

Governor's Committee to End Homelessness

October 7, 2019

I. Welcome and Introductions

GCEH Chair, Jennifer Carter Dochler

Attendance:

Amanda Stadler, Community Partnership Springfield CoC

Anthony Smith, FCC Behavioral Health

Amy Bickford, City of Saint Louis

Carolyn Stemmons, MO Head Start Collaboration Office – phone

Cassie Sippos-Haas, Missouri Housing Development Commission

Chiquita Small, Department of Health and Senior Services

Shana Eubanks Proxy for Dottie Kastigar, Community Council of St. Charles County

Edwin Cooper, Department of Mental Health

Kayla DeChance proxy for Heather Hoffman, Homeless Services Coalition of Greater Kansas City

Kathy Anderson proxy for Jack Lipton, St. Joachim and Ann Care Services, St. Charles

Jennifer Carter Dochler, Chair, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Jessica Hoey, Missouri CAN

Jessie Dryden, Common Sense

Katie Burnham Wilkins, Veteran's Administration

Lateacha Tigue, GCEH Vice Chair, Executive Director HottalkRadio Teacha's Kids LLC Tigue Media - phone

Liz Hagar-Mace, Missouri Department of Mental Health

Natalie Allen, Missouri Department of Social Services Children's Division

Randy Sharp, Interfaith Community Services, dba InterServ, St. Joseph CoC

Sara Owsley Townsend, Empower Missouri

Sandy Wilson, Institute for Community Alliances, HMIS Lead Agency

Isaac Fox-Poulson, Institute for Community Alliances

Joselyn Pflieger, Vecino Group

II. New HMIS Data Standards

Institute for Community Alliances

- Isaac reviewed the presentation slides with an overview of the changes. Primary changes fall under the following categories: Organization and Project Set Up, Bed and Unit Inventory, Clarifications around Data Element Association (EDUs), Special Needs Assessment, Current Living Situation, New Data Elements: Coordinated Entry, Coordinated Entry Assessment, Coordinated Entry Event, Federal Partner Project-Specific Elements. Isaac and the ICA helpdesk are available for assistance in the future.
- Q CoC's Talking about this or working on updates? Three CoC's in attendance are all beginning to work on updates
- Q As this is discussed in CoC's what questions or concerns have come up? Balance of States CE met on Wednesday, talked about new standards and decided to adopt them. Have not dug into changes yet, but plan to make them and train CoC. Saint Louis City and County CoC's meeting jointly about how to adapt into current system. Consensus is that more questions will arise as CoC's begin to work through updates to gathering and tracking data.
- Details may be found in the presentation linked below:

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/3c47d9_063d3a67fd274426acc6ddcf14435460.pdf

III. Sub Committee Updates

- Missouri Continua (MC2) – Did not meet in September. Liz Hagar-Mace reported that the debriefed on the HUD about what they saw this year and what they can start preparing for in the future. MOU with WD for professional and education. Be looking for CoC's to connect more effectively with WD, professional development and ed. GCEH has been approving written standards for rapid rehousing, discharge policy etc. How are they being implemented? Policy and procedure? Have not defined how far we are taking this, whether the MHDC will use info in applications. Examined CE and identified issues need to look at. PIT Count 2020 Date is Dusk January 29 - Dawn Jan 30. Next Meeting November 4
- Warming and Cooling Center Subcommittee – Held Conference call in September. Next meeting November. Current project is vetting list of warming and cooling shelters provided by 211. There are over 800 on the list and intern at Springfield CoC is working on this. Continuing to collect documents for cold weather shelters for samples. United Way 211 Dept. HSS oversee the JIS warming and cooling map. They did not have data about overnight shelters. They are excited to incorporate what this committee provides into their website about this work. Get data on app for accessibility. Please encourage agencies that are designated as shelters to make sure they are listed on 211. Goals to make information more accessible. Framework to begin new programs with structure with resources such as sample policy & procedure, volunteer process etc.
- Statewide Data Committee – Still needs chair. Have developed a document similar to ICA's on HUD standards, and is specific to required forms and elements reflective of new HUD standards. Have a report standard and A CSV file standard. Will be up to CoC leads to figure out how to

complete reports. This support will need to continue as CoC's will still need ongoing support to collect data. GCEH role to share information is unknown at this time. Will roll out in April next round of MHDC funding to give people time to make adjustments.

