

Governors Committee to End Homelessness Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2017

Agenda:

Welcome and introductions

In person: Alyssa Lavelle, Steve Whitson, Anthony Smith, Lateacha Tigue, Carolyn Stemmons, Dottie Kastigar, Cassandra Kaufman, Irene Agustin, Lacy Peterson, Sandy Wilson, Liz Hagar-Mace, Randy Sharp, Ivy Doxley, Sarah Parsons, Michelle Garand, Amanda Stadler, Jennifer Carter Dochler, Katie Burnham Wilkins, Alice Steven (proxy for Dena Sikoutris), Jessica Hoey

On the phone: Senator Nasheed, Natalie Allen, Jack (St. Jo), Tammie Walker, Jeanette Mott Oxford

DMH Funding to Address Opioid Abuse

Liz Hagar Mace

DMH was awarded a SAMSHA grant, called Opioid State Started Response grant \$10 million/year for 2 years for prevention and education. Partnership is with Missouri Institute of Mental Health and other community partners. Goal is for education with schools, EMT, physicians, etc.

MO HOPE Project is \$1 million a year for 5 years

Focused on training emergency responders and key stakeholders on naltrexone use for overdose

There will be a component of these grants that are for treatment, recovery oriented housing, and prevention.

Liz provided a document with more details that we will include with the minutes

Update on MHDC Funding

- MHTF program

Sarah Parsons, next commission meeting is scheduled for Oct 10th on Trust Fund Allocation plans, if it passes, then funds should be available.

Approx \$4million in funds for this year, they are expecting more applicants. Low income tax credit plan is moving forward, has been out for public hearing and there were lots of comments and so comments with draft will be presented to the board.

National Housing Trust Fund, NOFA and draft are also coming back to board to be finalized.

For the Missouri Housing Trust Funds (state funds) there were some minor changes, in the past rental assistance has been a priority but they changed the name to housing assistance because it allows for more than just rental assistance. Funds are

still for people who are literally homeless. Emergency assistance is still for prevention. Goal is to target and parallel what HUD is doing.

If it passes, the NOFA will post on www.mhdc.com under Community Initiatives tab, on Oct 11th. They will offer training sessions on how to apply for funds, they will host an application workshop on Oct 24 and 26th. Trust Fund applications would be due Nov 17th. This is all pending approval at the Oct 10th board meeting.

- MOHIP funding

Missouri Housing Innovation Program

Consolidation of dollars Housing First, HMIS, Coordinated Entry Network Initiative

NOFA was approved and it is moving forward, it is posted; applications will post on Oct 11th; application trainings on 10/24 and 10/25 and applications are due Dec 15th.

Other continuums other than MO BoS CoC will be able to apply for these funds

\$810,000 available for the total program

Idea is really to fund coordinated entry and some flex funds to help with direct assistance that assists with housing

Request from Jack in St. Jo that a summary of this information be sent via email to the group

Update on the MO Homeless Study

MHDC has pulled together a Homeless Study

This is their 5th report that will be released

Reached out to all continua to get data; focused on using AHAR data

They hope to release in early 2018

Old Business

- Status of BoS CoC restructuring

Alyssa reports that the MO BoS CoC is now functioning under an interim board, held elections to elect new board members; will be recruiting at large board members.

They are moving forward and have a governance charter that has been approved and they have been working under.

- GCEH Governance structure

Dottie this allows the GCEH to move forward with our restructuring process
The intent is for this group to be an interagency council on homelessness and lead the state wide efforts

Discussion about developing a dashboard from all the different state wide data points to be able to access our progress and failures

We do need some framework and structure, but less so than we did when we were providing governance for the MO BoS CoC

Sarah Parsons and her team at MHDC looked over old bylaws

New Business

- Nominating Committee for GCEH officers

Dottie served 2 years as secretary and then a second term as President and per bylaws will be stepping away; Katie served one 2 year term as Secretary and will not be returning for a second term; Jennifer served one 2 year term as Vice President and can either return or not return for a second term

Dottie would like to assemble a nominating committee for the next slate of officers on the Executive Committee for next year

Dottie's suggestion is to not enshrine in the bylaws the frequency of meetings, preference would be to put a minimum of meetings but allow agenda to dictate how often we meet. Discussion about how we have gone back and forth on meeting every other month vs. every month.

