

MICH Meeting Minutes 6.7.2021

Attendance: Jennifer Carter Dochler, MCADSV; Cassie Sipos-Haas, MHDC; Sandy Wilson, Institute for Community Alliances; Kaitlyn Poepsel, ICA; Carolyn Stemmons, Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office; Jimmy Shannon, MODOT; Kathy Henderson, Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service; Amanda Stadler, Community Partnership of the Ozarks/Springfield CoC; Sonia Campbell, Catholic Charities Kansas City/St. Joseph, Community Housing Program Manager; Sarah Ballard, older youth specialist, Children's Division; Dottie Kastigar, St. Charles CoC; Tammy Walker, Economic Security Corporation, Jasper/Newton CoC; Wes Dent, Hillcrest TH; Rebecca Sudduth, St. Louis VA; Sheniece Smith, Hannibal Regional Healthcare System and Salvation Army;

Old Business:

Jennifer Carter Dochler – Motion to approve April 2021 minutes, Sonia Campbell – second. Consensus vote, motion passed unanimously.

Cassie Sipos-Haas – shared new version of Emergency Shelter Written Standards. Cassie would like the ESWS shared so MICH can vote to approve and post the standards. Could we do an email vote?

Kelli motioned to send out Emergency Shelter Written Standards today to the MICH email list. On June 14, 2021, Sarah Owsley will send an email requesting an email vote to approve the Emergency Shelter Written Standards. Jennifer Carter Dochler seconded. Consensus vote, motion passed unanimously.

New MICH Member – Rep. Collins from St. Louis area requested to be appointed to the committee. Sarah Owsley requested to set up a separate meeting to create a membership policy. Sarah Owsley requested volunteers to work on these policies. Sandy Wilson, Jennifer Carter Dochler, Sarah Owsley, and Carolyn Stemmons volunteered for the workgroup. Carolyn Stemmons would like Head Start Office to become a member of MICH. The workgroup will begin with what has been written previously. If anyone has strong feelings but cannot attend a workgroup, please email Sarah Owsley.

Kaitlyn Poepsel presented data regarding statewide 2021 Point-In-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count. Kaitlyn will share the presentation.

Jennifer Carter Dochler says some DV shelters will remain at lower capacity permanently because it addressed some issues.

COVID-19 Response Updates – representative from DESE was unable to attend.

Emergency Housing Vouchers – Dottie Castigar, HUD reps cancelled for MC2 meeting to discuss recovery legislation. Dottie shared allocation for the state of Missouri. Jennifer Carter Dochler had a presentation regarding the differences in the EHV and Housing Choice Voucher. The presentation link is below:

https://nnedv.zoom.us/rec/share/4KBLs3jzGuetxceeK7jWKMJnc2RieCR8ySljCVr7rUU_PPLmsryuWpqmlx8Jo_Th.oxO5ltM3ZFQZKlav

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MHDC – Cassie Sipos-Haas – ESG NOFA and allocation plan will be released soon on the MHDC website.

MC2 – Dottie – MC2 met today and did CoC updates. Everyone was working with vouchers and allocation. Joplin is working on prioritization for prevention. Working with DMH around additional tools for HIS staff to work effectively with CoCs and when to refer to coordinated entry. Antigen testing is available through health departments and would like to engage homeless providers in the testing. Discussed challenges in obtaining social security cards due to the offices not being open. REAL ID is a challenge to have the documentation required. Sarah Owsley expressed a concern that there is not a comprehensive list of buildings which will require REAL ID for access. Group thought we should bring this to the attention of USICH. Dottie felt ID access issues have become more prevalent recently. Broadband benefit is available.

Member Announcements - No announcements.

Sarah Owsley wanted to know if people are being removed from voucher programs because of utility debt, please email her with any information.

Sonia Campbell motioned to adjourn, Cassie seconded. Consensus vote, passed unanimously. Adjourned at 1:27pm.