



MICH Missouri Interagency Council on Homelessness

October 4, 2021
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- **Attendance**

Kelli Kemna, DMH; Aidan Rich, MHDC; Sandy Wilson, ICA; Sarah Ballard, Children's Division. St. Louis; Jennifer Carter Dochler, MOCADSV; Kathryn Stefanowycz, LSCSW; Todd Miller, Missouri Department of Transportation; Elyssa Luebbering, DHSS; Allison Gregory, FosterAdopt Connect; Colleen Neill, United Way 2-1-1 SWMO Community Partnerships Coordinator; Tammy Walker, Economic Security Corporation, Jasper and Newton County CoC; Jodi Flurry, United Way of Greater St. Joseph, sitting in for Randy Sharp for the St. Joseph COC; Cassie Sipos-Haas, MHDC; Kathryn Stefanowycz, Eastern Kansas Health Care System, Leavenworth VA; Cheryl Kosmatka, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Carolyn Stemmons, Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office; Tom Burnham, Community Relations officer for Peter & Paul Community Service St. Louis and St Louis County CoCs; Dottie Kastigar, St. Charles CoC; Angela Webb, Housing Supervisor, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri; Laura Miller, Missouri Department of Social Services, Workforce and Community Initiatives Unit; Amanda Stadler; Sarah Owsley.

- **Legislative Update - Youth Experiencing Homelessness – Allison Gregory**

HB 432 established being unaccompanied/homeless youth is not reason to report abuse/neglect. Age is 16 or older, youth must present documentation that they are unaccompanied or homeless verified by a professional. Working with House Research to determine who can certify that documentation. Reunification with the family is the first priority unless safety is compromised by reuniting. <https://mocadsv.coalitionmanager.org/resourcemanager/resourcefile/details/717>

- **Motion to approve prior meeting minutes**

Motion to approve August Minutes by Angela Webb. Second Jennifer Carter Dochler, consensus vote - unanimously approved.

- **CoC Adoption of ESG Written Standards**

Amanda Stadler, Springfield CoC has approved. Dottie Kastigar, St. Charles CoC has approved. St. Joseph is unsure of approval.

New Business

- **Approval of Draft Membership Policy**

Amanda described in detail the new membership policy. Concern about staggering Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary positions because as one leaves the others would still have time left on their term. Dottie Kastigar recommended that we add language to the policy stating if someone becomes Vice Chair or Secretary they do so with the consideration to become Chair during another term. No other concerns were stated. Cassie motioned with changes, Carolyn seconded – consensus vote passed unanimously.



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- **MICH Restructuring**

Executive Committee will review policies/procedures after passing the membership policy.

Subcommittee Updates

- **Missouri Continua or “MC2”**

Dottie Kastigar discussed challenges with the Collaborative Application and the priorities HUD raised. Discussed warming shelter planning using ESG-CV funding. DMH announcing Housing Outreach Liaisons. Including Park Rangers in MICH or other CoC meetings.

COVID-19 Response Updates

- **MHDC Funding Update**

Cassie Sippos-Haas, MHTF public comment period has ended. NOFA will be set to be approved at October commission meeting. The NOFA launched Friday, October 1, 2021, due October 29, 2021. Allows participants to self-certify income and moving to new SAFHR software. Will offer Homeowner’s Assistance Fund for one-time assistance. SAFHR mortgage assistance counseling application will be available soon. <https://www.mohousingresources.com/safhr-program-dashboard>. <https://www.mohousingresources.com/other-resources>.

- **ESG – CV Funding Update**

Waiting for October Commission Meeting for final approval of awards. Aiden Rich provided updates. Opened ESG-CV application limit is \$250,000 for non-entitlement CoCs, \$200,000 for entitlement CoCs. Would really like to see more Rapid ReHousing projects. Prefer prevention assistance goes through SAFHR. ESG-CV would be great to fund warming centers can reimburse hotel/motel stays. \$50 cash per dose vaccine incentive for persons experiencing homelessness. Anyone experiencing homelessness who got the vaccine can apply for this incentive no matter how long ago they received the vaccine as long as they meet other requirements.

- **American Rescue Plan DESE Allocation**

Cheryl was unable to present.

- **Agency Updates/Announcements**

Jennifer Carter Dochler, Coleen Cole announced retirement for MOCADSV. Sarah Owsley from Empower Missouri announced they will have events upcoming and you can follow the link for information: <https://empowermissouri.org/events/anti-poverty-advocates-summit/>. Dottie Kastigar is working with HMIS Developer to create a simple performance report.

Adjourned – 1:25pm