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MASW Affordable Housing & Homelessness Task Force

March 26, 2007 at 10:30am – 12:30pm

Minutes

In attendance:

Jack Stretch, SLU, Chair; Michael Klein, Salvation Army; Sandy Wilson, MASW; JoAnne Ivey, MASW; Stephanie Norman, MASW; Tom Gould; MASW, Major George Windham, Salvation Army; Liz Hagar-Mace, DMH; via phone Nikki Weinstein; SLU, Susan Harris; Legal Services, E MO, Jacki Langum; St. Louis Legal Services, Heather Bradley-Geary; MHDC

Item	Action/Decision Made	Follow-up
Review & Approval of Minutes	Jack Stretch moved to accept; Liz Hagar-Mace 2 nd . Minutes accepted.	
HMIS Update	Sandy Wilson reported that HMIS is currently working with agencies emphasizing the importance of the APR within ROSIE. HMIS is also gearing up for their APR and for the Technical Submission for the renewal grant. Enrollment has increased slightly with the addition of Boone County agencies and that report will be available to the Task Force at the next meeting. It was also reported that Edwin Cooper is no longer with the CoC and has been replaced by Heather Bradley-Geary (who joins us today via phone). The annual training conference for the CoC is scheduled for April 12 th and April 13 th for the SupernNOFA. HMIS will be conducting training on ROSIE reporting capabilities during the CoC workshop. All agencies enrolled with HMIS will be invited.	

<p>Housing Trust Fund</p>	<p>Mike reported on Missouri Housing Trust Fund Sub-Committee meeting which was held last week. Issues raised were developing strategy to strengthen partnership with a focus on common goals.</p> <p>Question how to broaden the appeal of the Housing Trust Fund Increase.</p> <p>Jack Stretch would like MASW to fund a staff person to help out with Legislative work load. Mike Klein made a motion stating that Jack should type up a request for staff support and send it to the ED of MASW. Liz Hagar-Mace seconded, motion passed.</p>	<p>Liz Hagar-Mace to contact strong Republican sponsorship.</p> <p>Jack Stretch will speak to Sharon Feltman concerning her offer to assist seeking advocacy funds and will send a letter to Bob Quinn.</p>
<p>Census Update</p>	<p>Tom Gould reported that MASW would be having an Affordable Housing Summit on May 3rd and 4th. Representation from all nine CoC's will be invited. Topics include: Doing a Summer Count and Adding Questions to the Survey concerning issues MO is interested in.</p>	<p>Tom will be working on getting this Summit set up.</p>
<p>Advocacy Funding</p>	<p>Sharon Feltman was unable to attend today's meeting so this is tabled until next month.</p>	<p>Will be presented at next meeting scheduled for April 30th.</p>
<p>Other Issues</p>		
<p>MASW Annual Conference</p>	<p>Sandy informed the group that Workshop ideas were needed. Deadlines for workshop submissions are April 27th.</p> <p>Also, MASW Would like for this Task Force to identify someone who could speak on Economics and Housing from the local point of view, the state point of view, and the national.</p>	<p>Liz Sharp will work with Sandy on a workshop that she would like to do.</p> <p>This item will be readdressed at next month's meeting.</p>

<p>“Housing America 2007”</p>	<p>She also reminded the group that the Elaine Aber Humanitarian Award would be given at the conference and asked for any recommendations from the task force.</p> <p>Liz spoke on NAHRO’s awareness campaign to raise public consciousness of the critical role of housing and community development initiatives and the fundamental benefits that the nation receives from these activities. March 26 – April 9, 2007</p>	<p>Joanne will send out the nomination forms for the Elaine Aber award to all members of the Task Force and it will be discussed again next month.</p> <p>Liz and Sandy will get together and create a Press Release to be sent out to MASW normal Press Contacts.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Monday, April 30, 2007 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM</p>	