

MC2 Meeting

June 1, 2020

Welcome and Introductions

Attendance : Anthony Smith-BOS CoC, Dottie Kastigar-St. Charles CoC, Randy Sharp-St. Joseph CoC, Tammy Walker-Joplin CoC, Robin Smith-Joplin CoC, Amy Bickford-St. Louis City CoC, Amanda Stadler-Springfield CoC, Heather Hoffman-Kansas City CoC , Liz Hagar-Mace-MO DMH, Sandy Wilson-ICA, Cassie Sipos-Haas-MHDC

UPDATES from everyone:

HUD FY 2019 CoC grant awards and application debrief were discussed as well as Tier II award discussion:

Randy from St. Joseph indicated that they did get the DV bonus award for the 2nd year in a row. The regional DV provider in St. Joseph provided an outstanding application and was ranked one of the highest in the country. A lot of uncertainty regarding the NOFA; conversations being held in the House and Senate regarding suspension of this year's NOFA due to COVID, however the measurement appears to be dead in the Senate.

Discussion on Re-allocation: apparently St. Charles had a project that didn't did not spend 50% of award on a low performing project. HUD was contacted to see if the funds could be re-allocated to another project. In the past reallocations could be requested without the application being changed. Multiple AAQs were submitted, however they have been ignored or no response from HUD. St. Charles did not get a DV Bonus, however no surprises with Tier I or II scoring and the projects they submitted were funded in these categories.

Balance of State CoC: no major hiccups, scoring was perceived as accurate for funding of Tier I and Tier II projects were as anticipated; as far as the NOFA process we are trying to select a CA for our continuum. RFP along with timeline of application and submission process is currently going on; looking forward to feedback from designated RFP workgroup on candidates and selection.

Joplin: did receive their funding including Tier II, no bonus or DV funding requested, an improvement of roughly 14 points in scoring from last year's application.

St. Louis City: No new surprises, a couple of projects that were cut out of Tier II, but it was to be anticipated, no real changes in DV projects and overall thought the process went well.

Springfield: There was a minor point loss which was anticipated due to decreased in rapid rehousing beds a little, they're working hard on their data and accountability for their system performance measures, were not awarded a DV bonus. However, they were awarded a regular bonus for a new project with HMIS. Two grantees that submitted amendments to request special COVID funding.

St. Louis: Working on Planning grant to assist with data performance; they lost a project in tier II, they decided to do a completely reallocation so that they can get funded for CE project, loss 1 renewal project from tier II , looking for resource to assist any displaced families. One new project

and a new DV project that was renewed. Looking for an agency to take over a pre-existing grant for a shelter and CoC funded project that the previous grantee decided to opt out of.

COVID Relief Funds: discussions relevant to funding to combat the pandemic. Continuums were asked if they are seeing any trends or noticing any concerns around COVID related issues in their region.

Balance of State: COVID ESG through MHDC, some agencies are still awaiting guidance from the Feds on if these funds are going to be made available and how far back we can utilize those funds. Several Community Action Agencies around the State did receive some funding to explicitly help those impacted by COVID and community partners have been working to provide referrals to that project.

Joplin: Two recipients have applied for ESG emergency shelter funding specifically related to COVID relief. Some agencies did receive MHTF funds as well.

Kansas City: Setting up isolation center to provide services to those who are being tested for COVID. Several providers are collaborating to identify what resources are available to help those in need who may be experiencing homelessness. Working on an immediate response for a COVID framework to deal with services and identify expanded services that will potentially be available.

Springfield: A lot of shelters are being closed due to nobody wanting to keep up, a lot of agencies are having to place people in hotels. Basically on a hold up with hurry up and wait scenario, whereas everyone is looking for guidance on how these funds will be disseminated, who is eligible, data collection for ESG and CDBG funding. After the emergency response, it's time to look into long term solutions with funding that may be available.

St. Joseph: A medical provider was gracious enough to help with testing. The Continuum was able to test a good sample of homeless population, no positive result. There is a hotel/motel willing to put individuals up, but no indication of how these stays will be funded. Providers are still wanting to know if the waivers are going to remain with FMR's and AMI provisions that HUD initially set. New HMIS implementation in place.

A lot of COCs are having issues keeping homeless people due to COVID, shelters are limiting their space and using hotels or other resources and don't know how to move people on. A lot of people there placing in hotels are people off the streets with mental issues, property destruction, and don't know how to move forward when their time is up at being at a shelter or hotel a lot of COC are having those struggles. The moratorium will be ending soon leaving a population of people homeless due to evictions and non-payment status.

St. Charles: Agencies are leery to move forward with no guidance on how the funds should be disbursed just like in most other CoCs. Strengthening relationship with local health department on how to shelter in place and housing for high risk populations.

St. Louis: Initially wanted to help shelters downsize their population due to COVID, which added a lot of people to the street, which impacted agencies because it was necessary to do more street outreach. Utilized services to provide PPE to encampments, essential workers, and high at risk

individual who are homeless. Receiving funds from FEMA, the CARES ACT, ESG, CDBG, HOPWA- host of funds will be reviewed by a group of aldermen to explore how to disburse multiple funding.

A lot of COCs are going to be having trouble exiting during the COVID situation because of individuals damaging property or having unwanted guests in hotels, drugs, etc.; do not know how it's going to work for CE for all COC. Unfortunately, we have individuals that are not "house-able" no matter what program you place them.

All agency's having issues finding housing and receiving ESG funding due to covid-19

Local community action agencies received funding for people that have been impacted by COVID.

There is a webinar that some agencies do weekly and that are very helpful and show you how you can help someone move to permanent housing. A link will be sent to everyone if anyone is interested.

MHDC: New ESG applications will be coming out in June. Waiting on HUD guidance before they move out those applications, anyone intending to apply make sure that you submit your letter of intent with planning stages. Suspected grant period will be around 15-18 months so keep an eye out on the website for more info

Annual focus group, will be sending out a survey instead of doing an in-person/go to meeting/or zoom meeting.

CARES ACT funding: if you are applying for homeless prevention funds go ahead and apply for RRH funds. MHTF is moving into grant interface software for all community initiative grants. Next MHDC trust fund advisory meeting will be the 22nd not in person.

18 Community Action Agencies were rewarded a \$428,000 award was for disaster relief, funding provides housing assistance, emergency assistance for those who have been directly impacted by COVID.

www.mohousingresources.com website is to help provide people who are seeking shelter prevention, home repair. Participants can go straight to the website. It includes CE numbers shelter numbers, prevention, and home repair.

There may be a second allocation coming for CARES ACT, to help with more funding, that should come out June 25th as well as guidance for the CARES ACT funds all together.

DMH: Continuing to house people and provide services, they applied for HUD waivers to help with recertifying, FMR's, AMI during the pandemic being able to communicate with landlords to ensure housing stability.

HMIS Updates: Missouri Service Point Implementation-St. Joseph has joined with a consortium of other CoCs to collect data and provide data quality for homeless individuals and families, avoiding data migration, but collecting current and prior data into the database.

MOHMIS: HUD TA is continuing and extending to help the CoCs in the implementation. HUD TA has had meetings with the COC reps but are not going to pick it back up until COVID is done.

MO Department of Transportation: They are wanting to know what the GCEH policy is regarding

homeless encampments under bridges and along right of roadway entrances. The Director of MODOT is planning to join us on the full GCEH call to voice her concerns and or see if we need to adopt a policy. Many decision regarding homeless encampment is handled by local municipalities, but our group can certainly offer up some best practices or policies that we've utilized in our own continuums regarding camp clean-ups.

2021 Point in Time Date: Proposed date of January 27th