

MC2 - Notes

Monday, December 7, 2020

10:21 AM

Present: Kelli Kemna, Anthony Smith, Dottie Kastigar, Randy Sharp, Cayla Printy, Amanda Stadler, Cassie Sipos-Haas

CoC COVID and Sheltering discussion:

BoS- there has been a decrease in the literally homeless list

There are pockets of homelessness in the rural counties, a lot of people doubled up

St. Joseph-a lot of people aren't going to shelter. They are staying in abandoned buildings, etc.

Winter is going to be interesting. Housing stock is tough, as there is a lot of damage to units from flooding

Springfield-Call volume is up a bit, but people do not follow through with housing plans. Shelters are not yet at capacity.

Catholic Charities has a short-term lease of 18 units from a motel. They have been using motels for sheltering.

St. Charles - we have had a 40% increase in literally homeless since August. We are using motels for COVID-19 sheltering. Shelters have reduced occupancy and staffing due to COVID.

Warming shelter availability discussion:

Springfield - some availability

BoS - Safe Haven is very limited for warming - they will allow 8 cots in the Haven.

- Central MO is doing some warming centers in government buildings
- Jefferson City has very limited warming - code blue cots only
- Path program is using motel quarantines

St. Charles - planning for motel based warming shelters this winter if below 20 degrees; volunteers are not comfortable staffing church-based warming with COVID. Very limited day sheltering with libraries closed

Kansas City - no warming centers. There is a flyer with warming sites and details

PIT Planning discussion:

Springfield - won't do an event this year. They will survey day shelter and meal sites

Kansas City- Greater KC is having an unsheltered PIT count, but it will be conducted by outreach teams and agency staff. They will limit contact and surveys. They are training on proper PPE.

BoS - requested a waiver for the unsheltered PIT count.

St. Charles - will modify the unsheltered count. We will not send out search teams, but ask volunteers to call everyone on our prioritization list to determine where they are on the night of the PIT count. We will send out volunteers to survey first responders to ask for and share information. We will have agency staff complete forms on persons they are aware of who are unsheltered.

Shelter Written Standards update:

Group working on standards is in place. A draft has been developed.

General and Coordinated Entry updates:

St. Joseph - Meeting by zoom. Working with Alyssa Parrish. Looking at data and doing a gaps analysis. They are trying to keep an emergency shelter viable. They have had issues with no shelter. Agencies have been working hard to get HMIS data in to Service Point.

BoS - Anthony- BoS Coordinated Assessment is rolling out prevention tools. They are hoping that agencies use the tools to prevent bottlenecks of people in the system.

- **Kelli Kemna (DMH)**- introduced herself. She is replacing Liz Hager Mace. She has an MSW, and prior to working at DMH ran a program with Salvation Army, working with VASH housing in Columbia. At DMH she is an affordable housing consultant.
- www.moboscoc.org/ce - CE website for regions in BoS

Springfield - With Crisis cold weather sheltering, people have to get on a list. CE is helping with this. They are beginning to access FYI vouchers and doing specific case conferencing for these vouchers. CoC groups and committees are still meeting virtually. They have gone through county CARES funding and CDBG funding.

St. Louis City/County - the CoCs have decided to separate CE into two separate systems. St. Patrick Center handles City calls, and St. Louis County uses 211 and shelter providers.

St. Charles - meeting monthly by zoom. Call volume is up, including those who are literally homeless and those needing rent/mortgage assistance.