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MASW Affordable Housing & Homelessness Task Force

October 10, 2007 at 10:30am – 12:30pm

Minutes

In attendance:

Jack Stretch, SLU, Chair; Michael Klein, Salvation Army; Sandy Wilson, MASW; Carrie Holohan, MASW; Josh Ewing, MASW; Tom Gould, MASW; JoAnne Ivey, MASW; Bob Quinn, MASW; Roy Jones, Community Caring Council; John Robertson, Springfield CoC; Gene Suddarth, NEILS; Pat Dougherty, Catholic Charities; Deena Dailey, NAMI; Cathy Brown, MO Planning Council of Developmental Disabilities; RYanne Mohon, Connections to Success; Ashley Jones, LISC; via phone: Shelly Stressner Mid America Assistance Coalition; John Rich, Mid America Assistance Coalition and Alissa Smit, MHDC and Amber Weaver, MHDC on the phone.

| Item | Action/Decision Made | Follow-up |
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| Review & Approval of Minutes | Mike Klein moved to accept the minutes; Pat Dougherty 2 nd . Minutes accepted. | |
| Housing Trust Fund Steering Committee Report | <p>Mike reported that at the Strategy Workgroup had decided that they did not want to go with the previous decision of the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Task Force to support a bill that would have language in it to use a percentage of the increased funds for those who were 50% - 80% AMI. Mike reported that he felt LISC was going to go forward with there own initiative to get a bill that would address this issue.</p> <p>Ashley Jones from LISC joined the Task Force meeting to discuss the thoughts of LISC and the group of individuals they were working with. LISC still strongly feels that any Bill introduced that looked like previous Bills introduced was not going to get any where with the</p> | |

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| | <p>Legislature.</p> <p>Much discussion ensued around the many different options on the table with the final statement being made by the Chair of the Committee that he would like to go forward with the language as outlined in previous meetings, and having the funds continue to be used 100% for those 50% or below AMI.</p> <p>Mike then passed out an updated version of the Talking Points he had been working on.</p> <p>Pat Dougherty recommended that the state be divided into regions in which one individual within that area contact a legislator in that area which they feel would be in support of the MO Housing Trust initiative. Then someone would meet with that person one-on-one and further educate them on what we are trying to do. The idea would be then to have that Legislator invite others to a meeting to learn more about it. Initial ideas for regions were: Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Joseph, Jefferson City-Columbia and Sedalia, Springfield, Hannibal-Kirksville</p> | <p>Staff to send out email to Housing Trust Fund Steering Committee members informing them of Pat’s idea and request support/assistance with obtaining volunteers for organization contact information. Volunteers are to submit list of contact people to Joanne Ivey by next week.</p> |
| <p>HMIS Update</p> | <p>Sandy Wilson, HMIS Project Director introduced Carrie Holohan as the new part time Project Assistant. It was reported, that Joanne Ivey the current full time Project Assistant will be working part time for MASW and part time for HMIS. She reported that a grant proposal had been submitted to MHDC for Housing Trust Funds to supplement the increasing</p> | |

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| | costs of the program. Awards will be announced in Jan. 2008. It was also reported that there was a possibility that the Clay/Platte/Ray CoC may be joining back with the BoS CoC. This too, would continue to take the size of the project beyond the scope of the original grant. An expansion grant under the CoC will be submitted this current cycle. | |
| MASW – MHDC Homeless Census | Tom Gould reported that the final report will be completed by December 27, 2007. | |
| Next Meeting | November 13, 2007 | |