

Regional Housing Team Meeting Minutes – Region 3

3/11/08

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.

- Elderly low-income housing
- Low social security checks
- Sec 8 is full in 5 NE counties (Kirksville waiting list 1 year)
- Overnight Shelter
- Cannot provide enough money for more than a couple nights
- Apartments in Milan is closest homeless shelter (they also have waiting list)
- ADA housing
- utility costs/deposits
- Landlords charging new tenants backlog of utilities from prior tenants (City of Memphis)
- Housing Vouchers
- Home Repair/Weatherization Funds

CoC Funding - Nathan discussed the Continuum of Care funding grants approved for the next year. The Department of Mental Health earned a grant for Shelter Plus Care units in the Kirksville and Hannibal areas. Information also included the amount of funds received since 2002 statewide and through the Balance of State.

CoC Training - Nathan 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. The agenda for the meeting was covered. 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). MHDC staff will conduct a mandatory 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. 12th. 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.

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. 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.

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. An official report of the data will not be available until later. Nathan then opened discussion for the summer count. The group was interested in seeing numbers for summer compared to winter and 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 the region.

MASW/HMIS - Sandy discussed the numbers for the Sheltered Point-In-Time count for the region and passed out the data received by HMIS. She also mentioned that HMIS will be conducting a two-hour training at the Continuum training session. She then brought up the need for awareness regarding the Missouri Housing Trust Fund. There is a bill caught up in appropriation that may not go to vote. It would be an increase to the recorder fees bringing more money to the trust fund. Agencies wishing to create awareness should complete the endorsement form provided.

DMH – Liz and Edwin discussed the new Shelter Plus Care grant issued this year for the Kirksville/Hannibal area. Edwin distributed information on SPC and how to get clients in the area into the program and a sample application. They discussed the definitions and qualifications for the program. Liz went through the application and discussed it section by section. There is immediate availability in the area for this program. Any questions regarding this program should go to Liz Hagar-Mace at DMH (573) 522-6519.

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

Adjournment

Next meeting June 10th at 9AM