



GCEH Governor's Committee To End Homelessness

12:30 -12:45p - Welcome and Roll Call/Introductions

Liz Hagar-Mace, Sandy Wilson, Amanda Stadler, Randy Sharp, Melissa Stickel, Sarah Owsley, Angela Webb, Cassie Sippos-Haas, Cynthia Duffe, Kathy Henderson, Thomas Epling, Grace Moss, Jessie Dryden, Dottie Kastigar, Wes Dent, Rebecca Sudduth, Kelli Kemna.

12:45-12:52p - Best Practice Presentation:

O'Reilly Center for Hope, Springfield - Amanda Stadler, Community Partnership of the Ozarks

Building that CPO purchased in 2018, vacant for 15 years, elementary school. 21,000 sq. ft., 2.5 miles from previous location in residential area, on bus line. PowerPoint presentation. Home of One Door CES program. Expansion of Springfield Affordable Housing Center, not conducive for direct services or high traffic. Moved in in 2013 and outgrew it quickly. Had several committees designing and planning operation of building. Focus on education, access to affordable housing and prevention. Previously focused on crisis response. Extensive partnerships within community, critical care, are how they are offering expanded services. Burrell Homeless Services is using 5,000 sq. ft. of building. Therapy, telehealth and case management will be offered. Critical care with 6 showers and laundry services, computer and internet access, referrals for food pantry, have hygiene and first aid supplies. Place for pets and pet supplies. Have meeting rooms, training center and childcare room. Ribbon cutting October 23, 2020. May have some virtual offerings. News Leader article: <https://www.news-leader.com/story/news/local/ozarks/2020/08/31/missouri-pepperdine-oreilly-center-hope-open-soon-homeless-poverty-services/5633128002/>

12:52p-12:55p - New Business

• Approve Slate of Officers for 2021 thru 2022

Proposed:

Chair: Amanda Stadler, Community Partnership of the Ozarks

Vice Chair: Sarah Owsley Townsend, Empower Missouri

Secretary: Kelli Kemna, Department of Mental Health

Liz announced the slate of officers. Tom Epling motioned all of the proposed officers be appointed for next year. Sandy Wilson seconded the motion. Members voted via chat box: unanimously approved, no abstentions.

12:56-1:14p - Subcommittee Updates

• Missouri Continua or “MC2” 10-5-2020

Amanda provided update. Meeting held earlier today. Project Homeless Connect updates, most CoCs are not doing events. Communities are doing about cold weather shelters, communities are looking at ways to add shelter beds, no one has volunteers right now. PIT all waiting on HUD guidance for what it will look like. Some communities are moving forward with planning. Presentation from Alissa Parish from HUD TA working with all CoCs in the state about how they are responding to pandemic. Dottie is Chair for MC2 group.

• GCEH Warming and Cooling

Dottie asked Jessie to provide update. Approached by regional response team that focuses on health equity related to housing. What are you currently doing to accommodate needs in your area for the upcoming winter? Grace Kyung is part of response team from St. Louis area and spoke about her experience there. Focus on 5 counties in St. Louis area and Illinois. Housing stability is key. Looking at eviction prevention and utility assistance. Trying to understand impacts of COVID-19. How to be better advocates. Jessie stated this was already an issue with staffing. They have tool kit that is in process. Need to gather info about how people are responding to this in their communities. The more collaboration the better. Jessie asked if anyone had any ideas. Dottie said St. Charles surveyed partners and they determined it wasn't safe to operate a program and are now looking at a motel based program, asking for volunteers to run a hotline. Libraries are open for day sheltering. Amanda stated Springfield has two churches that will open with reduced capacity. They are having a volunteer shortage, having community campaign for volunteers. Working on backup plan for additional sites, maintaining hotel placements, working with 211. Randy said St. Joseph has extra warming space but no cold weather shelter this year. Expecting a difficult winter. Jessie asked every CoC to discuss this issue and have it on their agendas. How can we make this more sustainable in the future? Amanda stated the tool kit will be put on the website as soon as we can figure out the best way to display it.

1:45-1:16p - Old Business

• Motion to approve prior meeting minutes

Sarah motioned to approve minutes, Sonia seconded. Held chat box vote of members, passed unanimously, Cynthia abstained.

• Engaging New GCEH Partners

Liz requested that all agencies engage new partners.

Other

Randy asked how others felt about census capturing people experiencing homelessness in their communities. Did not feel census captured homeless for St. Joseph. Liz agreed. Amanda asked if the census bureau reached out to CoCs about places to count. Dottie said St. Charles did have communication with census bureau very early, but no follow up. Robin said Joplin was contacted as well and the police were able to visit some of the locations suggested.

Amanda said DED with MHDC is revising the impediments to housing development. Amanda asked if we would like a presentation about this. Tom and Liz agreed that we need to have that information. VAWA should be included in that analysis. Amanda said she will work with the group that is putting that on and will gather dates to send to this group.

Dottie reports that St. Charles has seen an uptick in calls in the last quarter this year. Have other CoCs seen something similar? Melissa stated there was an increase in intakes for BoS as well.

1:25-1:28p • Member Announcements/Updates

Cassie with MHDC stated funding approvals have gone out for ESG. Funded training Oct 13, ESG 2021 start date Nov. 1. Cares Act goes out this week please look at website. Scoring on monthly rolling basis. MO HIP out for CE. Trust Fund NOFA and allocation plan should be approved next month. Emergency Shelter written standards are being written soon, let Cassie know if you want to volunteer by Oct 26, not too many meetings.

Randy and Dottie both thanked Liz for her leadership and vision to working on homelessness.

Sonia motioned to adjourn, Randy seconded. Liz adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm.

In an email outside of the meeting, Jesse Dryden, jthescientist@theuncommonbond.org, provided the contact details for Grace Kyung (gkyung2@gmail.com) from the [Regional Response Team](#) for anyone wanting to connect to their efforts addressing housing issues. Please forward Jesse any information regarding best practices for warming centers and feel free to give his information to the group to reference.

December 7 next meeting.