



Regional Housing Team Meeting
Region 3-Kirksville
January 5, 2010 at 2pm

1. Introductions:

Cindy Higgins, Northeast Missouri Community Action Agency
Bill Hogg, Salvation Army-Kirksville
Ruth Valkenaar, Victim Support Service
Tonda Lain, Department of Mental Health
Sean Murphy, Department of Mental Health
Sandy Wilson, Missouri Association for Social Welfare
Heather Bradley-Geary, Missouri Housing Development Commission

2. Governor's Committee to End Homelessness (GCEH) updates

*Report given by Heather Bradley-Geary

- SOAR Committee (SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery), Missouri is one of only eleven states to have program piloted. Trainings are being scheduled throughout the state, an email will be sent out with training dates.
- Re-Entry Committee meets on a monthly basis to discuss ex-offender housing. The committee plans to have a report to the GCEH in the next two months with recommendations. Cindy Higgins stated that they are working locally on housing for ex-offenders and would like contact information on the statewide group. Heather Bradley-Geary will send the contact information to Cindy Higgins.
- Awareness Committee, Sandy Wilson gave report. Sandy gave an overview of Homeless Awareness Day that occurred on November 19, 2009. The committee received 317 posters for the event and 125 people were in attendance. Sandy stated that a Power Point of all the posters will be posted on the MASW website. Sandy stated that feedback is needed from agencies on the success of the events, including the need for workshops and agency booths. The committee will be hosting Legislative Awareness Day in March.
- Project Homeless Connect Committee, Heather stated that the first project homeless connect occurred in Columbia on August 7, 2009 and was a success. The GCEH is going to hold a project homeless connect each calendar year in a different part of the state, the next event will occur in Branson. The committee will meet the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is set for January 12, 2010 at 1pm at Developmental Connections, 1533 East State Highway 76, Branson, MO. The ultimate goal of the GCEH is to host Project Homeless Connect day throughout the state of Missouri.

3. CoC updates

- Application submission, Heather reported that the CoC application was submitted to HUD on Monday, November 23rd. Letters have been sent to agencies applying for CoC funds, regarding the submission to HUD. HUD announced renewal amounts on December 23rd, all renewals were funded for the Balance of State CoC.
- Funded agency requirements, Heather reported the funded agency requirements:
 1. A copy of the technical submission needs to be sent to Mandy Fangmann with the GCEH in addition to HUD.
 2. Agency must attend three of the four regional meetings, annually.
 3. A copy of the APR must be submitted to Mandy Fangmann with the GCEH in addition to HUD.
 4. Agency must participate in the bi-annual Point-in-Time Count.

- 5. One technical assistance visit will occur by Mandy Fangmann one time per year.
- Annual Report to the Governor; media pieces, Heather reported that the planning committee has completed the annual report to the Governor. The report will be sent on Monday, January 11th to the Governor.
- 2010 Regional Housing Team Meeting schedule, Heather handed out the schedule.

4. Point in Time Count (PITC)

- Summer count report, Heather reviewed the report focusing on region 3 numbers. Heather stated that if the group wanted even more specific information to contact Mandy Fangmann. Heather noted to the group that one survey needs to be completed for each individual or family. The GCEH can not accept surveys with several names on one page. Please do not include DESE numbers, as DESE counts children who are doubled up as homeless. The current HUD definition of homeless does not allow doubled up as homeless, however, with the passage of the HEARTH act this will change in 2011.
- Winter Point-in-Time count date, Heather reported that the next count will occur on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.
- Leaders for the count
 - Unsheltered: Heather passed out sign-up sheet for county leaders.
 - Sheltered: Sandy discussed the process of the surveys, including a discussion regarding hotel and motel vouchers.

5. HMIS Updates

- HPRP, Sandy Wilson facilitated a discussion about HPRP and the input into the HMIS system. Sandy stated that if your agency signs up for training please be sure to attend, as there are only a certain number of available training spots. Please note that the first HPRP report is due January 5, 2010.
- MHTF agencies with Homeless Prevention funds, Sandy reported that any agency receiving Homeless Prevention funds for the 2010 grant cycle must enter into HMIS. The approvals have been announced and trainings will start the end of January. April 1, 2010, agencies will begin data input.

6. Resource sheet

Heather reviewed the resource sheet.

7. Agency reports/announcements

Victims Support Service: Ruth stated they just finished all their Christmas programs, they were able to provide thirty children with Christmas presents.

Department of Mental Health: Tonda and Sean discussed their program and the need for the homeownership program for people with disabilities, a sponsor is needed.

Northeast Missouri Community Action Agency: Cindy stated that they are working on HPRP and have added new staff. She also addressed the need for a satellite office, possibly in Wal-Mart in Kirksville. The agency is also working on advertising their services.

Salvation Army: Bill stated that they just completed Christmas, served 350 families. Salvation Army-Kirksville has reached their fundraising goal of \$47,000.

Missouri Housing Development Commission: Heather Bradley-Geary stated that Trust Fund approvals were posted on Friday, December 18th. Mandy Fangmann will be on maternity leave beginning mid January and will return in April. Please contact Heather if you need anything during the time period.

Missouri Association for Social Welfare: Sandy Wilson reported that they are in the process of adding two positions to the HMIS staff. These positions will office out of Jefferson City; in addition no relocation costs will be paid.