

**GCEH MC2 Meeting-
02/03/2020**

In Attendance

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In Person: Liz Hagar-Mace, Cassie Sippos-Haas, Anthony Smith, Amanda Stadler, Dottie Kastigar, Amy Bickford

Dialogue on Affordable Housing Needs in Missouri Feedback

Last month MHDC hosted a series of webinar/public meetings on affordable housing needs across the state. This is part of the update to MHDC's strategic plan. The St. Louis meeting was unfortunately cancelled, it could potentially be rescheduled. Although none of the members here were present for the meetings, several members from various CoCs were in attendance. CoCs were able to participate in the public input sessions and help communicate some of the urgent needs in both rural and metropolitan communities around the State. A pressing issue in many communities centered around vouchers and adequate placements. A number of Permanent Supportive Housing vouchers/Section 8 vouchers are expiring and the need to fill and utilize them, has to be addressed.

2020 Point in Time Debrief

- St. Charles had great participation with over 90 volunteers. The continuum is actively trying to purge the By-name listing, attempting to contact those who haven't been contacted or perhaps needs re-engaging in efforts to help identify the list of unsheltered individuals prior to the PIT count. This appears to be a very useful strategy that might be implemented in other Continuums moving forward.
- Balance conducted the count on January 29th. All counties were accounted for regarding coverage. Although we don't have any preliminary numbers yet, the board will be meeting later this month to discuss the data entered into the portal and discuss best practices.
- St. Joseph CoC seems relatively about the same number as last year's street count, perhaps a marginal increase. Discussed a success story of a homeless veteran in the community being served.
- Joplin had no immediate numbers but did have a community event where consumers could be served.
- St. Louis City had no report yet
- Springfield has several cold weather shelters who served more than 100 individuals on

night of count. CoC coordinated with the PATH team to do street outreach.

FY19 HUD CoC Awards Debrief

Joplin All But (1) project was awarded in tier I with (1) falling into tier II. It appears that the Continuum loss a total of \$28,588 of funding through the award process. This could be relative to the reduction in the FMR which occurred across the State in various continuums.

ST. Joseph All projects applied for were awarded , (2) DV bonus project were awarded as well.

St. Charles Did not receive their DV bonus, and did not receive their 6th ranked project in Tier 1. One of their recommended programs for reduction was funded at a higher rate.

Springfield Tier 1 awards included a Bonus Project, expanding a current project, and new dedicated HMIS project that was created through reallocation. The majority of housing projects in Tier 1 saw a slight decrease in funding. One project straddled Tiers; approximately 10% of the grant was conditionally awarded in Tier 1. Two more projects are in Tier 2, including a DV Bonus application.

ST. Louis City All of our Tier 1 was funded and that includes the addition of one new PSH bonus project. They also reallocated a Coordinated Entry project and re-wrote that application to be funded at an increased level and it was also awarded in Tier 1. Additionally, a portion of a project (\$17,936) was awarded in top Tier 2 project.

BOS

The majority of their PSH/ Shelter Plus Care funding was placed in Tier 2 which has not been announced yet. Only a small portion in Tier 1. If Tier 2 is not funded the program will essentially not continue

2020 Meeting Schedule

Committee voted to have in-person meeting, every month in conjunction w/GCEH meeting and to no longer have a phone meeting on alternative months.

2020 Suggested Meeting Topics

CES Best Practices (including using Diversion within CES)-

- Diversion within CES – how to do and how to do well.
- How does this work through assessment- timing.

DMH – when they pull from CES lists, folks are having trouble meeting eligibility. They are seeing a lot of self certification and HUD only allows for a certain percentage of self certification.

Springfield – struggles with successful pulls as well, in that an agency may take several referrals and only a handful end up being successful. There is difficulty with connecting with clients or they have self resolved.

St. Joe- shelter isn't using CES- so if CoCs are seeing clients from St. Joe they need to reach out to Randy directly for homeless certification.

Joplin- not seeing issue with eligibility specifically – they are connecting all information before they do assessment. CES refreshes documentation if they've been on list for a while before they are referred.

Balance- in order to get on list, individuals are self certifying at intake and then struggle with formal documentation from state provider, law enforcement, shelter etc. – if individuals can't document they aren't placed into housing and are put back onto the list.

Joplin -originally didn't collect documentation at beginning but changed because of this issue.

- For April's meeting Liz indicated that she would be interested in an employment piece. The Division of Workforce Development has funding to work with TANF/WIC recipients on employment specific projects. DED/DWD has a \$50 Million dollar budget to work with low-income families for employment opportunities. This project can work with various housing programs to incorporate employment. Both rapid rehousing as well as permanent supportive housing programs can connect individuals to programs like IPS that will provide supports in the form of transportation, job readiness, clothing/supplies that are work related and promote self-sufficiency. This topic will be added to the GCEH agenda in April, and we can keep it on the MC2

agenda.

- **Extreme Weathering Sheltering**- Perhaps the Warming/Cooling Shelters subcommittee would be interested in providing an update on what we have accomplished in the last few months.
- **City Ordinances**- can be helpful and assist with state level. What are other communities doing and what is working and clearly not working?

Springfield- Has a Homeless Camp Protocol

Balance -Hasn't adopted a protocol to municipal ordinances

Federal ruling- if someone doesn't have place to live, cities can't prohibit people from sleeping in public spaces (right to sleep)

- **DV Bonus Projects -**

- How Victim Service Providers are using CES around the State
- Discussions on how CoCs can encourage DV providers to apply for funding
- What does joint TH/RRH competitive application look like?

- **Framework for Case Management**

- There is sample information on this is on BOS website.
- After ESG standards are complete- what is intensive Case Management/Guide/Etc.

- **Ending Veteran Homelessness**

Discussed encouraging property owners and landlords to house Veterans experiencing homelessness, whether or not they're eligible for CoC funded-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program or other VA services. Consider incentives (risk-mitigation funding, CDBG, Rural Development-USDA) to encourage housing providers to get involved

Balance of State- The Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Veterans Affairs, and United States Interagency Council on Homelessness have confirmed that Poplar Bluff, MO has effectively ended homelessness among Veterans in Region 7.

