

GCEH MC2 Meeting Notes – 6.3.19

In Attendance:

- Phone: Brooke Anderson, Lacey Peterson, Tammy Walker
- In Person: Amy Bickford, Jennifer Carter-Dochler, Dottie Kastigar, Jayna Gray, Liz Hagar-Mace
Tammy Laws, Cassie Sipos-Haas, Anthony Smith, Amanda Stadler

MC2 Logistics – Jennifer Carter Dochler

Due to flooding around the state, Sarah Parsons needs to focus time and efforts on disaster recovery. MHDC's Homeless System Liaison, Cassie Sipos-Haas, will be the MHDC representative at GCEH. This change leaves MC2 without a chair, which our bylaws require. Liz Hagar-Mace volunteered to serve as chair. Future agenda items can be sent to Liz.

MC2 Discussion Items – Jennifer Carter Dochler

- Disaster Response
 - Anthony Smith requested an update from MHDC (at their convenience) on the emergency response to flooding across the state.
 - Group discussed that in several communities (BOS and St. Charles) victims of disasters are reaching out to CES for assistance, and that this might not be the best avenue for assistance. St. Louis and Springfield are not seeing an increase of contacts with CES. CoCs would like to have an up to date list of resources where they can refer people outside of CES. Ideally, information would be emailed out and posted on GCEH website.
 - Cassie shared that MHDC has allocated funding to four Community Action Agencies across the state to provide assistance, including CMCA (Region 5), Economic Security (Joplin), and OACAC (Springfield). Cassie Wilson is the MHDC contact for this program. At this point there is no additional funding available, but MHDC recommends agencies review HUD guidance on utilizing ESG funds to serve disaster survivors.
- Point in Time Data
 - Sarah had started compiling PIT data from across the state to create a “white page” to communicate a snapshot view of homelessness in the state. She received information from all CoCs except for Kansas City. Group discussed options of 1) MHDC completing this document or 2) ICA completing this document. ICA already has a dashboard for its 5 CoCs (available at <https://www.icalliances.org/mo-pit-dashboard>). Group decided that ICA should create document for 2019.
 - Group would like update from Homebase/MHDC regarding MO Homelessness Study at next meeting.
- National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference
 - Group discussed having this as an agenda item for MC2 and GCEH in August, so that attendees can discuss conference highlights. Several members are attending (ICA, Joplin, MHDC, MCADSV, St. Louis)
- MHDC Updates
 - Will be releasing applications for all grants soon – CoCs should expect feedback forms.
 - MHTF information is posted on MHDC website, including information about public hearings.

- ESG allocation has been approved and the allocation plan and NOFA are on MHDC website. There was an early obligation of funds to the state from HUD; the 2020 funding period will be November 1, 2019 – November 30, 2020. The application will be posted in June. Agencies should expect an application training in late June to mid July.
- Work group is finalizing written standards for best practices for Street Outreach. A final draft is completed and MHDC will be soliciting public comment in a few weeks. Standards will go to GCEH for approval in August. Final written standards to create are for Emergency Shelter- agencies should be thinking about who can serve on this work group.
- HUD CoC NOFA
 - Group discussed how CoC are preparing for the NOFA – some utilize a Letter of Intent/pre-application, but this is difficult to do without the NOFA.
 - There will be additional DV Bonus funding available this year.
- Future MC2 Agenda Items
 - Policies/procedures to address “HUD Minutia” that CoCs have across the state
 - Discharge policy
 - CES changes with new data standards
 - LSA uploads
 - Comparisons of program # served to CES – how many individuals are self-resolving before receiving assistance?
 - 811 and FUP
 - HUD CoC Rank and Review process/score sheet
 - Online catalog of “101 Trainings” /HUD-required trainings: VISPDAT, documenting chronic homelessness, data privacy, LGBTQ+, Racial Disparities

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