III. Old Business

- Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve prior meeting minutes with typo corrections
- Discharge Policy Updates – There are a few CoC's missing, Children's Division is in progress, DMH is in progress. Are there additional departments we need to reach out to? Department of Corrections – Jennifer Carter-Dochler will follow up. Discussion needs to continue about how to make it work in communities, accountability for follow through, and how we can use this as a tool to prevent and end homelessness. Two identified challenges are Corrections and Hospitals due to a variety of issues such as payer sources (MCD), large discharge numbers in corrections, and lack of housing programs for those leaving corrections or hospitals in under resourced areas. Jennifer met with Hospital Association and are willing to share with membership. They are also researching costs to hospital associated with lack of community based resources. Insurance companies may have interest in this as companion to housing as healthcare. May be used as a tool to promote how to operationalize DC policy and how it impacts people and systems. St. Joseph hospital partners by funding shelter run by church non-profit to prevent unsheltered homelessness. Shelter is still homeless by HUD definition. Unrealistic to expect hospitals to make a housing plan and discharge is nuanced for different types of discharge working within very short time frames. Some concern about the state of people who are being discharge having medical needs which are not being addressed outside of the hospital. Hospitals and DOC may need more education about CE and the time frames needed to make referrals and begin services. GCEH will continue to keep this on the agenda to continue to develop plans for implementation, identification of current resources and develop additional resources. Define how at this level we can utilize at the local level such as creating a one-pager local leaders can use for building collaborations around discharge. In St. Joe, having a point person and champion within the hospital is effective in addressing case specific challenges and pushing for system improvement within the hospital system.
- Website Updates - Success Story - Every quarter GCEH will highlight a program or project to show innovation and best practice. One Roof is now on the GCEH homepage highlight linking to a more comprehensive story about their program. PIT Count interactive maps are embedded on the website.
- Nominating Committee Recommendations – Recommendations for Executive Committee are Liz Hagar-Mace, Chair, Amanda Stadler, Vice-Chair, and Natalie Allen, Secretary. Executive Committee serves in 2 year terms. Liz announced that that she is willing to serve a one year term as she will be retiring in a year. Motion to approve current proposed slate of new Executive Committee, made, seconded and passed unanimously. Jennifer will begin transition and orientation for new exec to begin serving January 2020.

IV. New Business

- 2020 Meeting Dates – In 2019 have met every other month. Motion to continue meeting every other month with the 1st meeting in February, 2nd, made, seconded and passed unanimously.
- 2020 Meeting Location – We can continue to meet in current space with DMH securing room with no fee. The consensus is that the location space works well for in person attendance and conference call technology works well as long as microphones are used at all times. Motion to continue to meet in 2020 made, seconded and passed unanimously.
- GCEH Annual Report Draft – Due to be submitted November 1st each year. Plan is to highlight meeting frequency, subcommittee work, significant votes such as PIT count, standards etc., announce new exec committee, all subcommittee descriptions and activity, and linking as much as possible to the website where documents and information is already available.

V. Announcements/Updates

- December meeting agenda items: MHDC overview of homeless study, actions steps involving community partners
- Project Homeless Jeff City October 18th, have sign up link on website for volunteers. Expecting about 200 guests. Have over 200 volunteers, 2 hour time shifts.
- Project Homeless Connect Cape October 4th – Doesn't have an official count but went well
- MHDC - Trust Fund - Trust fund applications have been submitted. Recommendations will go before the MHDC Board and funding announcements will be made in December. October 11th the CoC feedback is due. Make sure the feedback is turned in on time. If CoC feedback is not received all applicants in that CoC will lose points. ESG - October 3rd Recommendations were brought to the commission for Approval, pending an executed funding contract with Mo Department of Social Services. Funding announcements are posted to the MHDC website and all agencies have been notified. LI-TECH - Applications were due September 27th and are now on the evaluation period. MHDC is transitioning out of CA role for BoS CoC, Liz is contact person, and RFP on GCEH website
- BoS CoC RFP for Collaborative Application lead agency, on website, going on GCEH website. Due November 1, questions open to October 15.
- DMH Housing Conferences, St. Louis 10-11. Jeff City Oct. 29-30, KC Nov. 19-20. Housing First challenges and successes id gaps and how we can address.
- Empower Missouri Conference October 30 Hunger is theme Building Blocks for Missouri Success
- Proclamation today 6pm Project Homeless Connect October 18th.
- Carolyn Head Start – Donna Cash MV Program Coord. DEDE has left position. New DESE person for this committee? Jennifer working with Donna to id a new person.
- DV Coalition – New housing rights state law, discussion and training with partners. DV act reauthorization. Some enhancement for housing protections anticipated.
- CD – Interest in partnering for TPV for youth exiting foster care or with foster care history. Natalie send notice and one pager to Jennifer to share.

- Veterans Innovation Task Force Housing – Some concern about crossover. Katie is a member of subcommittee there was a meeting of all subcommittees last week to pitch final presentation for Governor's office to do statewide coordinated effort. She will work on getting an update to share with GCEH. Anticipated someone from TF would attend