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MASW Affordable Housing & Homelessness Task Force

November 13, 2007 at 10:30am – 12:30pm

Minutes

In attendance:

Jack Stretch, SLU, Chair; Michael Klein, Salvation Army; Carrie Holohan, MASW; Tom Gould, MASW; JoAnne Ivey, MASW; Gene Suddarth, NEILS and Pat Dougherty, Catholic Charities. Via phone: John Robertson, Springfield CoC.

Item	Action/Decision Made	Follow-up
Review & Approval of Minutes	Jack Stretch moved to accept the minutes and Mike Klein 2 nd . Minutes were accepted.	
Housing Trust Fund Steering Committee Report	<p>Mike reported that the Housing Trust Fund Steering Committee met on November 2nd at the Governor's building in Jefferson City, MO. Liz Hagar-Mace, and Sandy Wilson facilitated the meeting. Pat Dougherty and Mike Klein could not attend due to meeting conflicts. Eight individuals showed up for the meeting which included: Major George Windham, Salvation Army; Gene Suddarth, Northeast Independent Living Service; Mike Snodgrass, LISC and Ashley Jones, LISC. However, because of poor attendance the meeting was postponed until November 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Governor's Office Building in room 316.</p> <p>Mike reported that the Strategy Development Group is currently at a stall mate. The St. Louis group and the Kansas City group have meet and some interesting ideas have emerged. One of</p>	

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	<p>which is to use the MHDC defined regions to try to hold smaller informational meetings. Mike reported Sandy had suggested using the Regional Housing Team meetings held quarterly by the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness and giving key decision making staff tools which will enable them to solicit business, realtors, Legislators. Mike's concern presently is how do we identify leaders within each of these regions?</p> <p>Suggestions from group included: Have one or two people identified in each region.</p> <p>Call ahead of time and ask that person to be at that regional meeting letting them know that someone from the HMIS office will be there to talk about the HTF issue.</p> <p>Upcoming Steering Committee meeting suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to have discussion regarding communication on talking points on the flat fee increments. Are we all in agreement on A & B under resources? We need to all be united. 2. Identify at least one or two people in each region to approach. (when giving list to ?? identify name, Region, Phone number.) 3. What action do we want Grass Roots Group to do? Establish local meetings 	<p>Joanne to speak with Sandy, as she was ill and not present, about adding some specific information next Regional Housing Meeting agenda.</p> <p>Need a person to call and contact that person.</p> <p>Mike will bring these suggestions to the meeting of the Steering Committee.</p>
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	<p>in which to invite important decision makers to attend regional meetings. Identify friendly Republican Legislators, realtors and people in the community who might be able to commit in this effort.</p> <p>Jack Stretch indicated that he wanted it noted that staffing for the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Task Force is still needed. Joanne explained that she was now providing some limited staffing for this Task Force. Questions were asked about how this staffing was broke down as far as time available and Joanne referred them to Sandy.</p>	
HMIS Update	<p>Joanne reported that the Homeless Awareness Event will be held on November 15th at the Capital.</p> <p>It was reported that the HMIS office is currently wrapping up the 2007 site visits.</p> <p>Jack Stretch indicated that since Sandy was unable to attend the meeting today due to illness, not much could be reported on.</p>	
MASW – MHDC Homeless Census	Tom Gould reported that the final report will be completed by December 27, 2007.	
Next Meeting	December 12, 2007	