

## GCEH MC2 Meeting Notes – 11. 7. 19

### **In Attendance (via conference call):**

Amanda Stadler, Anthony Smith, Cassie Sipos-Hass, Heather Hoffman, Kala Shane, Liz Hagar-Mace, Natalie Allen, Randy Sharp, Tammy Walker

### **Tenant Protection Vouchers for Foster Youth/Young Adults -Natalie Allen, Children's Division**

- HUD recently released new [Foster Youth to Independence](#) voucher opportunity
  - Require partnerships of PHA, CoC, and PCWA – PHA is lead applicant
  - No deadline to apply - open application process
  - 36 month tenant protection vouchers, include supportive services - Designed to close gap between adult vouchers and youth aging out that are falling between cracks
  - Serves youth aged 18-24, who are in foster care and are currently aging out **or** aged out after age 16 and are homeless or at risk
  - Can make referrals directly from system for youth who are preparing for independence/aging out or directly from CES
  - CD has to identify eligible individuals and have at least one person in hopper when do application
- How CoCs and GCEH can help facilitate this initiative –
  - Children's Division is very interested in pursuing these vouchers across state and Natalie is open on how to move forward- she can serve as point of contact as we continue to share information and she can facilitate future connections with PCWA regional directors.
  - Children's Division is already working with one PHA (NECAC) and have templates for MOU, eligibility, and letters of support for other interested PHAs. One PHA in Kansas City and one in Jefferson/Franklin County might be interested as well.
- Natalie will send documents to Liz and she can forward out to MC2 group

### **2020 Census**

Want to make sure the Census is on everyone's radars, as this process is crucial to allocations for several funding streams. Springfield had a presentation at their last CoC meeting on the process. We are planning a presentation at the February GCEH meeting and hope to get details on outreach to the homeless population, as this was still in very broad terms at the Springfield meeting. In the past, the Census planning committee has reached out to various CoCs for input and advice on connecting with our population.

### **REAL ID for Homeless Individuals**

There is a lot of buzz about compliance for this and concern/confusion with direct service agencies. The law goes into effect 10/1/2020, but if individuals already have a drivers license/non-drivers license and don't plan to travel via airline or enter a federal building/military based they shouldn't need a REAL ID. The cost is the same for a REAL ID. Missouri Department of Revenue has several one-pagers on their website that Liz will send out.

### **2020 PIT – January 29-30 (Dusk to Dawn)**

All CoCs except Kansas City are planning on the 1/29 date. Kansas City's planning group has chosen to shift to a 1/22 date, based on weather concerns. Last year temperatures were so cold that they had several volunteers cancel last minute and the group was left understaffed, so they wanted to have a little wiggle room this year.

Other CoCs in the state do not plan on changing their date, as they are already well into planning for the 1/29 date. There was overlap in individuals counted between Kansas City and St. Joe last year. Kansas City is not sure when Johnson County or the Kansas BOS is conducting their count.

### **Coordinated Entry System Coordination**

CoCs are still processing through implementation of the new HUD regulations.

Joplin is hosting its annual Coordinated Entry meeting with providers and is curious how (or if) CoCs in the state are prioritizing households for prevention dollars through CES. Joplin and BOS are trying to be prepared for if HUD moves this direction. MHDC shared that they are working through how to monitor the funds that they administer and that they are not aware of any CoCs in Missouri that are prioritizing for emergency assistance/prevention through CES.

Liz had a message from Arizona – a family is looking for their sibling to let them know of a death in the family. Sibling (Crystal lee Elinksj) is homeless and has been St. Louis/Branson. If any CoCs have had contact with her, please let her know her family is desperate to reconnect with her.

### **Other Times/Announcements**

- Springfield – CoC launched its annual Homeless Awareness Month last week and is hosting several outreach/engagement events with partner agencies. Their Project Homeless Connect is on 11/20. Crisis Cold Weather Shelters in the community also opened on 11/2. However, temperatures were below freezing before shelters were ready to open and there was a lot of community attention around this. CoC is revamping its membership policy and is interested in seeing other membership policies.
- MHDC – Sarah Parsons is no longer with Community Initiatives Department and has taken another position doing disaster relief with MHDC. Steve Whitson is now in Sarah's old position- all questions should be sent to him. They anticipate that MoHIP applications will be open within the next month.
- St. Joseph – CoC was notified last week that they are losing their HMIS provider and their Lead Agency (City of St. Joe) on June 30 2020. They hope to utilize HMIS services that are already available in the state and don't want to bring in another provider. They have an HMIS grant and ESG funding, but don't think that funding will be enough to cover an anticipated increase in costs. Randy is open to ideas/suggestions.
- DMH - their last regional housing conference in KC Nov. 19-20. Info for registration is on website.
- Other Funding Opportunities: HUD has released its section 811 NOFA – there is one for Project based vouchers AND one for grants for capitol development, which is accompanied by a 40 year Project Based Rental Assistance Contract. This is a great opportunity and hasn't been available in around 10 years.
- Next meeting 12/2 – 10:30 – 12:00 in person in Jeff City at Paula J. Carter Center

### **Parking Lot Agenda Items**

- Sharing scoring sheets for HUD-CoC projects
- Case Management Standards- case management vs. intensive case management vs. housing navigator
- TA around medical marijuana for shelters, site-based housing, employees
- Social Serve