



Regional Housing Team Meeting
Region 4-Maryville
January 13, 2010 at 9am
Conference Call

1. Introductions:

Brian Ferguson, CSI; Lisa Gabriel, Community Action Partnership; Martin Goedken, Catholic Charities; Muriel Zimmerman, Children and Family Center; Ashley Grocutt, CSI; Carla Summa, CSI; Sandy Wilson, Missouri Association for Social Welfare; Heather Bradley-Geary, Missouri Housing Development Commission; Mandy Fangmann, Missouri Housing Development Commission

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

Heather mentioned that the GCEH is the governing body of the Balance of State Continuum of Care and that we will try to have updates on all sub-committees at each RHTM

Heather mentioned that new officers were elected at the December meeting; Sandy Wilson (MASW) will be the new Chair, Anthony Smith (Family Counseling Center) will be the new Vice Chair, Heather Bradley-Geary (MHDC) will continue as Secretary and Liz Hagar-Mace (DMH) will continue as Historian.

Heather gave reports on the individual committees:

- SOAR Committee (SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery), Missouri is one of only eleven states to have program piloted. The program has proven successful in helping reduce the time to access benefits. Trainings are being scheduled throughout the state. Mandy sent out an e-mail with the scheduled trainings and will continue to send out training updates as they are received from the SOAR coordinator.
- Re-Entry Committee is chaired by the DOC and meets on a monthly basis to discuss ex-offender housing. The committee plans to have a report to the GCEH in the next month with recommendations.
- 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. The day will include a breakfast for legislators. Agencies are encouraged to participate in the day at the State Capitol. The committee will send out information via e-mail for interested agencies to review tips on talking with your legislators.
- 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 ultimate goal of the GCEH is to host Project Homeless Connect day throughout the state of Missouri. Mandy announced that the Branson group has held three meetings and is starting with the initial planning steps. The Branson Mayor is behind the project and has staff attending meetings. The group has set the date for September 24, 2010. Mandy mentioned that if anyone is interested in getting involved with volunteering for the event to watch for updates. Mandy also asked anyone interested in getting involved

with planning or volunteering at the St. Joseph event to contact her and she will be in touch with the St. Joseph PHC chair.

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. HUD is still reviewing all new projects; we hope to hear an announcement in the spring.
- Heather reported the funded agency (Supportive Housing Program) requirements that were developed by the GCEH:
 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 or a GCEH member one time per year. This is not a site visit, but rather a technical assistance visit to be sure that everything is going well and see how the GCEH can assist in any way.
- Annual Report to the Governor; Heather reported that the planning committee has completed the annual report to the Governor. The report was sent on Monday, January 11th to the Governor.
- 2010 Regional Housing Team Meeting schedule, Heather reviewed the schedule. Heather pointed out that the GCEH received feedback about the meeting locations for Region 4. Starting in 2010 meetings will be held each quarter in Maryville and will alternate each quarter between Excelsior Springs and Trenton.

4. Point in Time Count (PITC)

- Summer count report, Heather reviewed the report focusing on region 4 numbers. Heather stated the reason for unknown categories is due to the response that individuals and families are willing to provide or that is available from an observational count. Heather stated that if the group wanted even more specific unsheltered information by county 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; these will not be included in the report as it is hard to validate those numbers. 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. Heather reviewed the counties that are not covered in Region 4 and asked for leads to contact agencies that might be willing to lead the count. Mandy will be in touch to follow up with the agencies that mentioned some possibilities.
- Leaders for the count
 - Sheltered: Sandy discussed the process of the surveys, including a discussion regarding hotel and motel vouchers. Sandy mentioned that the link for the sheltered count survey will be available the day after the count.

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.

- 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.
Sandy also discussed the status of bridging information from MAAC Link over to ROSIE database for the agencies in Ray, Platte and Clay. The process is still being addressed.

6. Resource sheet

Heather reviewed the resource sheet.

7. Agency reports/announcements

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 Bradley-Geary or Jenni Miller if you need anything during the time period.

Heather shared information from the Missourian's to End Poverty; they will be starting to hold regional meetings throughout the state. Heather said that GHCAA will be working to coordinate those meetings, and watch for information to be sent out.

CSI: Reported that Worth County has their HPRP funds for the 5 county service area.

CAP St. Joseph: Lisa reported that they have HPRP funds in Buchanan and Andrew counties. There are 8 families housed through the program.

Catholic Charities: Martin reported that they are working on 3 new projects. One in Maryville will provide 10 scattered site family units for families. They have housing in Clay/Platte/Ray/Lafayette starting up as well. Catholic Charities is also working on HPRP funds for their match funds.

Children and Family Center: Muriel said that they are in their new facility.

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. A notice has been sent out via e-mail with information on the position and how to apply.