

Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness



Executive Board

Community Partnership of the Ozarks

330 N. Jefferson, Springfield, MO, Wednesday, February 13, 2019 11 am

In Attendance:

Sabrina Aronson
Bob Atchley
Melanie Billman
Adam Bodendieck
Lt. Jennifer Charleston
Elisa Coonrod

Michelle Garand
Liz Hagar-Mace
Kelly Harris
Michelle Hethcoat
Holly Hunt
Dr. Tim Knapp

Jeff Smith
Amanda Stadler
Michael Tonarely
Maura Taylor
Katrena Wolfram

Absentees:

Jody Austin
Jennifer Cannon
Danielle Dingman
David Fraley
Maj. Greg Higdon
Wyatt Jenkins
Dallas Knight
Mandi Loe
Jim O'Neal
Lee Whiley

Welcome & Introductions – Liz Hagar-Mace, Co-Chair

Liz Hagar-Mace called the meeting to order at 11:05am. She welcomed everyone to the table and had each person introduce themselves.

Certificate Presentation – Michelle Garand

A Certificate of Appreciation plaque was presented to Jeff Smith for his many years of leadership serving on the OAEH Executive Board. He came on board almost from its conception. He will continue to pop in on meetings every now and then.

Federal Funding Updates – Bob Atchley

CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)

- January 24th - mailed letters to all Discretionary Funds applicants
- Approximately \$192,000 available Public Service Projects (15% HUD Cap). 15 applications were received for \$355,700. The Staff Recommendation Committee is recommending funding for 11 of 15 applications.
 - Next steps – Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development meeting on February 26th to present their comments and recommendations
 - This will also be presented to City Council (not a required meeting for applicants)
- Fund the greatest number of projects without seriously diluting outcomes of various proposals. Do not partially fund a program and cripple capacity to carry out the mission.
- Prior to completing staff review, Staff Reviewing Committee met with CFO and UW. Staff also met with Housing Collaborative, OAEH (CoC), and Prosper Springfield – Executive Director. We will be meeting with NAACP, Grupo Latinoamericano. Solicited input of 149 people/organizations via email.
- CACCD and staff charged with evaluating proposals based upon the evaluation criteria adopted by City Council. The staff individually rated and ranked each project. Individual ratings compiled, and rank order established. Total Score (highlighted in red) was assigned from highest to lowest.
- CACCD to present comments to staff recommendation at next CACCD meeting on February 26th.
- March 25th – First Reading & Public Hearing – City Council
- April 8th Second Reading & Vote – City Council
- May 15th – Deadline to submit the CDBG Action Plan to HUD

- July 1 – Program Year Begins

FY 2018 HUD CoC Grant - Award Announcement Information (Handout and sent by email) Bob went over the information of the award.

- HUD released the final award announcement on February 6, 2019, with more than \$1,073,000 awarded to Springfield/Greene, Christian, and Webster counties CoC. Further itemized details are listed in the handout.
- We were more than happy to receive increased funds, due to the great writing of the application.

ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) – Bob Atchley

- The Training Webinar was originally scheduled for January 16th and then re-scheduled for February 5th. The Training Webinar has been tentatively scheduled from mid-February. The training has been postponed because the contract has not been executed between DSS and MHDC.
- Once the Training Webinar is scheduled, Bob will reserve a conference room at the Busch Building for all those interested in viewing it.
- The ESG Administrative Team will be holding individualized, on-site training sessions for each of the FY19 ESG funded agencies, after the MHDC Training Webinar.

Amanda Stadler - As part of the HUD Grant contract, there is a monitoring piece for funded agencies. One of our goals for this year was to implement that process. This monitoring process for HUD Funded agencies has been discussed and worked out in the Funded Agency Committee and is now being brought to the Executive Board for approval. They are as follows:

- Bob, Glenda, and Amanda will be conducting desk monitoring on a quarterly basis.
- Report that information back to the Rank & Review Committee
- Agencies will submit a drawdown report for their funds, as well as an HMIS report on a quarterly basis.

Liz Hagar-Mace called for a motion to accept this monitoring process.

