

## GCEH MC2 Meeting Notes – 5.6.19

### **In Attendance**

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### **ESG Written Standards – Sarah Parsons (Missouri Housing Development Commission)**

The committee for Street Outreach standards has broad representation from PATH and ESG recipients, as well as others. This is very helpful as the group works to ensure that these standards do not conflict with other program written standards. MHDC will provide a list of who is on the committee to this group and that information will be posted on the GCEH website with the final standards.

Group discussed how previous standards are being used at the CoC level:

- Balance- Looking at adopting, but have not formally done so yet
- Joplin- have shared with providers, but not adopted
- Springfield- have adopted
- St. Louis City – are currently revising their written standards and are incorporating GCEH standards into updates

### **ESG 2018 Close Out– Sarah Parsons (Missouri Housing Development Commission)**

- CAPER: This was due May 1 and several agencies haven't submitted yet. Group did not have any feedback on the reasons for late submissions. This was a challenge last year when SAGE was new.
- Recapture/Reallocation:
  - There were dollars recaptured across the state. MHDC will share total amounts and agencies that had funds recaptured at the next meeting – it is important for CoCs to be aware of this information.
  - MHDC tries to keep recaptured funds within the CoC and initial program type, but this is not always possible due to agency capacity and overlapping grant years. There are varied reasons behind the recaptures.
  - CoCs are not always hearing from agencies when funds are recaptured or are reallocated – this impacts CES. Group discussed the benefit of this information- CoCs would like to have updates on spending and recaptures/reallocations.
  - There will also be recaptures with MHTF and MoHIP- MHDC will share this information when it is available.
- Focus Group: MHDC hosts this at the end of each grant year to get feedback from agencies regarding ESG. They anticipate having this in May or June.

### **ESG 2019 and 2020 – Sarah Parsons (Missouri Housing Development Commission)**

One agency has relinquished 2019 funds, meaning that MHDC is already looking at reallocation for the current grant year.

HUD allocated ESG dollars to the state on April 15. This launches several timelines for the obligation of funds (60 days for DSS to obligate to MHDC and 120 days for MDHC to obligate to grantees). Agencies should anticipate the NOFA for the 2020 year soon and be prepared for contracts to be in place by November 1. MHDC is still determining if/how this will impact the application process.

### **2019 HUD CoC NOFA Prep– Sarah Parsons (Missouri Housing Development Commission)**

Group discussed how CoCs are preparing for the NOFA:

- BOS – trying to fill open board positions and reviewing HMIS data, CES participation, and over-all performance
- Joplin – have updated their committees and are reviewing last year’s grant for areas of improvement, including adding MOUs with partners. They appreciated being able to review Springfield’s application.
- Springfield – are reviewing last year’s scoring tool and have re-structured NOFA Committee and monitoring process. NOFA Committee will meet throughout the year to conduct quarterly desk monitoring of agency performance and involvement with CES.
- St. Louis City – are in process of formalizing Rank/Review guidelines and reviewing last year’s timeline.

Group discussed the possibility of sharing scoring tools – how these are interpreted can have a big impact on project scoring. Several CoCs have these posted online; the grant timeline often makes it difficult to share – tools are typically in draft form until the NOFA is released and CoCs can update for specific required criteria. Group will revisit this idea in May

### **PIT Data – All Available**

In the past, MHDC has talked about creating a simple one-pager with PIT data from across the state to post on the GCEH website. Group felt this would be beneficial and each represented CoC was willing and able to share data. Sarah Parsons will send out email detailing information MHDC would like from HDX, with the goal of having the report ready for the June meeting.

Group discussed where to post one pager on website and agreed that it should be posted in its own section, instead of included in the “Resources” section.

### **CoC Updates**

- Balance of State
  - Have had a few board resignations and are working with membership committee to fill vacancies
  - Will be doing strategic planning in the near future
  - Are receiving HUD TA for agencies that were defunded through HUD-CoC grant
  - CES Committee is working on clarifying structure for CES
  - MHDC has hired a new staff for Balance of State –Cassie - Sipos-Haas
- Joplin
  - Saw a 14% decrease over-all with PIT – unsheltered numbers were lower because of the weather, but there was not an increase in sheltered numbers.
  - Starting a street outreach program and are working to figure out all the details - ensuring it can be implemented CoC-wide, be offered consistently, and connected with CES.
  - Still working to engage non-mandated partners with HMIS

- Springfield
  - Had slight increase in over-all PIT numbers – potentially because of increased engagement with individuals using the Crisis Cold Weather Shelters. Saw a slight decrease (10 people) in chronic numbers – potentially because of new tiny homes community.
  - Will be submitting YHDP application this week
  - Homeless Youth Task Force is sending a member from the Youth Action Board to the Point Source Conference on Ending Youth Homelessness in New York in June
  - Recently updated Governance Charter to reflect launch of CES.
  - Working to support new agencies funded through HUD-CoC grant
- St. Louis City
  - Working with Regional Commission to end Veteran homelessness across 6 CoCs by 11/11/19. Staff are also part of Build for Zero and are going through planning stages for that.
  - Also have projects that were defunded through HUD CoC grant and are working to transition through that.
  - Working through implementation of DV Bonus Project, lead by YWCA.

### **Open Discussion**

- 811 Vouchers- Sarah recently watched an NAEH webinar on this opportunity- the NOFA will be released soon. Vouchers are for non-elderly disabled and could be used to implement a Move-On strategy for CoCs if they have individuals who need financial support but not the extensive supports that PSH offers. BOS and St. Louis are looking into implementing Move On with their defunded projects. Communities that are interested in 811 should start conversations with their local PHAS soon.
- Disaster Flooding- No CoCs have been notified of displacements due to flooding. Sarah is involved with disaster recovery at the state level. There is funding set aside for Community Action Agencies if a community has displacements. If displacements occur, CoCs should notify Sarah.

### **Parking Lot Agenda Items**

- Sharing scoring sheets for HUD-CoC grant projects
- Case Management Standards – case management vs. intensive case management vs. housing navigator
- TA around medical marijuana for shelters