

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

February 12, 2020

11:00 a.m. - noon

Attendees

Voting Members

Liz Hagar-Mace (Chair)
Sabrina Aronson
Bob Atchley
Elisa Coonrod
Miskey Hayward
Kelly Harris
Holly Hunt
Dr. Tim Knapp
Mandi Loe

Jim O'Neal
Dr. Tracey Poston-Proxy for
Maura Taylor
Keith Wright- Proxy for Sgt.
Charleston

Interested Parties

Jackie Rehwald
Meleah Spencer

Staff Support

Adam Bodendieck
Michelle Hethcoat
Rebecca Sisk
Amanda Stadler
Michael Tonarely

Welcome & Introductions – Liz Hagar-Mace

Liz Hagar-Mace called the meeting to order at 11:01 am and everyone introduced themselves.

Federal Funding Updates

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Bob Atchley

The City staff presented their recommendations to the Citizen Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD) on 1/28. The CACCD wanted some time to study the proposals, so the City will meet with them again on 2/25 to receive their comments. The recommendations will be forwarded to the City Council in March, and hopefully adopted in early April.

MHDC Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – Bob Atchley

Most of the agencies are very close to expending funding for FY19 that runs through the end of March. The ESG Administrative team, two members of the City staff and Amanda Stadler have conducted monitoring for each of the ESG funded agencies. MHDC is going to allow agencies to close out FY19 individually, and then they can start expending FY20 funding. FY20 runs from 11/1/2019 to 10/31/2020.

MHDC Missouri Housing Innovation Program (MOHIP) Application (Action Required) – Amanda Stadler

The MOHIP is another funding stream of MHDC. As a part of the application process for that grant, they ask each CoC for feedback on applications that they have received. They received 3 grant requests in our CoC and asked for

scoring based on the level of involvement that each project has within the CoC related to meetings, Coordinated Entry and PIT Count. This is a new process, so Amanda did not think it needed to be voted on but agreed the CoC should vote in case it is necessary.

2020 MoHIP Springfield CoC Feedback

Instructions: Please provide a ranking for each applicant's involvement in each of the following categories. The following ranking criteria should be utilized:
0 = below average involvement, 5 = average involvement, 10 = above average involvement

Grant Number	Agency Name	Grant Type	Total Requested	CoC Meetings	Coordinated Entry	Point In Time Count	Comments
20-504-HIP	Great Circle	Street Outreach	\$ 24,000.00	10	10	10	tees including CES Policy Development, and as
20-507-HIP	Community Partnership of the Ozarks	Coordinated Entry System	\$ 50,000.00	10	10	10	ment and expansion; One Door program is CES
20-521-HIP	Institute of Community Alliances	HMIS	\$ 7,000.00	10	10	10	meetings, including CES Policy Development; wc

Requests by Category	
Coordinated Entry System	\$ 50,000.00
Street Outreach	\$ 24,000.00
Housing Assistance/Services	\$ -
HMIS	\$ 7,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 81,000.00

ACTION: Amanda Stadler asked for a motion to approve the scoring for the MOHIP grant applicants; Liz Hagar-Mace made a motion to approve. Jim O’Neal seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

HUD Continuum of Care (CoC Grant) – Amanda Stadler

You should have received an email in the last few weeks announcing the funding for Tier 1 CoC grants. A total of \$984,956 in grant awards was announced and there is \$193, 350 available for the Tier 2 projects, which HUD has said they will announce soon. We were awarded a bonus project expanding Catholic Charities Rapid Re-housing (RRH) for families grant and we were able to fund the new project with ICA for HMIS thanks to agencies that relocated some project funding.

Agency	Program	Requested	Funded
Catholic Charities	Rapid Rehousing	70,176	67,620
Catholic Charities	Rapid Rehousing- Bonus	52,261	\$50,190
Dept. of Mental Health	Shelter Plus Care	150,269	143,561
Foster Adopt Connect	DV Bonus	75,612	TIER 2
Great Circle	Empowering Home	59,352	57,672
Harmony House	Transitional Housing (DV Bonus Project)	82,824	79,416
ICA	HMIS	32,000	32,000
The Kitchen, Inc.	Permanent Supportive Housing- Veterans	47,837	TIER 2
The Kitchen, Inc.	Permanent Housing- HAS	85,969	82,009
The Kitchen, Inc.	Rapid Rehousing- Youth	70,351	TIER 2
The Kitchen, Inc.	Rapid Rehousing- Families	311,717	298,577
The Kitchen, Inc.	Permanent Supportive Housing- Chronic	133,119	133,119

