

**Missouri Interagency Council to End Homelessness
Meeting Minutes 2/6/23**

Attendance

Aidan Rich, MHDC	Kathy Henderson, Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service
Amanda Shortal	Kelli Kemna, DMH
Amanda Stadler, DMH	Kimberly Myers
Amy Bickford, City of St. Louis	Michelle Garand, Community Partnership
Angela Webb, CCSOMO	Nathaniel Meece, CPSEMO
Anthony Smith, FCC	Patricia Hernandez, GKCCEH
Carolyn Stemmons, MO Head Start State Collaboration Office	Samantha Ghormley Hill
Cindy VanBuskirk, CCSOMO	Sandy Wilson, ICA
Conrad Hake, MHDC	Sarah Wilson
Diana Kilguss, CCSOMO	Shelley Swearingin
Dottie Kastigar, Community Council	Sonia Campbell, Catholic Charities of KC/SJ
Drew Greer, MHDC	Tamara Wright, USICH
Elyssa Luebbering, DSS	Tammy Walker, Economic Security
Gary Busiek, Salvation Army	Teresa Gerard, Guardian Group LLC
Jessica Macy, Flourish Teen Shelter/ Boone County Coalition to End Homelessness	Tom Epling, DSS Work and Community Initiatives, Northwest Region
Jodi Flurry, United Way	Wes Dent, Hillcrest TH
Kaitlyn Poepsel, ICA	Will Steffen
Kathryn Stefanowycz, Leavenworth VA	

Old Business

- October 2022 MICH Meeting Minutes - Approved as presented (with removal of first bullet point on Page 2, which was a carryover from previous minutes). Motion/second by Sonia Campbell and Carolyn Stemmons.
- 2023 Point in Time Count – Anecdotally, no CoC identified any weather impacts on count. CoCs are still reviewing data and have no official updates to share on PIT outcomes.
- 2023 Meeting Schedule – Executive Committee proposed maintaining schedule of 4 virtual meetings in 2023 (today’s meeting, May 1, August 7, and November 6) and adding an additional in person annual meeting (date TBD). Motion/second by Tom Epling and Kathryn Stefanowycz.

New Business

- All In Presentation - Tamara Wright from USICH shared about the new Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness – All In. More information and *All In 101* webinar recording available at <https://www.usich.gov/fsp>. Presentation slides from meeting will be sent out via email.
 - Plan focuses on the solutions of Housing/Services, Crisis Response, and Prevention utilizing the foundations of Equity, Data/Evidence, and Collaboration.
 - Goal is that MICH work groups can utilize this plan as they develop their own goals/strategies.

- Committee Updates - Work groups were created in 2022 strategic planning session for 2023-2025 plan. Ideally, there would be CoC representation in all work groups as this is where the majority of MICH action planning/implementation will take place.
 - Affordable Housing – Sandy Wilson shared that three individuals had signed up for this group - MHDC, Community Partnership, Catholic Charities of Southern MO. MHDC initially planned to chair; now due to capacity, MHDC cannot lead. Executive Committee is exploring other leadership options; if anyone can support reach out to Sandy. Potential goals for this group were the standardization of forms/processes, connection with 211, development of white sheet on gaps per CoC to communicate needs, and partner with Empower MO Housing Coalition.
 - Capacity Building – Kelli Kemna shared that the group hasn't met yet and is in-process of scheduling a meeting. Group will build on conversations had through HUD TA that Dottie was awarded. Community Council, DMH, Economic Security, ICA, MOCADSV, and St. Louis City have participated.
 - Critical Partnerships – Nathaniel Meece shared that the group has had one full meeting; invitation went out to the full MICH list. A draft work plan has been created on how to respond to housing barriers that aren't comprehensively addressed by housing providers. Group is reviewing solutions based on potential impact – e.g., transportation impacts several barriers. Strategies could include reviewing work flow between housing providers and partner agencies at local and statewide levels and developing partnerships to support housing solutions. An overview is available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pqkFjCRIQn3pkIYhZ84FGBs5AQQPpsig/view>.
 - Legislative Education – Sarah Owsley couldn't join. Sandi updated group on guidance from MHDC/HUD that different agencies had received regarding HB 1606. Responses indicated that federal regulations remain in place for spending federal funds. Nathaniel shared that NAEH work group is meeting nationally regarding education related to HB 1606. If anyone is interested reach out to Nathaniel.
 - Missouri Continuum of Care – Dottie Kastigar shared that the group had similar discussions, including a pulse check on PIT, winter weather response efforts, lack of shelter beds, and adjusting to new normal after COVID. All CoCs were not able to attend MC2, but group would like to see this in the future to accurately understand what is going on across state.
 - Executive Committee – Sandy Wilson reminded group that Executive Committee is comprised of Sandy, Carolyn Stemmons, and Amanda Stadler. Committee will focus on administrative items (updating governance documents to reflect change from GCEH to MICH, website updates, work group structure etc.)
- Funding Updates:
 - MHDC- Adian Rich
 - SAFHR program is no longer accepting applications for rental assistance but is for mortgage assistance. The <https://www.mohousingresources.com/> website is still available as a resource.
 - ESG grant agreements are in process for 2023. MHDC is still waiting on their grant agreement with DED, so they can't start reimbursing yet. When grant agreements are executed agencies can request back to start date of November

2022. Payment request form and payment training are being updated and will be posted to MHDC website soon.

- HUD CoC – All Available
 - SNOFO Award Announcement has been posted – MO BOS was only CoC awarded; funded for CES expansion for small component of total request.
 - Regular NOFO Award Announcement has NOT been posted but group anticipates it would be released soon since SNOFO was released. ESNAPS is open for 2023 CoC registration (first step in process for annual competition). A challenge for CoCs is how they operate competition for renewals/new applications that accommodates the changing annual NOFO timeline.

Member Updates/Announcements

- Springfield is completely re-vamping Rank/Review and NOFO submission process. Have several stellar projects and Rank and Review wasn't providing enough distinction between program performance. Looking at new tool and new process. They are looking to start local process earlier and separate from NOFO timeline to allow for more time. Michelle Garand suggested collaboration where all CoCs utilized same Rank and Review elements and then added in layers to address
- BOS is also working on overhaul of NOFO process. They are looking at application, Rank/Review process, and considering developing preliminary competition for renewals prior to NOFO competition to decrease reliance on ESNAPS for applicant information. BOS was awarded YHDP – implementation will be big focus for future.
- MO Head Start State Collaboration Office is partnering with department at UM COMO to offer a virtual symposium later this month (Feb 22-23 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.) on informing policies for young children/families through research. Carolyn will share flyer; symposium is open to Head Start agencies and partners. Faculty from UM will be doing presentations. Would love to have any partners join. Registration is limited.

Closing Announcements/Action Items

- Consider what Work Group you can join and take information back to your CoC/local community. Issues aren't the exact same across the state, but having cross sector voice is critical. Work Groups will be working on creating mission statement to help communicate focus/work.
- Reach out to Executive Committee with ideas on how to make MICH meetings worthwhile – engagement, resource sharing, topics, etc. to ensure system level alignment and collaboration.
- Next Meeting May 1 – hope work groups will have met and can give report on progress.