

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

January 8, 2020

11:00 a.m. - noon

Attendees

Voting Members

Liz Hagar-Mace (Chair)
via conference call
Sabrina Aronson
Bob Atchley
Jody Austin
Jennifer Cannon
Elisa Coonrod
Missey Hayward
Holly Hunt

Wyatt Jenkins
acting Chair
Dr. Tim Knapp
Jim O'Neal
Maura Taylor
Katrena Wolfram
Kolby Helps- *Proxy for Sgt.
Charleston*

Interested Parties

Meleah Spencer

Staff Support

Adam Bodendieck
Michelle Hethcoat
Rebecca Sisk
Amanda Stadler
Michael Tonarely

Welcome & Introductions – Wyatt Jenkins

Wyatt called the meeting to order at 11:02 am and welcomed Missey Hayward, with BancorpSouth, to the Board. Missey is representing the Office of the Mayor. Everyone introduced themselves.

Federal Funding Updates

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Bob Atchley

Thank you to the 14 applicants who presented at the hearing last night before the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD) and the City Council. The City will review and rank each proposal and give their recommendations to the CACCD on 1/28. They will be presented to the City Council in late March or early April. Submission of the application to HUD is due 5/15/20.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – Bob Atchley

The City did not apply for FY2020 ESG funding, and the benefit will be that each agency will be able to close out FY2019 independently and start spending their FY2020 fund immediately afterwards.

HUD CoC Grant – Bob Atchley and Amanda Stadler

The CoC will likely receive our Tier One award sometime this month. Historically the awards have been announced sometime between Christmas and the New Year. Bob and Amanda have been working with the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Committee on a Monitoring Desk Guide for CoC grantees that was distributed today at the Systems and Services Committee (S&SC). The Guide summarizes all the different monitoring pieces e.g. the

quarterly reviews of spending, HMIS usage, and annual onsite monitoring, which they've done 4 or 5 over the last few months and have a few scheduled over the next few months with grantees whose grants are expiring. It also goes through the details of what we ask for with the supplemental data forms through that application process.

Old Business

Approval of December Minutes (Vote Required) – Wyatt Jenkins

Wyatt asked for any discussion, additions or corrections to the December minutes that were provided to the group prior to the meeting.

ACTION: Jennifer Cannon made a motion to accept the December minutes as published. Jim O'Neal seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

OAEH Executive Board Positions (Vote Required) – Wyatt Jenkins

- Renew Terms for Liz Hagar-Mace, Dr. Tim Knapp and Katrena Wolfram.
Wyatt asked for a motion to approve.

ACTION: Maura Taylor made a motion to renew the OAEH Executive Board terms of Liz Hagar-Mace, Dr. Tim Knapp and Katrena Wolfram. Elisa Coonrod seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

- Vice Chair position – Kelly Harris

Kelly could not be here today due to an emergency, but she does know she will be voted in today. Wyatt asked for a motion to approve Kelly Harris as the Vice Chair of the OAEH Executive Board.

ACTION: Elisa Coonrod made a motion to elect Kelly Harris for the Vice Chair of the OAEH Executive Board. Maura Taylor seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Request form St. Joseph Continuum of Care (Vote Required) – Amanda Stadler

A request from the Institute for Community Alliance (ICA) was made to our CoC on behalf of the St. Joseph CoC to determine if we are willing to have a conversation about the St. Joseph CoC joining the Missouri Service Point Implementation.

Currently throughout the state there are five CoCs (out of 7 total) on the implementation through ICA. The St. Joseph CoC was using a different provider and had a different Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) lead agency. They were notified that the provider could no longer offer those services and the contract would end in June 2020. ICA has reached out to all CoCs that are on the Missouri Service Point implementation to see if they are willing to have a conversation about St. Joseph joining. Michael Tonarely said that St. Joseph reached out to ICA because they are the HMIS lead for the five CoCs for implementation. Historically they were using Mac-Link. St. Joe did have a demo from Well Sky, the company that owns Service Point. They liked it and see value in not re-inventing the wheel since the implementation covers most of the state already. An email has been sent out to every CoC, but our CoC is the first one meeting since the request was announced. The impact to our CoC would be that the implementation would grow from five to six CoCs. Every CoCs data can have an impact on our CoCs data because it is open (with exceptions). For example, if you are in St. Louis, you could see Springfield's data for certain elements and say Springfield houses someone from Balance of State, puts in poor data quality, then that will affect Balance of States data quality. ICA's roll in trying to prevent that data issue as much as possible is with trainings, emails, cleaning up data, etc. In order words, it would affect Springfield CoC data exactly like Balance of State, Joplin and the two CoCs in St. Louis affect it. This is the beginning of discussions and a lot of minutiae would have to be discussed and figured out before they could join the implementation. Adam Bodendieck said it would benefit the Coordinate Entry System (CES) in a couple of ways – we would be able to see if we do have households coming to our area from St. Joseph that previously had involvement, and as groups talk about having statewide HMIS governance, it brings one more group into the mix which gives you further geographic representation. HUD also likes CoCs working together. ICA does not know if all CoCs must agree unanimously. ICA needs a yes or a no related to starting those conversations. There is a request for HUD Technical Assistance (TA) through the process.

