

**Missouri Interagency Council to End Homelessness  
Meeting Minutes 6/3/2024**

**Attendance**

Amanda Stadler, DMH	Kaitlyn Poepsel, ICA
Amber Brookins, United Way 211	Karen Teeters - Gibson Center for Behavioral Change
Amber Cundiff, Bureau of HIV, STDs, Hepatitis	Karly Smith- MHDC
Anne Benson, IHA	Kathy Henderson
April Redman, Callaway Cares	Kelli Kemna, DMH
Ashlea Whaley, MOCADSV	Kristin Burkett, Arthur Center
Beatrice Stewart, Flourish	Krystal Chapman, EMAA
Becca Clemons, Home State Health/Show Me Healthy Kids	Kylee Strough, United Way of Greater St. Joseph
Becca Jones, VAC	Michelle Hastings, Preferred Family Healthcare
Chasity McCourt, CMC/InterServ	Monica Ezue
Colleen Neil, United Way 211	Nathaniel Meece, CPSEMO/ Missouri Balance of State CoC
Collene Buelow, The Kitchen	Rebecca Albert- ICA
Conrad Hake, Love Columbia	Rebecca Sudduth
Dale Good, Catholic Charities	Rmiller - MHDC
Dana Cayen, Burrell Behavioral Health	Samantha Ghormley Hill - MOCADSV
Dereon Hill, EMAA	Sandy Wilson, ICA
Drew Geer, MHDC	Sara Wilson, Missouri Hospital Association
Dylan Cain, MHDC	Sarah Owlsely, Empower MO
Emily Fessler, CPO/MO-600 Springfield CoC	Senica Smith, VAC
Emily Snodderly	Shammy Johnson Preferred Family Healthcare
Glenna Wilson, Truman VA	Storm Walker, ICA
Hannah Fraser- House Everyone STL	Tammy Walker, ESC/Joplin CoC MO602
Heather Beard-Eisler, Essig Family McDonald's	Tana Miller, Burrell Behavioral Health (PATH)
Janelle Williams, MOCADSV	Tera Bock, DESE
Jennifer Baker, MHDC	Tiona Lawson, Voluntary Action Center
Jennifer Von Bohland, United Healthcare	Tony Ketchem, KVC-MO SE
Joan Gentry, League of Women Voters	Yolanda Redd- DAEOC
Josh Shackles, Nextgen Diagnostic Services	
Josiayh Melzer, DSS/OWCI	

**Presentations**

Voter Rights- Joan Gentry, League of Women Voters of SW MO

*See attached PowerPoint presentation.*

### Detection and Mitigation in Homeless Service Sites – Josh Shackles, Nextgen Diagnostic Services

Nextgen Diagnostic Services has been providing testing services for respiratory illnesses across state in homeless shelters, social service sites, and encampments since February. They provide educational services to different audiences on respiratory illnesses and deep cleaning services to shelters/service sites (cleaning products, air testing/cleaning). They also have resources to isolate individuals staying in shelters who test positive to reduce illnesses spreading. To connect with any of these services contact 417-362-6398. While the funding for this initiative ends 7/31/24, Josh has interest in coordinating with MICH and requested MICH consider development of a state-wide work group or committee to address health concerns within shelters long term. MICH Chairperson Sandy Wilson asked for a sign of interest from the membership. There was one person who gave the interest sign.

### Missouri Statewide 2024 HIC and PIT Data- Dr. Kaitlyn Poepsel, ICA

*See attached PowerPoint presentation.*

### **Legislative Updates – Sarah Owley, Empower Missouri**

*See attached PowerPoint presentation.*

### **Old Business**

#### Bylaws Work Group Update – Drew Greer, MHDC

A work group has been formed to update the MICH bylaws to reflect our current structure with the goal of presenting the bylaws to MICH at the August meeting for approval. The work group is comprised of 12 members including the MICH Executive Committee and representation from each CoC (although each CoC representative has not attended every meeting). The work group has met 3 times to date with the next meeting on Monday. If anyone has feedback on how MICH can improve/better serve your work, please let MICH Executive Committee know so those goals/ideas can be incorporated into the bylaws. Sandy added that these bylaws will also outline what the Executive Committee structure will be going into 2025. While we don't anticipate major changes, there is room to adapt the structure to better serve MICH members and improve their work. MICH will need new Executive Committee Leadership for 2025-2027, so please be thinking about what you can contribute.

#### HUD FMR Letter- Amanda Stadler, DMH

At last meeting, issue was brought up of Fair Market Rent rates that CoC grants are awarded at being behind the rate that is being used by Public Housing Authorities. This is resulting in CoC clients being screened out of housing opportunities and CoC grant budgets that don't have capacity to pay rental increases for clients that are currently housed and/or serve new referrals. Per feedback from this group and from CoCs, a letter communicating this concern and its impacts was drafted to send to HUD. 6 out of 8 CoCs have signed on to it; there have been communication issues with the remaining 2 CoCs. The Executive Committee will do an additional ask to these CoCs this week and submit to HUD field offices and desk officers in the next week.

## **New Business**

### 2025 PIT Date Discussion

CoCs are requesting the Missouri PIT date so they can start local PIT planning. The HUD requirement is for the count to be conducted in last 10 days of January. Generally, Missouri CoCs have collectively chosen the last or second to the last Wednesday in January. Coordinating the date of the count reduces the potential for double counting. Second to last Wednesday has been chosen in past to allow for flexibility for rescheduled count due to extreme weather. The general consensus of the group was to select January 22, 2025 as the MICH designated PIT date. It is the hope of MICH that each CoC will adopt that date locally.

### 2024 Annual Meeting

- Executive Committee is proposing 2024 annual meeting to again be a single day event to be held the last week of October to avoid the NOFO and other conferences (MOCADSV (11/6-8), Empower MO on 11/12-13, and MFFH Advocate's Retreat (11/14)). Executive Committee will announce final date by the August meeting.
- Sandy asked for feedback on the meeting location and proposed hosting the meeting at a location that would provide the option to tour an innovative program (tiny homes, outreach centers, etc.) as an education component. If someone has suggestions of an innovate program/initiative that would be a good fit, please contact an Executive Committee member.
- Sandy asked for members to help plan the annual meeting to bring new ideas/perspectives to the event. This would involve 1-3 one hour virtual meetings between now and October.

## **Funding Updates**

### MHDC – Drew Geer

- MOHIP applications will open in September.
- MHTF applications will open in July.
- MHDC offices have relocated to 1201 Walnut, Suite 1800, Kansas City MO 64106.

## **Update/Announcements**

MOCADSV is planning their bi-annual conference in November; There is an open call for presentations and they would love to have housing related presentations. Contact [khoward@mocadsv.org](mailto:khoward@mocadsv.org) for more information.

St. Joe CoC is planning their Project Connect; CoC is really focusing on landlord engagement. They are struggling to find landlords to work with CoC clients. Interserve has hired an After Care specialist to support this.

ICA is hiring for an HMIS System Administrator (prefer staff to live in St. Louis) and a Data Analyst (fully remote). Visit their website (<https://icalliances.org/missouri>) for more information.

Empower Missouri is hiring - <https://empowermissouri.org/about-us/careers/>