



## *2018 Annual Report*

### **Overview**

This annual report includes information from November 2017-October 2018 as the report is submitted by November 1 of each year.

The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness (GCEH) met the first Monday of every month unless that date occurred on a holiday. Therefore, the GCEH met ten times since the submission of the 2017 annual report.

Highlights during this time period include:

- Approved new [bylaws](#) in December 2017;
- Approved current Executive Committee in December 2017;
- Approved its [Action Plan](#) in July 2018;
- Approved January 2019 Point-in-Time Count for the state in August 2018;
- Approved Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) [Rapid Rehousing Written Standards](#) in August 2018; and
- Presented data, policy and information that supports the approved Action Plan.

The website address is: [www.endhomelessnessmo.org](http://www.endhomelessnessmo.org).

### **Membership and Attendance**

We believe we can accomplish more when there are diverse perspectives at the table. Voting members have been appointed by the Missouri Governor, but the committee also invites any interested, non-appointed agencies and individuals to our meetings. A full list of membership is available [online](#).

### **Executive Committee**

The current [Executive Committee](#) started their positions in January 2018 and will serve for a two-year term.

- Jennifer Carter Dochler, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence: Chair
- LaTeacha Tigue, philanthropist: Vice-Chair
- Ivy Doxley, Children's Division: Secretary

The Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) Community Initiatives department helps staff the GCEH by overseeing the website, listserv, and logistics for the meetings such as reserving the room and providing the conference call line.

### **Meeting Agendas, Meeting Minutes and Presentation Handouts**

Meeting materials are uploaded onto the GCEH website and can be found [online](#). Meeting materials and related announcements are emailed via the GCEH listserv. The GCEH listserv allows three emails per month to be circulated to members of the GCEH. Individuals can subscribe to the listserv off of the website or contact MHDC to be added. Currently, there are 174 individuals who are on the listserv.

### **Missouri Continua of Care Subcommittee (MC2)**

There is one standing subcommittee of GCEH. This meeting is for the [lead agency](#) of each of the state's Continuum of Care (CoC) to meet as well as any interested party. Representation is from all eight CoCs: Kanas City, St. Louis County, St. Louis City, Springfield, St. Joseph, Joplin and Balance of State. The subcommittee is currently reviewing the [Discharge Policy](#).

### **Action Plan Highlights**

The GCEH supports the following [key strategies](#) to accomplish the Goals of ending homelessness:

- Share national and local “best practices” to support planning to end homelessness
- Strengthen communication at all levels
- Encourage collaborations and cross-sector problem solving
- Review and share data to evaluate Statewide progress in ending homelessness
- Encourage development of specific strategies as needed to address unique needs of underserved populations

GCEH facilitated these key strategies by inviting a variety of participants to present at each meeting to share best practices and encourage collaboration. Presentations included:

- Violence Against Women Act 2013 housing rights requirements;
- Missouri's 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan process and feedback;
- Head Start and early childhood homeless initiatives;
- Homeless Youth initiatives and research;
- UMSL Homeless Study;
- SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) program;
- Missouri Community Action Network (MO CAN) Poverty Report;
- Missouri Foundation for Health #NetBenefit campaign; and
- Department of Economic Development Veterans.