

Governor's Committee to End Homelessness

May 7 2018

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

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

Amanda Stadler, proxy for Michelle Garand, phone, Springfield/Greene, Christian, Webster COC

Edwin Cooper, proxy for Liz Hagar-Mace, Missouri Department of Mental Health

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

Samantha Gamble Kintz, proxy for Sarah Parsons, Missouri Housing Development Commission

Sandy Wilson Institute for Community Alliances

Edwin Muhammad, proxy for Cassandra Kauffman, City of St. Louis Homeless Services Division

Donna Cash, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Chiquita Small – Department of Health and Human Services

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

Lacy Peterson, phone, Institute for Community Alliances

Jessica Hoey, Missouri CAN (Community Action Network)

II. Professional Development for Homeless Liaisons

DESE Donna Cash

Donna Cash introduced the group to an online course for McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act school liaisons which can be found at: <https://kickstandk12.com/Account/LogOn>

Developed due to state coordinators annual meeting – most states have 1 maybe two coordinators such as Donna Cash even though they must cover numerous school districts. The group identified the following concerns:

- It is difficult to provide professional development for everyone in all of the districts they serve.
- McKinney-Vento not taught in college courses, so wanted more information which is provided online.
- Idea to create an online course to provide Professional Development so everyone has the same kind of training, same information, and to reach a large audience.
- State coordinators are federally required to offer professional development to school liaisons and an online course could help with this requirement.

The lessons have been tweaked as needed to the uniqueness of MO per Donna Cash. The first module of lessons is a 20 plus hour course, but it could be finished within 10-15 hours depending on the participant's level of expertise. This training contains, videos, PowerPoint and other documents, and assessments where the participant has to answer questions about the material they just completed. A certificate is created after completion, certifying training was completed in McKinney Vento. This training is required and could result in loss of funding if the training is not completed by the school district's identified liaison. The software allows DESE to track whether liaisons have taken the required course.

2017-2018 school year rolled out beginner level McKinney Vento training

2018-2019 intermediate level will roll out

2019-2020 will offer advanced level training

A question was asked if any lessons contain Domestic Violence information. Answer: not currently but Donna offered to add lessons about special topics such as DV if you send it to her for consideration. Send to Donna.Cash@dese.mo.gov

If you are interested in reviewing the lessons please contact Donna Cash and she can give you a Userid and password to gain access.

III. Ad Hoc Committee Action Planning for 2018

Dottie Kastigar

What are GCEH's tangible goals that can be accomplished within the next two years? Two handouts were given and also emailed today 5/7/2018.

1st handout is a draft of a proposed Action plan for 2018-2023

2nd handout are GCEH action steps

Examples of goals are:

Develop marketing to inform the community and its partners on how to access coordinated entry.

Another goal is to increase data sharing among member agencies

GCEH reviewed parts of the Proposed Action Plan Document:

Reviewed goal 1 on the proposed Action plan document: Support the development and functioning of CE systems in each COC:

Group discussed that we need to update GCEH website to define Coordinated Entry. Edwin Cooper said that DMH has a good document DMH can share that explains what Coordinated Entry is. It exists on the DMH website, albeit it takes several clicks to get to the document. In St. Charles County, can call 211 to access coordinated entry.

Next step: Dottie will update the goal to Add Child Welfare on bullet point #4 as a resource to strengthen linkage.

Reviewed Goal 4 to use data to evaluate statewide progress over next two years:

Suggested that we develop a statewide dashboard and Sandy Wilson feels that this goal can be achieved within the 2 year timeframe.

Ran out of time on this discussion because started the inventory discussion below and did not have time to go back to the action plan document. Will resume this discussion at June meeting.

IV. Reviewed Point in Time 2018 Housing Inventory Counts handout Sandy Wilson

Discussed Point in time count of any program that provides beds to serve homeless individuals, everything from emergency shelter that includes hotel/motel placement by voucher, transitional housing programs, rapid re-housing programs, safe havens, permanent supportive housing, and other permanent housing. All must be reported on an annual basis, must report the bed space available in each COC.

Total 14,188 beds available in the homeless service delivery system. Total number of beds by bed type is broken down. PIT is point in time count. It does not include rapid rehousing, other permanency housing (OPH does not offer additional services), and Permanent Supportive housing (PSH) is not included, so the number is lower. St. Charles County reported on a different start day so there is some duplication.

Total utilization rate is 88.7% of all beds available

Question: Do we have the right types of programs and housing in place for the unique population of each service area? Is there a need for more beds for men? Empty beds for a women's shelter do not help this population for example. 1353 empty beds for example, are they the types of beds needed in an area?

Point in time county (PIT) is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in the last 10 days of January. HUD requires an annual count; COC's count annually and Joplin counts twice a year.

- Unsheltered side – staying in places not meant for human habitation – cars, boxes on the street, campers in rural areas without water etc.
- Sheltered side, only transitional housing, safe haven, Hotel/ motel shelter, Emergency shelter

5, 883 persons counted 2018:

- 55% in emergency shelter
- 23% Transitional housing
- 21% unsheltered
- 1% in safe havens

Chronic Homelessness - 19% of PIT count of 5,883 persons was chronically homeless. Randy Sharp feels this number is actually much higher due to underreporting.

Unaccompanied youth – St. Louis County has the highest number as they have a lot of projects geared to help this population

Parenting youth – St. Louis County is high as well, but again they have a high number of beds available targeting this population

Veterans’ – High number in St. Louis City, but again high number of programs

V. MC2 Committee Updates

Jennifer Carter Dochler

Started working on standards for emergency solutions grant service components. Started working on a draft for Rapid Re-housing. Will be on June or July GCEH meeting agenda to approve revised standards for rapid rehousing. Next standard project will be around homeless prevention. These are minimum standards we agree to as a state. Emergency Shelter will also be revised.

Identified next steps for Discharge policy

VI. Old Business

Jennifer Carter Dochler

April meeting minutes are on the website. Please review and discuss if there are revisions and send to Jennifer or Ivy Doxley, and we will vote on them in July 2018 GCEH meeting.

Homeless symposium in April 2018; 158 attended, 194 registered. Reported that topics were good. The Symposium will be held around the same time in 2019.

Annual Report is due in November. Discussed that we may want to set a date every year before November report to review documents that we identify on an ongoing basis.

VII. New Business – discussed speaker sfor upcoming GCEH meetings. They are listed on the GCEH agenda.

VIII. Member Announcement and Updates

Question: There are 5 Thursdays in 2019, so can the next PIT date be picked soon? This topic will be discussed at next GCEH meeting. Please go back and discuss with your COC that date you would propose.

<https://evictionlab.org/> has good information per Dottie Kastigar

Senate Bill 660 and HB 2280 is one to watch. It would extend Medicaid coverage for pregnant and post-partum mother’s for 12 months if they are participating in Substance Use Disorder treatment.