- ✦ **Action Taken:** **Kelly Harris** made a motion to approve the monitoring process for the HUD Grant contract; **Maura Taylor** seconded the motion. There was no discussion; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

New Business

Coordinated Entry System Updates - Adam Bodendieck

- Training with ICA for all Front Doors program partners was in January.
 - New staff at The Kitchen, Inc., Home at Last, and Rare Breed
 - Trained Burrell, the Path program “Once Upon a Time”
- Mandi Loe is set up at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, for Christian County.
- Received the MOA from MSU Care in January – officially setting them up as a Front Door with 2 users (to be trained with HMIS)
- We will set up training for agencies that receive referrals from the Coordinated Entry System, and make sure they understand how to use the tools
- They are looking to making a slight change to the intake system for those aging out of Foster Care
- Statewide – there were no updates
- Upcoming Training – Referral Tracking

GCEH Discharge Policy – Amanda Stadler

A handout and email of the GCEH Governor’s Committee to End Homelessness Discharge Policy was distributed prior to the meeting. The policy is to ensure that people are not being discharged to homelessness. They discussed the need to look at the hospital, prison, foster care system, etc. to come on board with this policy, as well. The policy is a broader framework; and the Governor’s Committee to End Homelessness will be looking at the

implementation of this policy over the next year. Liz added that this policy came out of the need for the state to have a discharge policy in order to submit their applications to HUD.

Liz called for a motion to adopt the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness Discharge Policy.

- ✦ **Action Taken:** **Elisa Coonrod** made a motion to approve the Discharge Policy; **Bob Atchley Taylor** seconded the motion. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

OAEH Charter Updates – Amanda Stadler - We will update the Governance Charter for the Ozarks Alliance. A draft will be coming in March but will be sent out in an email prior to our next meeting.

Approval of Minutes for October, December & January

Liz asked if there were any changes or updates to all three meeting minutes. Melanie stated that in the October minutes, under the action for approving the minutes, it should read "for the September minutes" not October 11th minutes. On the January minutes, David Fraley was not present. With no further changes mentioned, Liz called for a motion from the floor to approve all three meeting minutes.

- ✦ **Action Taken:** **Kelly Harris** made a motion to approve the OAEH Executive Board minutes for the October, December and January meetings; **Dr. Tim Knapp** seconded the motion. There was no discussion; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Every One Counts Campaign - Point in Time Count – Michelle Hethcoat

- The Adult Event was at the Shrine Mosque from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm on January 31st.
 - Served 270 individuals (about 10% lower than last year)
 - 130 literally homeless or relied on Crisis Cold Weather Sheltering the night prior to the count
- Vendors reported a large amount of engagement
- The Youth Event was at the Downtown Y from 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm.
 - Served 36 individuals (very low number)
 - 12 youth were literally homeless; of those, 9 individuals were in crisis shelters
- Also saw high numbers of engagement with vendors
- Still collecting numbers through March 1st but will not apply to the PIT count

Funded Agency Committee – Maura Taylor – they talked about the update to the Cold Weather Shelter and the happiness of having the ordinance changed to allow them to use Grace UMC.

- Men – still hosted at 3721 E. Sunshine Church of Christ
- Woman – moved from Council of Churches to Grace United Methodist Church, 600 S. Jefferson Ave. (entrance on east side, under the blue awning)
- CU Transit Transportation – provides free rides when shelters are open
- The Salvation Army opened for overflow capacity on specific nights
- The Council of Churches is still providing support

Christian County Homeless Alliance – Amanda Stadler – Their annual fundraiser "Hot Soup, Cold Nights," held on February 1st, was a great success! They raised \$2400, which is more than double than they have raised in past years. They included a silent auction this time.

Announcements

Katrina Wolfram announced that they need more people for VASH vouchers. They currently have 76 VASH vouchers that need to be utilized so they can apply for more. They may be coming through Coordinated Entry but are not being referred to the Housing Authority. There was discussion on the various ways to submit those qualified for the VASH vouchers. These vouchers are for Veterans only; but if we don't utilize them, then HUD will take them back.

The Housing Authority has closed on the property next to the new VA Clinic. They will have 28 units; and MHDC's focus is on Veterans, and she believes they will get approved for 4% tax credit for this. They need application for the state tax credits. Continue to advocate for the tax credit.

The O'Reilly Center for Hope will host a Partner Agency Workshop on February 27th, from 8am – 1pm, lunch will be provided. The location will be at Empowered Abilities (formerly called SCIL), since they expect a high turnout. They will send the invitation by email to RSVP.

The Salvation Army – Thursday, March 7th – Hosting a drop in Open House for those who helped in anyway during the Christmas time. They also have multiple Life Skill classes available, if you have individuals who need them.

Adjournment

- ✦ **Action Taken:** Kelly Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Maura Taylor seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Liz adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm.