MC2 Subcommittee meeting minutes 5/23/2023

Attendance – check with DMG re: persons on the zoom call

Adam Bodendieck, Aidan Rich, Amanda Stadler, Amy Bickford, Anthony Smith, Dottie Kastigar, Drew Geer, Emily Fessler, Janelle William (MOCADSV), Robin Smith, Sandy Wilson, Sonia Campbell, Tammy Walker

Discussion on updates on PIT:

Tammy indicated there were issues with the data and late reporting on data.

The numbers seem to be up, both sheltered and unsheltered.

Everyone did a good job of reaching out.

Homeless Connect Event helped connect with people than going out to find them.

Anthony stated the unsheltered numbers in regions 6 and 7 were lower than last year. He states it could have been due to the very cold weather.

Dottie says they attempted to call the clients from the PL list at least three times to get an update on their living situation.

Permanent Housing issues:

- housing vouchers and placing people in stable living.
- enrolling in SNAP, SSA and counseling services.
- barriers for housing but not if any pending charges.
- eventually destabilize with mental health issues or incarceration while in permanent housing. We can't force them to take our services.
- Eventually, they are evicted, and landlords are giving up on housing our clients.
- Key areas: struggling with performance/challenges, being able to find somewhere to live and not doing well with things out of their control.

General CoC updates and planning:

 ARPA Funds: Springfield has a purpose driven day center to help with housing and services.

MHDC updates:

- Virtual office hours beginning May 11 at 10 a.m. to grant administrators to ask questions about programs. Invites will be sent via email.
- EFG 24 and HERO 23 program: bring draft of the NOFO for approval in June.
- Section 811 PRA program NOFO and allocation posted to website with application and other related materials.
- Disaster Relief has no funding going on currently.
- Housing Stability and Eviction Diversion application open until August 1. Information on website.
- SOS program application open 5/1/23 until 6/16/23 for operating and administration of shelters with veteran priority.

Anthony reported HUD presented the Balance of State Continuum of Care ceremonial check for \$1,386,000 to be used for data collection, training and education, strategic planning and general assistance for the unsheltered in rural communities.

SOAR update:

Free SOAR Training Academy, August 8-10 in Kansas City, for anyone wanting to learn about best practices and how to implement them in their community.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.