

GCEH MC2 Meeting Notes – 10.7.19

In Attendance:

Amanda Stadler, Amy Rogers, Anthony Smith, Cassie Sipos-Hass, Jennifer Carter-Dochler, Kala Shane, Liz Hagar-Mace, Randy Sharp (via phone), Sandy Wilson, Shauna Eubanks

Group debriefed on this year's HUD NOFA, including:

- Each year there is an increased focus on data (PIT, SPM, etc.) – and there isn't always a lot of options to explain any changes in the data. Its important for CoCs and communities to understand the importance of accurate data.
- MOUs with education/work force development entities was new this year- several CoCs have working relationships with these entities, but not necessarily something in writing. Group discussed using GCEH as a starting point for these. GCEH is waiting for DESE to appoint new person to the group- Donna Cash has taken another position with DESE.
- DV Bonus projects were difficult this year, as projects that were awarded last year are just now getting their grants started. St. Joe had one new application, Springfield had one new and one renewal, Kansas City had four new, St. Charles had one new, and St. Louis had one new and one renewal.
- In 2018, the focus on racial disparities was a surprise for many CoCs- we need to be working to address this year-round. Group discussed options for training on anti-discrimination – Missouri Commission on Human Rights and Equal Housing Opportunity Council in St. Louis were recommended.

ESG

- With the federal change in timing for ESG, there will be an overlap between the 2019 and 2020 project years (2019 projects end March 21 2020 and 2020 projects start November 1 2019). While this will impact all grantees, it has a unique impact on Springfield since the City of Springfield was the grantee for 2019 projects and agencies will be grantees for 2020 projects.
- There is a training on November 14 for Funded Agencies, conducted via webinar.
- MHDC is still working to fill the ESG Coordinator position- Steve Whitson is the main contact for the time being.
- Group discussed how ESG Written Standards are being implemented across the state. Standards for Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, and Street Outreach have been completed; MHDC will be coordinating a work group to develop Emergency Shelter standards next. Some CoCs have adopted all standards locally and some are still in the process of adopting/implementing.
 - There was discussion around what checks/balances for following the standards looks like and how that impacts funding decisions. CoCs can support successful implementation by educating agencies and monitoring. Some CoCs have written standards for HUD-CoC grants, but not all. Monitoring these grants looks different since agencies contract directly with HUD.
- Group also discussed developing Case Management and/or Housing Locator standards after the ESG Emergency Shelter standards are complete. Group did not determine who could take lead on development of these, but agreed they should stay on the MC2 agenda and MC2 can give updates to GCEH.

2020 PIT Date

All CoCs agreed on the evening of January 29 for the 2020 PIT Date and agreed to take it to GCEH for a vote.

CES Coordination Between CoCs

Group discussed how CoCs/agencies are handling clients who need to port/transfer between CoCs and how HUD's new CES Standards may impact this. The CES Standards will add new questions/data points and has a final deadline of April for collection. These are only required if CoCs receive HUD funding for CES, but is recommended for all CoCs. ICA is working with CoCs on implementation. There is an upcoming HUD call regarding changes; Sandy can report back with updates. CoCs are also concerned with how these changes will impact APR data points.

Announcements

- BOS currently has an RFP out for Lead Agency. Successful applicants should have the capacity to work across 101 counties, have CoC knowledge, and cannot receive funding in BOS. Applications are due November 1 and contract will be in place by January 1.
- MHDC asked for suggestions on how to keep up to date on current CoC Board positions. The group suggested bringing a form to MC2 each meeting for updates and reminding CoCs at the meeting. MHDC would also like CoC level CES standards as they work on program compliance.
- A Project Homeless Connect will be held in Jefferson City on 10/18. They have 45 vendors, 200 volunteers, and anticipate 200 Guests.

Parking Lot Agenda Items

- Sharing scoring sheets for HUD-CoC projects
- Case Management Standards- case management vs. intensive case management vs. housing navigator
- TA around medical marijuana for shelters, site-based housing, employees
- Social Serve