

## **GCEH – MC2 Meeting Notes**

**October 1, 2018**

### **HUD CoC NOFA Debrief - Group**

Group discussed the 2018 NOFA:

- Felt that there is an incentive for a lower PIT count- for smaller CoCs, the addition of a few people or a few Veterans on the PIT can have a large impact on percentages. This can negatively impact scoring, even if it's the result of improved outreach.

Scoring is weighted in favor of larger CoCs that have a lot of funding and are able/interested in reallocating dollars.

- There were a lot of policy questions this year.
- The process with DV Bonus was frustrating- the short notice, varied interpretation, and lack of clarity around joint projects.
- St. Louis City was awarded DV Bonus dollars, all for RRH.

### **MHDC Updates – Steve Whitson**

Staffing - Community Initiatives department is fully staffed:

- Sarah Parsons: Manager
- Steve Whitson: Assistant Manager
- Ken Wright: Balance of State
- Brooke Anderson: Funding Processing
- Travis Rash: ESG

### **Funding**

- ESG
  - Commission meeting is scheduled for this Friday. NOFA should be released Friday afternoon or Monday morning.
  - MHDC anticipates grant will be due in 4 weeks.
  - Trainings will be conducted via webinar.
  - Application has less narrative pieces and focuses more on program guidelines.
  - Homeless Prevention Written Standards are moving along- have call scheduled for tomorrow morning. Hope to approve in November. Street Outreach will be next focus.
- MoHIP: Doesn't have to go to commission for approval, so will be released some time after ESG.
- Mo Housing Tax Credit – No Update
- MHTF - Trust Fund will be released later this fall- probably November.

### **State Wide HMIS Committee**

Sara suggested creating (or re-creating) a state wide HMIS Committee, comprised of HMIS and CoC leads. Group would meet monthly or quarterly to ensure everyone is on the same page regarding data. Group felt that this could be worthwhile, but would like to see specific goals defined. Group also

discussed the structure/process of where a group like this would be housed – a sub-committee of MC2? Of GCEH?

### **Crisis Sheltering**

Survey Results – Steve Whitson

- Sarah is involved in disaster response at state level – other groups involved include Missouri Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, DSS, United Way, Red Cross
- Survey got 37 responses across state, reflecting information for 22 shelters (9 warming, 4 cooling, and 4 joint). Responses reflected no consistency in shelter function.

Ideas for Involvement - Group

- St. Charles activates shelters through community's Emergency Response System – gives shelter system a little more credibility. Also uses Google Voice number to communicate. Training for volunteers is very important- host churches were hesitant at first, However, they were able to find community in service.
- Struggle is to communicate that extreme weather is a disaster.

### **Missouri Discharge Policy - Group**

GCEH has tasked MC2 to review Discharge Policy, which was written before CES. Needed updates include VAWA, homeless definition, CES language. If we add these updates, do all department heads need to re-sign??? Group would like this to be used as a proactive educational tool, specifically with CES.

Next steps include:

- 1) Edit and revise with above changes
- 2) Implementation
  - a. promoting in local communities
  - b. creating buy-in across state

### **Other Updates**

- Jennifer Carter Dochler has had positive interactions with the Governor's office- a representative from Boards/Commissions plans to attend an upcoming GCEH meeting.

**Governor's Committee to End Homelessness**

**October 1, 2018**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**GCEH Chair, Jennifer Carter Dochler**

Attendance:

Jennifer Carter Dochler, MO Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Chair

LaTeacha Tigue, Philanthropist, Vice Chair

Ivy Doxley, Missouri Department of Social Services Children's Division, Secretary

Dottie Kastigar, St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren Counties Continuum of Care

Ken Chapman, Missouri Department of Corrections

Amanda Stadler, proxy for Michelle Garand, Springfield/Greene, Christian, Webster Continuum of Care

Liz Hagar-Mace, Missouri Department of Mental Health

Edwin Cooper, Missouri Department of Mental Health

Dottie Kastigar, St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren Counties Continuum of Care

Steve Whitson, proxy for Sarah Parsons, Missouri Housing Development Commission

Jayna Gray, proxy for Sandy Wilson Institute for Community Alliances

Bob Rorah, Boonville Housing Authority and president of MONAHRO

Chiquita Small – Department of Health and Human Services

Randy Sharp, St. Joseph/Andrew, Buchanan, DeKalb Counties Continuum of Care

Natalie Allen, Missouri Department of Social Services Children's Division

Travis Rash, Missouri Housing Development Commission

**II. Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) #Net presentation**

MFH Mission: to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities most in need.