- Quarterly Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Committee Update – Amanda Stadler
The Committee met 2 weeks ago for a quarterly review of CoC funded projects. The Committee consists of five members of the OAEH Executive Board, who do NOT represent funded agencies - Sabrina Aronson, Bob Atchley, Elisa Coonrod, Wyatt Jenkins, and Dr. Tim Knapp. They reviewed spending and project performance over the last quarter. They also discussed the communication process from the NOFA Committee to the rest of the Executive Board and to agencies. Currently, the Committee sends feedback to each program. Going forward, if the Committee has serious areas of concern, they will communicate with the program director, agency director, as well as any agency executive board members. Additionally, the Committee will add in a system level snapshot/dashboard report to the Executive Board to show some of the big picture trends. City and CPO staff have done on-site monitoring of 8 out of 10 current CoC grants.

The process is moving along well. Starting with the next quarter they will review spending broken down by supportive services and administrative costs, instead of spending over all.

Old Business

Approval of January Minutes (Vote Required) – Liz Hagar-Mace

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

ACTION: Elisa Conrod made a motion to accept the January minutes as published. Dr. Tim Knapp seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Approval of OAEH Monitoring Policy (Vote Required) – Liz Hagar-Mace

The Monitoring Policy has been on the agenda for the last few months and was out for public comment. There were no public comments. Liz asked if there are any questions.

ACTION: Elisa Conrod made a motion to accept the Monitoring Policy as published. Dr. Tim Knapp seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

FY19 System Performance Measure Submission (Vote Required) – Michael Tonarely

The submission is due 2/28. They had all the reports ran and ready to input into HDX but got an email from Well Sky (the company that owns Service Point) that said 3 reports had glitches. Well Sky is currently working on those reports and released 2 this weekend. The last one should be released over this coming weekend. Michael was going to present it today for a vote, but we will have to wait until all the reports are released and verified. Michael will then put the data into HDX and send to Amanda to have it sent out to the Executive Board for an electronic vote. Voting members should keep an eye out for this email, as we will need responses by 2/27 or sooner.

HMIS Statewide Governance Committee - Adam Bodendieck

This committee had been working on creating a Statewide HMIS Governance Plan, but not all the CoCs approved it. They have decided to go back to the drawing board and start up the group again. They have hired a new HUD Technical Advisor (TA) working with ICA and the Continuums. A few months ago, our CoC was asked to vote to recommit to the process and designate a couple of volunteers to serve on the committee. Theresa Oglesby from The Kitchen and Adam were chosen to serve on group to craft bylaws and the statewide system.

Committee Updates

Christian County Homeless Alliance – Mandi Loe

They had their annual fundraiser Hot Soup Cold Nights last Friday. Last year they had record attendance and funds raised. This year they had about the same attendance as last year but received more donations. There was more community involvement with the Nixa High School (NHS) providing ceramic bowls for empty bowl donations. They are on board with doing it again next year. And the NHS DECCA group did a fundraiser supporting shelter for homeless families.

Governor's Committee to End Homelessness – Liz Hagar-Mace

They met on 2/3 and there were a couple of presentations. One was on mission driven supportive housing from a developer's standpoint, e.g. what it means to invest in housing and provide services to the chronically homeless from a housing first perspective. The other presentation was on the 2020 census and how to register transitory locations. The information was sent out afterwards to everyone in the OAEH, but if needed Rebecca can send it out again. They meet every other month, so the next meeting will be in April. That presentation is on how CoCs can

work to connect folks with Workforce Development at Dept. of Social Services. April is also housing month, so there will probably be a presentation on that.

High Risk and Homeless Youth Report – Michelle Hethcoat

Distributed a white sheet with data from the Hope Connection event. The information related to housing situation – doubled up housing, unsheltered or sheltered/rehab – is unclear since we don't have any knowledge as to the standard of the housing. Next year we will ask if they have electricity and running water. Many of the services looked like numbers from past years. They were able to do Hep A this year thanks to the Health Dept., which was new. They are still conducting youth surveys. The link can be found at www.cpozarks.org for the online form or Michelle can provide a PFD for printing. The deadline is 2/17. The High Risk and Homeless Youth Report will be released in June.

