

Governor's Committee to End Homelessness

August 5, 2019

I. Welcome and Introductions

GCEH Chair, Jennifer Carter Dochler

Attendance:

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

Amanda Stadler, Community Partnership Springfield CoC

Anthony Smith, FCC Behavioral Health

Brooke Dawson, MO DMH/DBH

Carolyn Stemmons, MO Head Start Collaboration Office - phone

Chiquita Small, Department of Health and Senior Services

Don Stamper, Department of Economic Development

Dottie Kastigar, Community Council of St. Charles County

Danielle Bellamy, MODOC

Edwin Cooper, Department of Mental Health

Heather Hoffman, Homeless Services Coalition of Greater Kansas City (proxy for Aly Gideon)

Jack Lipton, St. Joachim and Ann Care Services, St. Charles

Sandy Wilson (Proxy for Jayna Gray), ICA

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

Jessie Dryden, Common Sense

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

Amy Bickford, City of Saint Louis

Cassie Sipos-Haas, MHDC

Kim Keaton, CSH

Samantha Gamble-Kintz, MHDC

Katy Field, MHDC

Tracy Sudtelgte, Cornerstones of Care

Judith Westmorland, Jackson County CASA

Tyler Rasmussen, Housing Authority of Kansas City

Kim Jackson, Truman Medical Center – Behavioral Health

II. Presentation – Kansas City Initiative

Guest Speakers

- There are five demonstration sites of the One Roof Supportive Housing Program nationwide. The focus is on reunification of families involved with the foster care system. There was evidence to launch One Roof in 10 additional communities and a learning collaborative for increased technical assistance.
- There were 55 vouchers available through the housing authority for reunification in 2018. They are used on a rolling basis, and as many as 55 can be in use at any one time. They were pre-existing, but dormant due to lack of communication among partners. An MOU among service partners was created to facilitate the use of these vouchers.
- In Kansas City, the program launched in December of 2018. To date, 25 vouchers have been utilized. The referral process involves identification by child welfare case managers families for whom reunification is the goal and stable housing is a primary barrier. A staffing with the case manager, a supervisor and specialist who oversees this program is conducted to ensure appropriateness of referral. Once a referral is made to either the Local Investment Commission (LINC) or Truman Medical Center, families are linked to a supportive housing case manager to walk them through the application process. This person also connects them to supportive services, and assists them to resolve legal challenges. Referrals to Truman Medical Center require the parent or child to have a qualifying diagnosis. LINC only requires that families meet the Children’s Division eligibility requirements. Children must be reunified within one year of parent moving into their home.
- Challenge: In the first year, 25 vouchers were utilized, although CD identified more families who would qualify. LINC and Truman did not have the capacity to take more referrals. There is a need for more supportive services dollars to open up the remaining 30 slots.
- Additional presentation information included in the PP presentation.
- Q and A.
 - Q. How did Children’s Division create buy in among staff? Specialist provided education and training at monthly staff meetings and frequently at unit meetings. The inclusion of families with many complicating factors was well received by case managers, as other programs have more exclusions. Specialist also shares success stories and reached out to the contracted case management agency, Cornerstones of Care to provide education and training.
 - Q. Open to expanding to Kansas? Yes, they are open to educating other states.

Q. Who is responsible for data collection on homeless individuals? Caseworkers assess this individually among the families on their caseload. Children's Division Specialist has taken all of the referrals made and created a spreadsheet and data report. They are sent via encrypted email to Kim who is working on transitioning to smart sheets which she will be able to compare with the CoC list by name.

Q. Did supportive service and funding for supportive services exist already or was this a new funding stream and new service? LINC and Truman both already provided supportive service case management and expanded new partnerships to incorporate the use of these vouchers to their service population.

Q. How was awareness with community partners increased and are early childhood service providers aware of this opportunity? There have been several community presentations and the team is open to more education and may add this to their next steps.

- Next steps include pursuing additional funding for supportive services to utilize more vouchers in the future. They are looking into the Jackson County Children's Services Fund.
- Team Contacts: Tracy Sudtelgte, Cornerstones of Care, tracy.sudtelgte@cornerstonesofcare.org, Judith Westmorland, Jackson County CASA, jwestmorland@jacksoncountycasa-mo.org, Tyler Rasmussen, Housing Authority of Kansas City, trasmussen@hkc.org, Kim Jackson, Truman Medical Center – Behavioral Health, Kimberly.jackson@tmcmcd.org

