

MICH Minutes 2/7/22

Introductions: All attendees introduced themselves and their agency via chat: Wes Dent, Hillcrest Transitional Housing; Gary Busiek, The Salvation Army Midland Division; Aidan Rich, MHDC; Robin Smith, Economic Security Joplin CoC; Sonia Campbell, Catholic Charities Kansas City/St. Joseph Community Housing; Laura Miller, MO Dept. of Social Services, Workforce and Community Initiatives Team; Sarah Ballard, Children's Division-St. Louis; Sarah Owsley, Empower Missouri; Julie Smith, MHDC; Dottie Kastigar, St. Charles CoC; Janelle Williams-Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; Kevin McCarthy, MHDC; Martha Sander, Council on Families in Crisis, and Board Chair for MO BoS CoC; Teresa Gerard, Guardian Group, LLC--ACL Social Care Referrals Technology Innovation Challenge; Sandy Wilson, ICA; Kathy Henderson - Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service; Todd Miller, Missouri Department of Transportation; Ann Benson - IHA Jobs Plus Program Director & IMA Committee Member; Michelle Garand, Springfield/Greene, Christian, Webster CoC (Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness); Angela Webb - Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri; Carolyn Stemmons, Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office; Randy Sharp, St. Joseph COC rsharp@interservstjoe.org

Old Business:

Approval of Dec Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve – Sonia CC, Second Dottie Kastigar, consensus vote – unanimous approval.

PITC – Dottie Kastigar: Weather and COVID caused CoCs to delay the count. St. Charles, Joplin and St. Louis County CoCs conducted their count at the end of January. St. Charles and Joplin had a good volunteer turnout. BoS, St. Louis City CoC, St. Joseph and Springfield moved their count to February 23, 2022. Kansas City moved their count to March. Sandy Wilson stated ICA will do a statewide PITC summary after all data is submitted and will present at a MICH meeting.

New Business:

Executive Committee for MICH – Amanda Stadler – requested nominations for leadership positions, received 3 nominations. Amanda and Sarah will continue to serve out their term on Executive Committee which will end on October 2022. Would like to have a new Secretary beginning in our April meeting, still soliciting for a new Secretary. Would MICH like to keep existing leadership. Randy Sharp moved to keep existing leadership, second Dottie Kastigar, consensus vote – unanimous approval. October will be when we vote on new leadership.

Meeting Topics for 2022 – Amanda asked what topics people would like to have. Amanda has scheduled PATH and SOAR presentation and USICH to discuss federal strategic plan to end homelessness. Dottie Kastigar stated MC2 would like to understand all CoC processes regarding referrals to other CoCs for clients at MC2 meetings. MC2 would like to get updates from all CoCs and CE systems. How can other state partners integrate into CE and provide resources? Agreement among group that would be good standing agenda items. How are DOC and schools connecting to the CE system? Would like Crisis Stabilization Centers to present. Would like to use this as relationship building with partners outside of the homelessness system.

Sara Owsley – Legislative Update – went into session and little has been done and very dysfunctional. 25% through and the district maps are still not complete, have two weeks left. SB 1106 would pull state resources from community if they didn't end homelessness, other bill would end historic state tax

credits, bill filed to expand Affordable Housing Trust Fund, asking for American Rescue Plan funds for affordable housing one-time projects. Wes Dent spoke about the concern regarding SB 1106 with the penalty for an increase of 50 homeless persons, that the bill would negatively impact our homelessness efforts.

MC2 – Dottie – discussed PITC and CE process and NOFO trainings for CoCs. Small CoCs are struggling to keep up with the NOFO trainings. Would like the CoCs to work together to develop trainings. Discussed warming center updates, those are a struggle for all CoCs. When using Motel Model for emergency housing CoCs get inundated with calls and many people may not be literally homeless, hard to vet. Volunteers are very hard to get to staff the warming centers.

Funding Updates Julie MHDC-

HOME ARP – 45 million for HUD Home, MHDC will do consultation and public participation process for those fund. In the next month will do more public participation for allocation plan. Homeless, at risk homeless, fleeing or attempting, other households identified as experiencing housing instability. Online survey will be sent to this group. Will hold two listening sessions.

ESG and ESG CV– Aiden Rich MHDC – ESG CV almost used all funds, reallocating all remaining funds by this Friday. HUD released notice saying they aren't going to enforce 80% deadline but MHDC will continue to enforce those deadlines by April 1. ESG will not enforce the first quarter deadline, but will enforce 25% May 2 and 50% August 1. All ESG issues go to Aiden until April.

SAFHR – Aiden Rich 20,000 families served 135 million in funding. Program does 6.8 million per week. 50 million awarded to Jackson County. SAFHR for homeowners with housing counseling will be available. Agencies who wish to provide the housing counseling can apply at

Trust Fund – received 64 applications, go to commission this month. Agencies should hear this month or the following.

MOHIP- started new grant period.

Member Updates/Announcement

Michelle Garand Springfield CoC crisis sheltering is running. In need of volunteers but supplies have been provided. Submit for extended funding through ESG CV to provide sheltering for hotels for persons who are COVID impacted. Unsure if they will conduct an unsheltered PITC. They have a position available for a coordinator in Springfield.

Martha Sander BoS – just launched social media.

Randy Sharp St. Joseph – changing CA from City to United Way. Need more support than City can provide for CoC. Do not have year round shelter. Having several COVID positive persons present to cold weather shelter, hospitals discharging COVID positive persons into cold weather shelter.

Dottie – St. Charles CE process, United Way has over 8,000 referrals to CE in 2021 guess served another 200 – 300 that called directly. Did 4,500 assessments for CE. Sheltering is a challenge, PH is a crisis. Went from 60% rehousing to 30% rehousing because of lack of affordable housing in the CoC.

FMR discussion – FMR is a problem. HUD is unlikely to develop a new FMR formulation because of the budgetary impact. Sarah Owsley stated even if FMR was higher there would be many more landlords who would not accept vouchers because they do not want lower income households in their units.

Sonia with Catholic Charities – survey's from Mary O'Brian 3 questions regarding work and community service, please answer the questions.

Angela Webb CCSM- building pregnant women's house in Cape Girardeau.

Amanda Stadler adjourned meeting. Next meeting April 4, 2022.

CHAT:

from Wes Dent, Hillcrest TH to everyone: 1:03 PM

Thought Re- SB 1106, increase in 50 unsheltered per city seems like a scary low threshold for some cities.

from Wes Dent, Hillcrest TH to everyone: 1:04 PM

Second reading for that is scheduled for today.

from Sarah Owsley to everyone: 1:05 PM

<https://empowermissouri.org/affordable-housing-bill-tracker/>

from Amanda Stadler (internal) to everyone: 1:06 PM

If you have suggestions for upcoming trainings/presentations, email amanda.stadler@dmh.mo.gov.

from Sarah Owsley to everyone: 1:06 PM

I'll keep an eye on that bill to see if it gets a hearing.

from Aidan Rich to everyone: 1:20 PM

SAFHR-MAC funded agencies can be found on www.mohousingresources.com and those HUD-certified housing counseling agencies or legal aid entities interested in becoming a SAFHR-MAC agency can learn more and apply at <http://mhdc.com/COVID%20Assistance/SAFHR-MAC/index.htm>

from Wes Dent, Hillcrest TH to everyone: 1:27 PM

We're also getting a lot of EHV's expiring because they can't get approval on units.