

Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness



Springfield/Greene, Christian and Webster Counties Continuum of Care

Community Partnership of the Ozarks OAEH Executive Board Meeting

330 N. Jefferson, Springfield, MO

April 10, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Attendees

Jody Austin
Adam Bodendieck
Sabrina Brown
Jennifer Cannon
Elisa Coonrod
Michelle Garand
Liz Hagar-Mace

Kelly Harris
Kolby Helms
Holly Hunt
Wyatt Jennins
Dr. Tim Knapp
Dallas Knight
Mandi Loe

Michelle McCoy
Dr. Tracey Poston
Jackie Rehwald
Kate Thieman
Michael Tonarely

Welcome & Introductions – Liz Hagar-Mace

Liz called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Liz welcomed everyone to the table and had each person introduce themselves. Liz introduced Sabrina Brown, a new CPO staff, who will be providing administrative assistance to the group.

Federal Funding Updates

Adam Bodendieck shared with the group that the City Council held the second reading on April 8th and approved the CDBG Action Plan for FY2019. Usually, the deadline to submit action plans to HUD is May 15th, but HUD requested to wait until Congress passes FY2019 Appropriation. New deadline is 60 days after allocations are announced or August 16th (whichever comes first).

The CoC Grant NOFA is expected to drop in May and be due in August. The Grant Inventory Worksheets (GIW) are out and will be sent to all grantees to make sure their information is all correct.

Adam shared that there were no updates available on the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) at this time. Bob Atchley will update the group on any new information when it's available.

Michelle Garand mentioned that HUD is hosting a grantee meeting in Kansas City on April 11th.

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program – Adam Bodendieck

Adam shared that Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was published on March 14, 2019. The City is applying for the program and will be submitting their application on May 10th. Homeless Youth Task Force (HYTF) is working on the application with the City.

Monitoring Reports for HUD Funded Agencies – Adam Bodendieck

Adam reminded the group that the Monitoring Reports for HUD Funded Agencies are due on April 11th. Amanda Stadler sent a reminder about the deadline to all agencies last week. NOFA Sub-Committee meeting will be on April 26th from 2:00-3:30 pm at CPO office (330 N. Jefferson Ave.).

Old Business

Approval of March Minutes (Action Required) – Liz Hagar-Mace

Liz asked for additions or corrections to the March minutes that were provided to the group prior to the meeting.

ACTION: Jennifer Cannon made a motion to accept the March minutes as presented. Kelly Harris seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

OAEH Charter Approval (Action Required) – Liz Hagar-Mace

Adam Bodendieck reminded the group that updated OAEH Charter was e-mailed to the group for review prior to the meeting. We didn't receive any feedback so if the OAEH Executive Board approves it that the meeting today, the document will be presented for vote and approval at the next full OAEH membership meeting.

ACTION: Elisa Coonrod made a motion to approve the OAEH Charter updates as presented. Jennifer Cannon seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Quarterly System Performance Measure Review – Michael Tonarely

Michael presented the Quarterly System Performance Measure Review to the group. The goal of the report is to review data and support agencies and projects as needed. The report covers only a small amount of data. Michael covered the following sections of the report with the group:

- ✓ Returns to Homelessness
- ✓ Prior Living Situation
- ✓ Exit Destination
- ✓ Length of Stay in Days
- ✓ Increases in Income

Michael mentioned that the information on how to access and view the reports will be send to both OAEH Funded Agencies group and OAEH Executive Board.

Michelle Garand thanked Michael for his work on the report and added that this information is critical for our consolidated application and for our agencies.

Michael asked the group to contact him directly if they have any questions regarding the report or the data used in the report.

New Business

Crisis Cold Weather Shelters – Season Summary – Adam Bodendieck

Adam shared with the group that we're working with all crisis cold shelter partners on analyzing data and will start planning for the new season soon. Adam shared some statistics with the group:

- Crisis cold weather shelters were opened 66 nights this season
- East Sunshine Church of Christ served 4459 men (average 68 men/night) at the men's crisis cold weather shelter this season
- Council of Churches and Grace United Methodist Church served 289 women (average 5 women/night)
- 6657 shuttle rides were provided to the men's shelter on E. Sunshine (the number includes ride count to and from the shelter).

Adam informed the group that all agencies that participated in the crisis cold weather shelters this season continue to meet and debrief to be better prepared for the new cold weather season.

Elisa Coonrod asked if there any cooling centers available in the community during hot months. Adam replied "Yes, and the information is publicized so people should have necessary info".