III. Statewide Point In Time Count Data Presentation

- Samantha Campbell-Kuntz shared two interactive maps containing data from the most recent point in time count. There is a statewide map which is a shallow overview. By hovering over sections, CoC breakdowns are shown. The committee requested to see city and county specific data as well, since the CoC's report by region and may miss the details of cities and counties which are grouped together. In the future CoC's should submit county by county for the map. There is also a Point in Time dashboard with more specific breakdown for types of homelessness and can be filtered using checkboxes at the top right. There were some concerns that the count is inaccurate, and noted by group that this is important to pair with other available data for a more complete picture. For future counts, organizers are seeking to increase engagement through the regional leads. Samantha will send link to Jennifer and Dirk to add to the website. Both can be placed on the GCEH website toward the goal of increasing information sharing of statewide data on the landing page. <https://www.endhomelessnessmo.org/data>

IV. National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference

- Cassie Sipos-Hass shared that her primary take away was that to be successful reducing and eliminating homelessness, people with lived experience need to be involved. Jennifer Carter-Dochler shared that in a study including a sample of ¼ U.S. states, there was a significance difference between unsheltered adult women and all other homeless populations. They have a higher incidence of a history of abuse and trauma, substance

abuse disorder, and mental health diagnoses. This special population should remain on this group's radar as a group that may warrant unique service planning. Heather Hoffman shared an update to regulations for mixed families using housing benefits, where one adult is eligible for benefit and the other is not due to lack of legal documentation. The benefit will be pro-rated to exclude the ineligible adult. This will impact a relatively small number of programs and few families have this status. The Equal Access Rule to include those with LGBTQ status as a protected group will soon be open for public comment. There is a USDA Public Housing measures similar to the mixed family regulation as well.

V. Sub Committee Updates

- Missouri Continua (MC2) – The July 1 meeting was cancelled. The group met on August 5th and discussed working on the HUD NOFA for November. They are also working to plan the January 29, 2020 statewide point in time count. Will take to CoC for vote in November. Working on how to refer or hand off when people move to new area. Next meeting is on October 7th.
- Warming and Cooling Center Subcommittee – Cancelled July meeting. Continue to compile information on centers around the state, and collecting sample items. Next meeting is 2nd Thursday of August at 8:30am.
- Statewide Data Committee – Cancelled July meeting. Need a new chair.

VI. Old Business

- June Minutes – Correction to subcommittee for MC2 to name Liz Hagar-Mace as new chair. Cassie is attending in place of Sara. Motion to accept minutes with correction was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
- Discharge Policy Progress – Division of Youth Services, Department of Health and Senior Services have both signed. Children's Division is in process of obtaining Director signature. Liz will bring to Department of Mental Health once other state departments sign off so that any and all updates are included. As organizations sign off, they are added to the website.

VII. New Business

- Quarterly Success Highlights - The committee has agreed that sharing successes on the website on a quarterly basis is one way to increase communication among the greater community and services partners. The group decided that the KC One Roof and other community programs would be appropriate. The KC One Roof will be the first program highlighted. The CoC Collaboration to End Veteran Homelessness will be the second. Jennifer will work with Dirk on messaging and website updates.
- MHDC Website/Shout Out – They will pay for 1 year of website service.
- Boards and Commission Director - Jennifer received an email from Kyle, the Boards and Commission Director stating that he prefers to wait until the current executive order expires in 2021 to renew appointments. Overall, this is a legislative priority for 2020.

- Vote on Street Outreach Standards – The public comment period was 6/5 – 7/5 and there were minor grammatical changes made based on the comments. A conversation was held with the Admin. of CoC funded programs to ensure consistency of practices and policies. A motion to approve the standards was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

VIII. Announcements/Updates

- Cassie Sipos-Hass with MHCD shared that Monica Morrell is new staff at MHDC and provided updates on NOFA schedule. They will hold their next focus group in June of 2020 in Columbia. Emergency Shelter Standards will be updated next and volunteers are needed for this work. MOHip release is to be determined as it is undergoing some changes. Missouri Housing Trust Fund (MHTF) application has been released on the website. Training is on August 8th at 1pm via webinar. The grant period is from 4/1/2020 through 3/30/2021. MHTF staff need feedback as they are having trouble getting information to ensure that projects are set up correctly.
- Institute for Community Alliances moved from Jefferson City to Sedalia.
- Don Stamper from the Department of Economic Development announced that they are undergoing a major restructure including the loss of 230 FTE allocations and shifting many of those allocations to Workforce Development including the Department of Labor and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Governor's Conference for Economic Development is September 4-6th. There is a call for interest out for Vistas, capacity building personnel, from Americorps.
- Liz Hagar-Mace from DMH shared that regional housing conferences are on the website and will take place in Southwest, Saint Louis, Kansas City and Central Regions.
- Veterans' Innovation Task Force – Melissa is not on staff any longer.
- There is a fundraiser on 8/10 for St. Charles outreach and food pantry program. It will be at the Boys and Girls Club from 5:30-7:30m. For more info., email Lateacha@gmail.com