

Governor's Committee to End Homelessness

December 2, 2019

I. Welcome and Introductions

GCEH Chair, Jennifer Carter Dochler

Attendance:

Amanda Stadler, Community Partnership Springfield CoC

Anthony Smith, FCC Behavioral Health

Cassie Sippos-Haas, Missouri Housing Development Commission

Chiquita Small, Department of Health and Senior Services

Don Stamper, Department of Economic Development

Edwin Cooper, Department of Mental Health, Housing Unit

Gary Busiek, The Salvation Army, Midland Division

Jennifer Carter Dochler, Chair, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Jessie Dryden, Common Sense

Katie Burnham Wilkins, Veteran's Administration

Lateacha Tigie, GCEH Vice Chair, Executive Director HottalkRadio Teacha's Kids LLC Tigie Media - phone

Liz Hagar-Mace, Missouri Department of Mental Health

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

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

Sara Owsley Townsend, Empower Missouri

Sandy Wilson, Institute for Community Alliances, HMIS Lead Agency

Tammy Walker, Economic Security Corporation of the Southwest Area

Tom Epling, Family Support Division, Workforce Development Unit

Cheryl Kosmatka, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

II. 2019 Missouri Statewide Homeless Study

Home Base

- Reviewed highlights from 2019 Missouri Homeless Study – Focused more on outcome and performance measures and less on evaluation than in previous reports.
- Point in Time Count - Noted steady decrease over 5 years in sheltered homelessness while unsheltered homelessness has increased. Youth homelessness and chronic homelessness also show an increase. African American population are overrepresented in homeless population and tend to experience homelessness at higher rates than other racial groups. Veteran homeless rates had a reduction.
- Additional reports include Housing Inventory, Housing Utilization, and System Performance Measures.
- Q. How Missouri trends compare with other states? Don't have studies from other states. Study underway in eleven other areas. Decrease in homelessness is unique.
- Q. Were Rural/urban issues studied as it relates to racial disparities? Racial disparities have been discussed for many years among this group. A. Did not go in to that level of detail.
- Q. Is there additional data available or analyzed for the youth population? A. Possibly. Some CoC's collect additional data. Of those in attendance, additional data is collected in Springfield, broad definition of homelessness versus HUD definition, on CPO website.
- Comments: Speaking to the Veteran's population, have been doing a big push in CoC for outreach and looking forward to see how these efforts impact outcomes. This report could strengthen messaging that efforts are yielding outcomes and continued resources and support are needed not only to end homelessness and sustain changes. The message of sustainability is challenging to communicate. Racial disparity report shows rate of experiencing homelessness reflect similar challenges to access to health and mental health services and supports. This is becoming more of a national focus to affect systems change to decrease disparity Community Solutions, a non-profit out of D.C. that sponsors Built for Zero which Kansas City and Saint Louis are a part of.
- Details may be found in the presentation linked [HERE](#).

III. GCEH Action Plan and Collaborations

- Engaging additional stakeholders: One idea is to look at each specific population and identify who would be involved to address in addition to who is already involved. Example with veterans to identify those who specifically serve this population and can make a contribution but not directly involved with addressing homelessness on subcommittees. Need to ensure that there is a strong connection of relevant work and clear roles. Identify the priorities of GCEH and invite additional stakeholders to accomplish specific goals. Some concern of how subcommittees could be effectively scaled to statewide from a local model. Additional partners would like to see involved: Law Enforcement as those interacting with homeless population daily, Hospital Association, Education. May need to put this on hold as GCEH does not have the capacity to manage additional subcommittees at this time. Planning may include defining what data is important to others, gathering a sharing that data as part of outreach. Data from presentations

can be taken and shared with local partnerships both on best practice programs and systems level information. Will place this topic on February agenda for a future meeting.

III. Subcommittee Updates

- **Missouri Continua (MC2)** – October and November meeting - Discussed REAL ID and impact on homeless individuals. Suggestion made to place REAL ID documents on GCEH website to guide on where REAL ID is needed, how to obtain documents, costs etc. Homeless and DV victim populations may face significant challenges to obtaining REAL ID or second form of ID. Discussed census information and that both sheltered and unsheltered homeless people should be counted to draw down appropriate funding for services and supports. Identified topics of interest for 2020 which included Coordinated Entry and how to bring communities together to improve the process, extreme weather sheltering, laws impacting unsheltered homeless, how to encourage more DV projects to apply for CoC funding, ending Vet homelessness best practices.
- **Warming and Cooling Center Subcommittee** – November meeting recapped of what was previously reviewed. An updated listing of warming and cooling shelters is available. Also have examples of documents, policies and protocols for functioning shelters which can be a resource for new projects. Best practice documents, list and additional resources are in progress and goal is to be ready for website posting in the first quarter of 2020. Although 211 is most comprehensive list and is verified, but still missing some information as communities are required to update information. Working on eliminating some inconsistencies and ensuring information is updated.
- **Statewide Data Committee** – Meeting November 19th was cancelled. Last email received by Jennifer was that they were finishing up current performance measures and end the subcommittee following.

IV. Old Business

- October Meeting Minutes – Motion Liz Hagar-Mace Second Amanda Stadler Passed, All but 1 Opposed
- Discharge Policy – CD signed and will be releasing to the field staff in the next few weeks.
- Annual Report – Report was submitted and on the website. Receipt confirmed from the Governor's Office.

V. New Business

- December meeting agenda items: MHDC overview of homeless study, actions steps involving community partners
- Project Homeless Jeff City October 18th, have sign up link on website for volunteers. Expecting about 200 guests. Have over 200 volunteers, 2 hour time shifts.
- Project Homeless Connect Cape October 4th – Doesn't have an official count but went well
- MHDC - Trust Fund - Trust fund applications have been submitted. Recommendations will go before the MHDC Board and funding announcements will be made in December. October 11th the CoC feedback is due. Make sure the feedback is turned in on time. If CoC feedback is not received all applicants in that CoC will lose points. ESG - October 3rd Recommendations were brought to the commission for Approval, pending an executed funding contract with Mo Department of Social Services. Funding announcements are posted to the MHDC website and all agencies have been notified. LI-TECH - Applications were due September 27th and are now on the evaluation period. MHDC is transitioning out of CA role for BoS CoC, Liz is contact person, and RFP on GCEH website
- BoS CoC RFP for Collaborative Application lead agency, on website, going on GCEH website.

VI. Announcements and Updates

- MHDC –
 - ESG contrat back from DSS, Funded training will be December 11th, HMIS training will be on December 18th, can bill back to November 1, must completely closed out of 2019 before requesting funds for 2020.
 - Trust Fund, at the commission meeting is December 12th, still in quiet period.
 - MoHIP, applications are inline and due back January 24th, grant period is April 1 – March 31, make sure to read the application guidance as there have been changes.
 - Sara is now on disaster focused position at MHDC, Steve W is manager of Community Initiatives. All contact information is online.
 - Emergency Shelter Standards – will be completed in 2020 which is the last piece of the project.
- Jessie – Working on Mo CAN 2020 poverty report, what is to be done, what programs working on to prevent homelessness. Looking for programs in existence, stories of success, funding options, special populations to demonstrate in report. Email Jessie anything would like to include to showcase
- Chiquita Small, 2020 Action Plan preliminary hearing November 6th, public hearings begin in January led by Mo Dept. of Economic Development. Dates TBD. Will send to GCEH exec committee to share in shout out. Will discuss talking points in MC2 and Feb. GCEH
- LP Cookingham UMKC, MHDC to develop a 5 year plan for Affordable housing, webinar 12/5, Kauffman Center KC DATE December, STL December DATE Library (Liz) opportunities to give feedback

- Springfield Project Homeless Connect, 650 served, youngest 3 years old, oldest 88 years old. Over 600 volunteers to serve as guides. Over 75% of volunteers were students in either Social Work or Nursing.
- Empower Missouri Conference – Over 100 on Columbia, legislative panel at the end, positive impact of policy priorities. Affordable housing coalition, 9 policy proposals related to housing, tenant protection during eviction. On website and would welcome emails, provide updates and Feb. meeting. Prior to session drafting emails about lifetime perform to benefit those with extremely low income and collecting signatures.