Committee Updates

O'Reilly Center for Hope – Michelle Garand

Michelle informed the group that the construction is going well and we're hopeful to finish it and move into the building at the end of the year. There are several committees that meet on regular basis and discuss logistics of the Center. The committees are comprised of our partners who will be working with us at the O'Reilly Center for Hope. Michelle met with Roberson Neighborhood Association to make sure we're staying in touch with them on the issues they may encounter that are related to the Center and its operations. The neighborhood residents expressed their concern about increased homeless population in their neighborhood since the Kearney St. homeless camp was closed. We plan to have a grand opening and a ribbon-cutting ceremony in April of 2020 during the Fair Housing Month.

Funded Agency Committee – Dr. Poston

Dr. Poston informed the group that the Landlord Appreciation Luncheon took place last week on April 4th at Empower: Abilities (SCIL) and we had about 70 people in attendance. The Corbel Award was presented to TurnKey Real Estate for everything they have done to serve our population that have higher barriers to access fair housing in the community.

417 Rentals Update

Dr. Poston shared that CPO is working with other agencies to organize and event to help 417 Rentals tenants.

Michelle Garand added that CPO and Legal Services of Southern Missouri are working on a Legal Multi Agency Response Center (M.A.R.C.) event for tenants of 417 Rentals. The event will be held at the Dream Center (829 W. Atlantic St.) on April 26th from 2:00-6:00 pm and on April 27th from 9:00am-3:00 pm. A legal clinic will be offered to the tenants on tenant rights during foreclosure and there will be lawyers present at the event to answer specific questions from tenants. One Door staff will be on-site to provide

services at the event along with some other agencies. We mailed the information about the event to all 417 Rentals tenants last week. The *417 Rentals – Tenant Event* flyer with all necessary details about the event will be e-mailed to the group after the meeting. Michelle informed the group that CFO created emergency fund to help families with possible moving costs due to unexpected foreclosures. We will hold another event for tenants of 417 Rentals on June 1st. Details: TBA. On April 10th, OACAC will have a meeting with other agencies to discuss 417 Rentals. A brochure and a flyer containing detailed information on the event will be e-mailed to the OAEH Funded Agencies and OAEH Executive Board.

Governor’s Committee to End Homelessness - Liz Hagar-Mace

Liz shared with the group that the Governor’s Committee to End Homelessness met on April 1st. Michael Kehoe did a presentation on *JOHEGO* at the meeting. Missouri Veterans Commission requested to have CoC representation along with VA representation, so they can discuss veteran homelessness issues throughout the state. Liz is working with other state partners to bring Social Serve back to Missouri. Social Serve is an online housing locator that provides access to affordable high-quality housing to people with low income. It helps people find rentals and ensures all landlords provide high quality housing. Some states like Illinois, are paying for the Social Serve with the state budget and we need to figure out how to bring this great service back to Missouri. The cost of implementing the Social Serve throughout the state is approximately \$120,000.

Liz encouraged the group to visit the updated web site for the Governor’s Committee to End Homelessness to access the such documents as meeting agendas and notes, as well as review the most recent updates on the issues the Committee is working on.

Christian County Homeless Alliance – Mandi Loe

Mandy informed the group that the Alliance is working on the branding and official logo as well as develop a flow chart on how to connect people to services locally in a most efficient way.

Announcements

Michelle Garand shared with the group that Eden Village is expanding and getting ready to implement their phase 2 of the project. Eden Village received a donation of land on West Division St. in Springfield and is asking the City to re-zone the property from light industrial to commercial, so they can use the land to build more tiny houses for their second phase of the project. The City Council hearing on rezoning will be on May 6th. There is a citizen who has rallied the neighborhood located close to the donated land to sign a petition to prevent rezoning and oppose the expansion of the Eden Village in that area. Michelle would like OAEH Executive Board to write a letter to the City Council in support of Eden Village and their rezoning request, so they can proceed with the project. Eden Village will provide transportation to/from the City Hall for Eden Village residents, so they will be able to attend the meeting.

ACTION: Kelly Harris made a motion to approve writing a letter of support for Eden’s Village phase 2 project. Elisa Coonrod seconded the motion. The motion was retracted later due to lack of information on the issue.

Wyatt Jennins asked about the reasons for opposition to this project from the neighborhood. Michelle Garand responded that we don’t know. Wyatt suggested looking into the issue first and educating the OAEH Executive Board on it before voting and writing a letter of support.

The group briefly discussed the issue and Liz Hagar-Mace announced that Michelle Garand will investigate the opposition issue, educate the OAEH Executive Board and after that the group can vote via e-mail on writing a letter of support.

Jody Austin shared that on Friday, April 12, the community is invited to learn the results of the Results of Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Assessment, hear the opportunities for improvement moving forward, see the resources available and learn how to get involved. A press conference is scheduled at 9 a.m., followed immediately by a resource fair until 11 a.m. at the Springfield Art Museum (1111 E. Brookside Dr.).

Next Meeting: May 8th at 11:00 am (CPO Office)

ACTION: Wyatt Jennins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Cannon seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.