

Regional Housing Team Meeting Minutes – Region 10

3/7/08

Meeting opened by Nathan Stock

Unmet Housing Needs - Nathan called for discussion of unmet housing needs in the area. These will be submitted to HUD in this year's Exhibit I. Several people contributed to the following list.

- HUD Housing List for Section 8
- Homeless Prevention Funds
- Emergency Shelter 0-90 days
- Transportation
- Transitional Housing for families and singles
- First-time Homeowners: concern over rent-to-own and subprime
- Emergency Food/Food Banks
- Financial Education
- Mental Health funds
- Funds for training purposes

CoC Funding - Nathan discussed the Continuum of Care funding grants approved for the next year. Three agencies (PCCP, JoCo HELP, MVCAA) received renewal grants in the region. He also presented the amount of funds received since 2002. Heather mentioned that no new projects were funded this year.

CoC Training - Nathan and Heather talked about the NOFA being delayed. It may not be released until April/May. Letters will be mailed when MHDC receives the notification. The two-day training session also will be delayed with tentative scheduling sometime in June. The meeting is mandatory for both days. Heather discussed the agenda for the meeting. Nathan announced that the application will be online this year. Any agency applying needs a DUNS number and registration on Central Contractor Registration website (ccr.gov). Heather mentioned that MHDC staff will conduct a site visit for any new project proposal.

MHTF - Heather briefly discussed the Trust Fund application process. She suggested to start checking the website in early June for the release of the NOFA. Applications are due Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, there is a proposal to change the funding priorities as follows: 1- Homeless Prevention, 2-Construction, 3-Home Repair, 4-Match Funds and 5-Rental Assistance. Patty asked about HERO and Heather described it.

NFMCP - Heather announced the new grant MHDC received from the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program. This grant will be used for foreclosure counseling. She pointed out the four major target areas in Missouri: St. Louis, Kansas City, Joplin and St. Joseph. The money is subgranted to agencies not in target areas as well as target areas. Currently, Missouri ranks fourth in the nation in foreclosures. She reminded agencies to refer clients to the HOPE line for foreclosure assistance. A list of

agencies subgranted is attached with these minutes. Linda asked if banks can announce foreclosure through the newspaper without sending a letter to the resident. Conversation resolved that the resident should receive multiple letters in the mail. Patty mentioned that the bank cannot foreclose on a home if a resident is serving active duty in the military.

PIT Count – Nathan thanked everyone for their involvement in the unsheltered point-in-time count. He notified everyone that 669 individuals were counted this year, an improvement over last year's data. He listed the data for Region 10 and broke it down by county. An official report of the data will not be available until later. Linda mentioned that she was going to be presenting PIT data to the City Council to create homeless awareness. Nathan then opened discussion for the summer count. The group concluded that July 15 would be a good day for the count to take place. Nathan called for volunteers to lead the count for the counties in region 10.

HMIS - Heather discussed the numbers for the Sheltered Point-In-Time count for the region and passed out the data received by HMIS.

Resources - Nathan discussed several resources including grant possibilities, a video addressing family homelessness and an upcoming HUD workshop.

Adjournment

Next meeting June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM