



## **Regional Housing Team Meeting Region 8-Houston**

November 30, 2009 at 2pm

### **1. Introductions:**

Kathy Barron, Christos House  
Cindy Haley, Texas County Food Pantry  
Sister Clare Reinert, Texas County Food Pantry  
Robert Soucy, Agape Home  
Sandy Wilson, Missouri Association for Social Welfare  
Jessica Kejr, Missouri Housing Development Commission  
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. Rob Soucy stated that he had been trained on the program.
- 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. The concern was brought up regarding HUD housing and not accepting ex-offenders.
- 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.
- 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. HUD will be reviewing renewal applications first and then focus on new projects. The review committee of the GCEH will send out letters regarding applications to agencies that applied for funding.
- Funded agency requirements, Heather reported the funded agency requirements:
  1. A copy of the technical submission needs to be sent to Jenni Miller 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 Jenni Miller 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 Jenni Miller one time per year.
- Annual Report to the Governor; media pieces, Heather reported that the planning committee is working on the GCEH annual report to the Governor. The GCEH is in need of media pieces that show what your agency and community has done for families and individuals who are homeless. Any media release detailing events that your agency has needs to be forwarded to Jenni Miller.
- 2010 Regional Housing Team Meeting schedule, Heather handed out the schedule. Region 8 prefers to continue the rotation between Houston and West Plains.

#### 4. Point in Time Count (PITC)

- Summer count report, Heather reviewed the report focusing on region 8 numbers. Heather stated that if the group wanted even more specific information to contact Jenni Miller. 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. There was discussion regarding the strengths of the last count and the new definition of homeless.
- 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. For Region 8, Ozark Action will be the lead agency for HPRP funds. Sister Clare asked if there was a list of the agencies funded in Region 8. Heather will check into this and get back with the group.
- MHTF agencies with Homeless Prevention funds, Sandy reported that any agency receiving Homeless Prevention funds for the 2010 grant cycle must enter into HMIS.

#### 6. Resource sheet

Heather reviewed the resource sheet.

#### 7. Agency reports/announcements

Christos House: Kathy Barron reported that they are keeping busy with the holidays.

Texas County Food Pantry: Cindy Haley and Sister Clare Reinert reported that their numbers have continued to increase.

Agape Home: Rob Soucy reported that they continue to stay full at the shelter.

MASW: 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.