

## **GCEH MC2 Meeting- 12/2/2019**

### **In Attendance**

Phone: Heather Hoffman, Tammy Laws, Chaunceia Mayfield, Randy Sharp, Tammy Walker, Sandy Wilson

In Person: Jennifer Carter Dochler, Liz Hagar-Mace, Cassie Sippos-Haas, Anthony Smith, Amanda Stadler

### **2020 Census**

The Census impacts several funding streams- group discussed Census progress/updates across state. As CoCs are preparing for PIT counts, its important to keep this on everyone's radars. Springfield had a presentation from their Complete Count Committee in October, St. Louis will have a presentation in January, and Joplin has had contact with their committee, but the committee is still finalizing details.

In February, a representative from the Governor's Committee on the Census will speak at the GCEH meeting.

### **Mainstream Section 8 Awards**

Several awards were made across Missouri (St. Louis County, Jefferson/Franklin counties, Joplin, Springfield). A full awards list will be emailed out/posted on the GCEH website. This voucher is a huge opportunity for individuals who have disabilities and a great opportunity for CoCs to help individuals currently housed in PSH units "move on". Liz believes there will be one more NOFA. DMH is updating their directory of PHAs that have this funding- it will be emailed out when it is complete.

### **Dialogue on Affordable Housing Needs in Missouri**

LP Cookingham Institute of Urban Affairs (UMKC) send out information about a webinar/public meetings on affordable housing needs across the state. This is part of the update to MHDC's strategic plan. We all know that affordable housing is a big need in the state- we hope CoCs are able to participate in the public input sessions to help communicate this. Will send out email with detailed information/post on website. Dates are listed below:

- Thursday 12/5 – webinar
- 12/11- Meeting in Kansas City
- 12/17 – Meeting in St. Louis

### **2020 PIT – January 29-30**

As a reminder, most CoCs are doing PIT on dusk January 29-dawn January 30. Kansas City is doing count Jan 22-23.

Balance has updates from all 10 regions that they are doing January 29 date. There are 15 counties that still need to be covered across regions – if CoCs know of volunteers near their regions let Cassie know. Group discussed how we can promote/highlight on GCEH website, including the need for volunteers. BOS has volunteer information on their website and group felt it didn't need to be duplicated on GCEH website.

## **CES Items/Issues to Discuss**

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.

## **Items of Interest for 2020**

MC2 meets on a monthly basis. To help set agendas for the 2020, the group discussed what are topics would be helpful to cover in these meetings to help share information, expertise, problem solve etc. Suggestions are listed below- the list allows for flexibility when other things come up (ie PIT data).

- Sharing best practices within CES – what are things that communities love?
  - How rural/urban CES functions differently
  - How CoCs are bringing communities together
  - General updates/changes- there is always something new!
- Extreme weather sheltering (update from sub-committee)
  - How are communities doing emergency sheltering, including who are partners
  - What are innovative ideas to engage/mobilize community (education to broader community)
  - How to handle extreme weather situations.
  - Rules/Staffing
- City Ordinances- can be helpful and assist with state level. What are other communities doing and what is working and clearly not working?
  - Springfield- Homeless Camp Protocol
  - 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
  - Discussions on how CoCs can encourage DV providers to apply
  - What does joint TH/RRH competitive application look like?
- Frame work for Case Management
  - There is information on this on BOS website

- After ESG standards are complete- what is intensive Case Management/Guide/Etc.
- Ending Veteran Homelessness
- Diversion within CES – how to do and how to do well.
  - How does this work through assessment- timing.

### **MC2 Chairperson for 2020**

Since Liz will be chairing GCEH for the next year, she will step down as Chair of MC2. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Liz- this allows for shared leadership opportunities across the state. Chair will have support from GCEH Executive Committee. Amanda is currently taking minutes- Anthony agreed to take minutes and Amanda agreed to serve as Chair.

### **Other Updates/Announcements**

- St. Joe- HMIS Lead has resigned and they are reviewing options. They are considering joining the ICA implementation- would like to avoid adding another HMIS provider in the state.
- MHDC
  - ESG contract is back from DSS
    - 12/11 training and 12/18 training (HMIS).
    - Can bill back to 11/1 if 2019 is expended.
    - Will work on completing final standards in 2020 – Emergency Shelter.
  - Trust Fund- at commission meeting today – still in quiet time.
  - MOHIP- applications online and due 1/24.
    - 4/1 – 3/31 grant period.
    - Read guidance- there are changes.
  - As a reminder, Sarah Parsons is now working on disaster relief, Steve is director of Community Initiatives
- BOS – excited about 811 vouchers and that opportunity, but want to point out that 25% are dedicated for disabled and 75% for low income. DMH has some ideas regarding Community Behavioral Health Centers and will reach out to BOS.
- DMH- will have staffing change in who is assigned to CoCs.
  - Judy Johnson- retiring at end of year (St. Louis). It will take some time to secure her replacement- so in the mean time Kelly Kim will be working with St. Louis City and Edwin Cooper will be working with St. Louis County. Dirk Cable will continue in Joplin and work in Springfield and BOS.