



GCEH Governor's Committee To End Homelessness

Monday, August 6, 2016 10:00AM – 2:30PM
Office of USDA Rural Development, Suite 232
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Welcome and Introductions

Jennifer Carter Dochler welcomed everyone, circulated the agenda and noted that the order of the agenda will not be followed exactly. For this meeting, members are asked to provide member announcements/ updates during introductions.

Attendees and Member announcements/updates:

On the phone:

Jessica Hoey- Mo CAN, Mo Poverty Summit, in Jefferson City on Thursday, September 20, 2018,
Moendpoverty.org
Donna Cash- DESE-no update
Tammy Walker- Joplin CoC
Anthony Smith- BoS CoC

Members present:

Chiquita Small- Mo DHS- HOPWA
Don Stamper- DED, property available in Columbia, contact GCEH Chairperson for information
Edwin Cooper- the proxy for Liz Hager Mace: 5th year, Jefferson City PHC
Carolyn Stemmons- Head Start State Collaboration Office, School House Connection, October 24, 2018
Brooke Dawson- DMH, attended Columbia PHC, 227 people attended the event
Danielle Bellamy- DOC- Re-entry Department, Re-entry Conference at Lake of the Ozarks, November 14-16, information on registration will be provided later
Tasha Tobin- Proxy for Ivy Doxley, DSS, and Children's Division- partnered with Continua of Care, and local Housing Authorities to apply for housing vouchers in several communities. Partner communities include: St. Charles City, St. Charles County, St. Francois County, Jefferson/Franklin County, and Lincoln County.
Amanda Stadler- Proxy for Michelle Garand, Amanda is new CoC Coordinator, November 14, PHC Hope Connection, information posted on GCEH
Shana Eubanks- Dottie Kastigar, Proxy
Tammy Laws- Cassandra Kaufman, Proxy

Randy Sharp- St. Joseph CoC

Nicole McKoy- Gary Busiek proxy, The Salvation Army- Midland Division

Jennifer Carter Dochler provided information regarding ordinance passed in Kansas City—Kansas City Council unanimously passed an ordinance that bars landlords from evicting or otherwise retaliating against victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Columbia included additional ordinances <https://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/article215974365.html>

Sarah Parsons- Missouri Housing Development Commission

Katie Burnham Wilkins- Truman Veteran Administration Medical Center

Jeanette Mott Oxford- Empower Missouri

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)

Brooke Dawson- DMH Projects for Assistance in Transition for Homelessness (PATH) presentation- (handouts posted on the GCEH website)

Springfield and Columbia included in PATH funding, grants in the rural areas

Populations targeted to homeless or at-risk of homelessness previously, PATH is not a housing program, however, MO is ahead of the game in data entry into HMIS

PATH to be used for street outreach or case management; only four percent for administration; 20% can only be used for housing activities: planning housing, one-time rental assistance, utility arrears, technical assistance in applying for housing and improving coordination of housing assistance; the rest must be street outreach or case management

The State of MO, required to match \$1-4 or 25% DMH matches 36% but fluctuates from annual general revenue (Provider listing attached)

PATH is an annual grant with two years to spend funding, grantees generally spend all funds, there is no bid process, DMH funds the same agencies on a renewal basis; it was noted that PATH agencies should be participating in CoC meetings.

GCEH website

Carter Dochler requested feedback and input on the types of information that members want to see included on the GCEH website. Please send feedback to Jennifer and prepare to discuss at the October meeting.

Carter Dochler noted that the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) took place in July and led a discussion on highlights of the conference. Tammy Walker noted that Coordinated Entry information obtained at the conference will be brought to her community to shape policy. Walker also mentioned racial disparities and Street Outreach. Carter Dochler encouraged people to consider topics for the Homelessness Symposium. Tammy Laws commented on Homelessness Prevention, Coordinated Entry, and engagement of people with lived experience and Racial Disparities as topics of interest for the St. Louis City CoC.

There was discussion about Mainstream Resource Vouchers and that several communities applied in Missouri. Columbia and St. Louis discussed their processes for submitting applications and community coordination.

Carter Dochler announced that the CoC Lead Agencies will meet via conference call in September. Sarah Parsons will host a call on September 10th, 10:30-12:00. Parsons will send a conference call notice before the meeting.

Carter Dochler announced that the Homelessness Prevention written standards are currently being worked on. The group discussed an interest in standards on case management and intensive case management. Parsons agreed to take the information back to the MHDC ESG Coordinator for further discussion and follow up.

Carter Dochler discussed future plans to address the Statewide Discharge Policy.

Carter Dochler proposed the need to partner with the emergency management entities to address the need for sheltering for cooling and heating in inclement weather situations. Katie Burnham Wilkins discussed that Columbia has churches and faith-based communities united to provide sheltering during winter months at night; not temperature dependent. Burnham Wilkins noted that other states have a "code blue" policy that will waive certain requirements during extreme weather. She suggested looking at these policies as a starting point for the MO discussion.