Discussion about an Action Committee for what we want to work on in 2018; Dottie will chair: Ivy Doxely, Jennifer Carter Dochler will participate in the committee

No volunteers for Nominating Committee chair; Liz declined a nomination to chair this committee, Lateach Tigie agreed to chair this committee

- GCEH goals for rest of 2017

Jennifer asked if there would be a Homeless Conference in November, Alyssa reports that they are thinking of hosting one in the Spring 2018, she reports that their Special Events person at MHDC is out on maternity leave. Sandy commented that it seems like this has transitioned into more of a MHDC responsibility than a GCEH responsibility and Alyssa confirmed that MHDC will be taking the lead on this. Alyssa says they have bi-weekly coordinator meetings and will continue discussions about when to host the conference.

Goal is to vote on they by laws in December – comments can be emailed directly to Sarah Parsons w/ MHDC. They were sent out in Word format, Alyssa requests track changes for your comments and feedback. Dottie will allow for electronic voting for the bylaws to get maximum participation from the group.

Sandy made request that MHDC send out the GCEH membership to the group.

Hopefully can get some action steps together for Nov and Dec meetings

Dottie plans to keep November and December meetings for 2017

Discussion about possible presentations for the rest of 2017 and into 2018 – Carolyn Stemmons/Head Start, Community Action Agencies, Jennifer Carter Dochler/Domestic Violence with the Violence Against Women Act (2013), Katie Burnham Wilkins/VA data, etc.

Jennifer will take Nov 6th for VAWA and Carolyn will take December 4th to present on Head Start at the GCEH meeting to present info. CMCA and VA will present in 2018.

- GCEH action steps planning for 2018

See above and will continue for Nov and Dec meetings

Jennifer checked in about the Federal Strategic Plan with USICH item on the agenda, Dottie encouraged our groups to look at it and make comments which are due by 11/15. Alyssa shared that they attended a conference on rural homelessness and her impression was that USICH on was very open to taking comments and feedback – they specifically discussed the doubled up population and over crowded housing in rural areas. Alyssa shared that a lot of other states are using the Federal Strategic Plan and one question for us should be how are we using it in Missouri. Jennifer requested that we keep it as an agenda item for next meeting.

Member Announcements/updates

Sandy Wilson, ICA introduced Lacy Peterson, who works as a Data Analyst and shared a little bit about her role and their goals to share more data going forward. Lacy will join us at the GCEH meetings. Excited about being able to create a dashboard for the State of Missouri.

Senator Nasheed shared that she has been listening to the call, encouraged us to keep up our good work and let her know how she can assist us.

Ivy Doxley, DSS shared that they have a data dashboard that they are launching this week for Children's Division.

Katie Burnham Wilkins, VA shared that Welcome Home's new shelter is now open. She also shared that the Truman VA is getting ready to release a RFP for a HCHV contracts in their catchment area, these are the VA contracted shelters for veterans experiencing homelessness.

Alyssa Lavelle, MHDC shared an updated on Project Homeless Connect, their project is in Excelsior Springs, MO which is near Kansas City on Oct 27th. Discussion about the PIT date for January 2018, we aren't sure if it is Wed 24th or Wed 31st – we will confirm and add this to our November agenda. We have historically done the last Wed of the month which would be 1/31/18. Alyssa will send an email to all Missouri CoC leads to confirm and coordinate that date.

Jennifer Carter Dochler, MCADSV shared about the Safe At Home program through the Secretary of State's office. This is an address confidentiality program. Secretary Ashcroft has been focused on closing some loopholes for the program to ensure addresses are protected. He has worked with several other senators to file federal legislation. It would expand the protection of local, state, federal agencies/departments (military, Social Security, driver's license, etc.) of who have to take a P.O. Box address.

Jeanette Mott Oxford, Empower Missouri shared that they are concerned that the state has lost \$600,000 in Fair Housing Act money because of a recent senate bill and are looking at sponsors who would amend the language to fix this problem. The state tax study commission that has been meeting for the last two years are releasing their info and do not seem to take a stance on LITECH but they anticipate more discussion on this in 2018. James from the National Low Income Housing Coalition is a keynote speaker at the Empower Missouri annual conference this week on Thurs and Fri.