Missouri Foundation for Health is a resource for the region, working with communities and nonprofits to generate and accelerate positive changes in health. As a catalyst for change, MFH improves the health of Missourians through partnership, experience, knowledge, and funding. The Foundation takes a multifaceted approach to health issues, understanding that programs, policy, and collaboration all play a role in creating lasting impact.

An independent philanthropic foundation, MFH was created in the year 2000, following Blue Cross Blue Shield of Missouri's conversion from nonprofit to for-profit status. It is the largest organization of its kind in the state and among the largest in the country.

- [How to Get Involved](#)
- [One-Page Fact Sheet](#)
- [Research One-Pager](#)

MO Foundation for Health encouraged the group to develop strategies to help people complete the 2020 Census which will be online. The census determines the amount of funding given to MO programs; MO loses approximately \$1200 for each person not counted.

**III. Ending Veteran Homelessness presentation by Department of Economic Development – Workforce Development**

Mo Veteran's Employment program focuses on hardest to serve, 50 staff in MO who work in this program; they work with each veteran until they are "job ready". Disabled Veteran's Outreach Specialists (DROPS) work to help veterans navigate significant barriers to employment. Some of those barriers are lacking high school diploma, dishonorable discharge, criminal offender history, disabilities.

**Work Opportunities Tax Credit** – Is a Federal credit for business if they hire veterans, max credit is \$2,400.

**Show me Heroes** – \$500,000 allocated to this program, it provides training in the work environment and allows employers a tax benefit if veterans are hired. This program will pay half of the wages for a couple of months to encourage hire

**IV. Missouri Continuum Subcommittee Updates**

HUD NOFA recently submitted with new funding for Domestic Violence included in the opportunity.

**V. Old Business**

- Motion to approve prior meeting minutes for August 2018. No meeting held in September due to Labor Day Holiday.
- Liz Hager-Mace won Becker Award for Housing Advocacy, the ceremony is on November 17<sup>th</sup>

**VI. New Business –**

- GCEH draft of annual report almost complete, is due by 11/1/18
- Meeting location for 2019 will remain the same, current exec order expires 2020
- Kyle Aubuchon is the new Boards and Commissions Director

**VII. Member Updates/Announcements –**

Ken Wright is new COC Coordinator at MHDC

St. Charles COC reported 270 families/530 people lack shelter in St. Charles according to vulnerability screenings

COC Springfield organized a training for school homeless liaison, training was presented by Donna Cash

Project Homes Connect launches “Eden Village” on November 14 in Springfield, 30 tiny homes will be available for chronically homeless

Department of Corrections releases ~19,000 people each year many with Hi-Set and work certificates

Department of Economic Development has “Best in the Midwest Initiative”

<https://ded.mo.gov/content/best-midwest>

Department of Mental Health has live Coordinated Entry information on their website

[https://dmh.mo.gov/housing/housingunit/docs/CEDirectory\\_005.pdf](https://dmh.mo.gov/housing/housingunit/docs/CEDirectory_005.pdf)

MO Coalition against Domestic Violence is having their annual conference in Columbia Nov 14-16

Project Homeless Connect will be held in Jefferson City MO October 19, 2018

Project Homeless Connect is a massive one-day event targeting unsheltered homeless individuals and those at imminent risk of becoming homeless in Cole County and surrounding areas. All resources and services needed to leave homelessness will be provided under one roof. Community volunteers will pair up one-on-one with homeless individuals beginning with street engagement and ending with accessing a wide array of resources provided by community partners. Dozens of agencies and service providers are joining together to break down barriers that make it difficult for individuals to leave homelessness.