The question was asked as to how long it would be before the community is at zero for homelessness in Springfield. The group discussed this - a critical issue is the lack of landlords willing to rent to people with barriers. Our community needs to start thinking out-of-the box to help solve the issue, including

- engaging landlords and/or developers to consider making the investment in mission driven supportive low-income housing
- communicating the demand for housing and there are programs available to pay for that

At Hope Connection they don't collect data that indicates if attendees are on disability, but that information should be available through the PIT survey. Michael Tonarely said it's not only if they are receiving disability, but at disabling conditions. Typically, 55%-60% of new intakes every month are reporting some form of mental illness. Adam Bodendieck said CES typically sees about 20% of new assessments each month indicate a mental illness. The Dept. of Mental Health (DMH) and Burrell have clients that are eligible for housing and have a voucher but can't find a place to live because no one is willing to give them a second chance. Barriers include credit history, poor rental history, no rental history, no job, etc.

Because our community utilizes a Housing First philosophy, when One Door makes referrals to a program, they are referring the most vulnerable individuals, which also means they typically have the highest barriers. Even those these clients are working with case managers and have vouchers to cover rent costs, agencies can't find property owners willing to accept it. As an example, there was a One Door client that just got a lot of back pay from Social Security, so he has money for rent, but he has a felony conviction from 20 years ago for displaying a weapon so no one will even talk to him. Agencies are going out and knocking on doors to try to find available housing and make new relationships. When Gatley/417 housing went away, those folks had to go somewhere and flooded the affordable housing market. Some property management isn't local and won't even talk to agencies. Public housing has a waiting list again as well, so even those approved can wait 6-8-12 months to get in. There are over 100 listed on a waiting list at Edan Village. They have started breaking ground on Edan Village II and hope to have 4 units done by June.

Even when limited funds are available to place people in hotels for an emergency, there are only a few local hotels willing to work with agencies.

Liz said she didn't think the issue was typical in all Missouri communities, but varies from place to place. Some communities have more housing resources available, and for the Springfield CoC you have to factor in the 417 housing issue, the number of universities in the area compared to other cities, and if you add in that the Fair Market Rate (FMR) dropped, landlords are not going to lower rents. Also, some of the people getting PSH vouchers don't have income, so finding units that include utilities is another problem.

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

The group met last week. The Monitoring Policy was approved this morning. They are working on an Application Process for Systems & Services Committee (S&SC) and an update to the CoC Strategic Plan. They have reviewed the 2009 Strategic Plan and the 2016 Community Recommendation document to assess where we are at with goals and priorities moving forward. The next step will be community input sessions. They would like to have the plan completed by July.

2020 Point in Time Count – Michelle Hethcoat

The PIT was held the night of 1/29 and the events were on 1/30 at the Shrine Mosque. They did some additional outreach the night of, for folks that typically don't show up at the event thanks to PATH. They had 300 adults at the Everyone Counts event and that does include people that were sheltered the night before. There were about 50 youth that attended, which is up from last year. They don't expect the survey numbers to be up and will look at that data in November when the unsheltered report is released. Michael Tonarely and Amanda Stadler will be submitting that data HUD by the deadline in April and then present to this group before the full report is released in the fall.

Systems and Services Committee – Dr. Tracey Poston

Ashley Krug, Market Development & Sustainability Coordinator at the City of Springfield, came to the meeting this morning to discuss the City starting a pilot food waste project based on one that is from Denver, CO. They hope to start in July in downtown Springfield. The project is looking at how to reduce restaurant food waste, through the use of an app, and distribute that food to agencies. One issue that came up from agencies was the issue of storage. The group also discussed the 2020 Census and making sure that agencies are reminding and educating their clients to participate. It was also noted that there are still funds available for those affected by the 417 Rentals. There is a Landlord Engagement Committee meeting on 2/21 at 1 pm at CPO.

Announcements/Discussion

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri – Dr. Tracey Poston

DLF at the Fairbanks is now opened and it's a really nice facility if you haven't had a chance to see it. It is an initiative helping families improve home health conditions.

Motion to Adjourn

Liz Hagar-Mace asked for a motion to adjourn. Elisa Coonrod made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Tim Knapp seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 pm.

Upcoming Meetings

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