Wyatt asked for a motion to continue discussions and exploration based on the request from ICA about the St. Joseph CoC joining our implementation through Service Point.

ACTION: Jim O’Neal made a motion to continue discussions and exploration based on the request from ICA related to the St. Joseph CoC. Elisa Coonrod seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Update OAEH Membership Policy (Vote Required) – Amanda Stadler

The policy is attached and was been put up for public comment. Responses were positive with no concerns. This is an update to our original policy by the Plans & Policy Committee (P&PC). The change is that they have created two memberships tiers; one for the Systems and Services Committee (S&SC) to ensure a different level of commitment and then the General Membership level.

Dr. Tim Knapp asked why the General Membership Level receives additional points, but the S&SC (formerly the Funded Agency) doesn’t? Amanda said that the meetings for the General Membership were just a requirement for renewal applications, so by default you would get additional points because it would be a requirement for that membership structure. The funded agency wouldn’t get extra points but attending the meetings would just be one of the threshold requirements for that tier for a renewal. Wyatt Jenkins said that if you are at the S&SC level, you would have had to meet the General Membership requirements already, so you are already getting those additional points anyway. Someone could look at it and say that if we assigned additional points to the S&SC meeting, then it would create the appearance of a “club” if you can’t move between tiers. Amanda said that the whole section for CoC involvement was a quarter or a third of the points and there were probably 5 components to that.

Wyatt asked for a motion to approve the update to the OAEH Membership Policy.

ACTION: Dr. Tim Knapp made a motion to approve the OAEH Membership Policy. Holly Hunt seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Quarterly Local Performance Measure Presentation – Michael Tonarely

HUD changed the dates for the Systems Performance Measures submissions from 5/31 to 2/28, which impacts the quality of the data we are reviewing. The earlier date allows us to work with agencies to clear up data earlier than we normally do. The presentation will only look at the first quarter for 2018, 2019 and 2020. The Performance Measures are a set of seven metrics that the entire CoC gets judged by from HUD for when they are applying for grants. ICA submits them every year on behalf of the CoC. These are the local performance measures.

Links to the presentation are below:

Tableau Graphs: <https://icalliances.org/mo-system-performance-dashboards>

HUD System Performance Measures information for the board to review, if desired:

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/System-Performance-Measures-Introductory-Guide.pdf>

Committee Updates

Christian County Homeless Alliance – Amanda Stadler

They are planning their annual fundraiser, Hot Soup Cold Night event on 2/7. They have a new partnership with the Nixa High School. The art department is going to donate ceramic bowls for the empty bowl component and the DECA group is fundraising for donations for emergency hotel stays for families. The event is a Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nixa. A flyer was distributed via email after the meeting.

Landlord Engagement Committee – Amanda Stadler

There is no update at this time. The group does not have a standing meeting schedule yet.

Plans and Policy Committee (P&PC) – Amanda Stadler

They are working on updating the Monitoring Policy and that will be on the agenda for next month. Either the P&PC or some other part of the CoC will be working in the next few months to update the OAEH 10-year plan.

Systems and Services Committee – Maura Taylor

Nothing to report currently. The OAEH General Membership meeting is next week on 1/16.

Announcements/Discussion

2020 Point in Time Count – Michelle Hethcoat

The PIT event is on 1/30 and they are running adult and youth events on the same day at the Shrine Mosque. If your agency has a table at either of the events, and you have not confirmed with Michelle yet, please reach out to her as soon as possible. Flyers were distributed.

High Risk and Homeless Youth Report – Michelle Hehtcoat

The High Risk and Homeless Youth Report is a significant expansion upon the standard survey they’ve used in the past. They will be collecting them between 1/30 and 2/15. Paper copies and digital files will be available to agencies for clients and guests. Literal homelessness is not required. They are also looking for data from youth that are at risk of being homeless.

OAEH Committee Updates – Amanda Stadler

Distributed a schedule of all the Executive Board 2020 meeting dates and a master listing of all the CoC Committees.

Motion to Adjourn

Wyatt Jenkins asked for a motion to adjourn. Sabrina Aronson made a motion to adjourn. Wyatt Jenkins seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 pm.

Upcoming Meetings

Quarterly General Membership Meeting is January 16, 2020 10:00 am – 12:00 p.m.

Point in Time Count is January 30, 2020

Christian County Homeless Alliance Hot Soup Cold Nights Fundraiser February 7, 2020

Next Meeting is February 12 from 11:00 am – noon (CPO Office)