting Minutes were presented– No changes. Motion to approve- Anthony Smith made a motion to approve and Jessie Dryden second. No opposed.
- Engaging New GCEH Partners- tabled for future discussion.
- Discharge Policy Progress- No additional partners have signed on – complete list of who has adopted the policy is available on GCEH website.

VI. New Business

- HUD CoC NOFA Awards- Tier 1 awards were announced in January – everyone is waiting on Tier 2 award announcements.

- Mainstream Section 8 Awards – tabled for future discussion
- HUD Section 811 – tabled for future discussion

VII. Announcements/ Updates

- St. Charles- Mayor has appointed a homeless shelter task force to actively work to develop a shelter location for single men. Mayor is willing to put name on it and promote it and trying to help find a new building. It's good to have support from public officials. This initiative came out of working with actively working with City on addressing a homeless camp. In fall, they brought "Bridges out of Poverty" speaker to do community training on supporting individuals in poverty to sustainability (ie transportation, child care etc.). They will have follow-up discussion and committees on employment.
- Missouri CAN –They recently joined Low Income Tax Credit Coalition with Empower MO to work to reinstate, in tandem with the Missouri Work Force Association.
- Common Sense – The 2020 Poverty Report is coming out and end of month and will focus on children's voices in poverty. She will be publishing reports soon on rural poverty.
- MHDC – ESG year 2020 has kicked off and they are closing out 2019 as people expend grants. MoHIP applications are in- MoHIP and MHTF will start April 1. They will start working on written standards for ESG Emergency Shelter soon.
- MoDOT –They learned of GCEH through conversations with Sarah Parsons and are excited to network with other entities across state. MoDOT is doing research on safety impacts on state right of ways to workers and the traveling public, with regards to drug paraphernalia, trash, and fires. They are having to resource out groups to collect hazardous waste and are looking for opportunities to partner with other agencies to learn best practices and what resources are available.
- DMH – Reminder about the GCEH website. If anyone has any ideas for content etc. for website- let Dirk know. You can message through website or let Dirk/Liz know or bring it up at meetings. There's been issues with people not getting shout-out emails, so DMH will start maintaining their own outlook mail list to address.
- Empower MO- they currently have a sign-on letter available to urge legislature and governor to take action. Reach out to Sarah@empowermissouri.org for letter.
- St. Joe is working with their City on regulations for housing. Landlords were resistant to interference, but they have had clients indicate they are losing housing because landlords can't meet "minimum" standards. They are in process of joining Missouri Service Point Implementation and are waiting for approval from other CoCs.
- Next meeting for GCEH is April 6 – there will be a presentation from DSS Workforce Development Program on how they are trying to connect with employment programs across state that are low income. Connections to employment programs will help improve HUD SPM and have better outcomes for people we serve with employment and living wage.

Motion to Adjourn by consensus.