Shana Eubanks discussed the work being done in St. Charles. Parsons discussed that MO emergency management entities are discussing the need for statewide standards for heating and cooling shelters. The GCEH discussed the pros and cons of facilitating statewide standards. Eubanks mentioned that the St. Charles area faith-based organizations worked together to set very minimal standards and were already participating in the CoC. There was additional discussion regarding the fire department and police department activity in weather related sheltering. There was a general consensus that the GCEH wants to further pursue the inclement weather sheltering standards.

Old Business

Carter Dochler led a general discussion regarding the current CoC NOFA process, specifically the DV bonus.

Carter Dochler requested a review and approval of the June and July meeting minutes. A change was requested to correct the name of Empower Missouri and an update to people that attended the June meeting. Randy Sharp made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, Edwin Cooper seconded, and the motion was approved.

Don Stamper made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes as presented, Amanda Stadler seconded the motion to approve. July meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Carter Dochler discussed the delay in the issuance of CoC contracts. To date, the GCEH general consensus is that these issues have been addressed. Randy Sharp mentioned that there are outstanding contract issues in the St. Joseph CoC as well, but that those contracts are issued from the KC HUD field office.

New Business

Carter Dochler led a discussion on meeting dates for 2019. The GCEH general consensus is that the committee desires to continue to meet monthly. Carter Dochler noted that the Committee should consider whether or not to meet in April as not to interfere with attendance for the MO Homeless Symposium attendance. Once the date of the Symposium is announced, the GCEH will determine whether or not to meet in April. Carter Dochler called for a motion to approve monthly meetings, Don Stamper made a motion to approve the monthly meeting schedule, and Donna Cash seconded the motion. The motion passed to continue meeting monthly.

Jeanette Mott Oxford provided brief updates on Empower Missouri initiatives,

- 1) Empower Missouri is presently convening Missouri advocates to press for the strong, bipartisan version of the Farm Bill to be passed because it protects the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Missouri's first line of defense against hunger. Empower hosted a call at 4 p.m. today about actions that advocates can take during August recess that Congress takes. Mott Oxford noted a bill that creates a lifetime ban from SNAP for persons who commit some violent offenses.
- 2) Justin Godard, the new Housing Advocacy Organizer for the National Low Income Housing Coalition, will speak about the recently passed THUD budget on August 23 at 4:30 p.m. when Empower Missouri presents its next "Under the Dome and Across the State" briefing call for advocates. The dial-in number is 515-603-3103, and the passcode is 167856#.
- 3) Empower Missouri's annual conference is November 17 in Columbia at Hickman High School. The theme is "Housing Empowers," and the keynote speaker is Tara Rhaguveer. Registration will be \$35 for the full day, including two meals for those who register early. Online registration available in early September.

Carter Dochler asked if the GCEH would like to nominate someone for Empower Missouri's Janet Rosenwald Becker Award for Housing Advocacy. Randy Sharp suggested Liz Hager-Mace for the GCEH nomination. After general discussion, Carter Dochler called for a motion to nominate Liz Hager Mace on behalf of GCEH, Randy Sharp made the motion, Don Stamper seconded. Motion passed. Randy Sharp and Edwin Cooper will send Carter Dochler information on Liz's biography for the award nomination.

Carter Dochler adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting: October 1, 2018

GCEH – MC2 Meeting Notes

August 6, 2018

Connecting PHAs with CoCs

- FUP Funding- a few PHAs applied across the state. There wasn't much negative feedback, other than the timing and complexity of grant application.
- MONAHRO Group – MHDC is in communication with them. MHDC is currently surveying area PHAs , will share info with CoC Leads if relevant. There is a state wide PHA Conference in September.
- VASH- This year any PHA can apply for funding instead of invitation only from HUD.
- Mainstream Resource Vouchers- similar to 811 but for those with a disability that are not seniors. It was announced at NAEH that a second round of funding will be released this fall. Group discussed that now is the time to be reaching out to PHAs about this opportunity.

Coordinated Entry

- Group discussed how to connect with non-english speakers.
 - Bilingual staff
 - Tele-translate
 - Missouri Foundation for Health offers limited translation services for 5 dominant languages.
 - Deaf clients- Relay MO and non-traditional methods of communications (texting etc)

NAEH

Topics and presentations are posted on website. There was a Rapid Rehousing 101 session that would be great for new staff.

ESG- Written Standards

Rapid Rehousing - standards were voted and approved last month by GCEH.

Homelessness Prevention- had a conference call last week. MHDC is preparing to send out for written comment.

Group discussed the need for other standardization across service delivery – case management (vs intensive case management), training for new staff (best practices, topic competency), warming/cooling MOCADSV uses a provider work group and staff to create written standards, which are reviewed every few years.

Warming/Cooling Centers

Different groups across state are starting to discuss this. Group would like GCEH to have a role, specifically with bridging across groups to have state wide standards. Often, “pop-up” shelters occur, which might not meet basic health/safety standards.