

**December Regional Housing Team Meeting  
Boothel Region Six  
December 2, 2008**

(Handouts: CoC application list, PIT leader snapshot, Resource card,  
Needs assessment, 2009 RHTM schedule, Resource sheet)

In Attendance:

DAEOC-Marlene Anglin, MASW-Sandy Wilson, DAEOC-Amy Hopper, DAEOC-Linda Lovins, MHDC-Jenni Miller, MHDC-Heather Bradley-Geary, Family Counseling Center-Anthony Smith, Howardville Community Betterment-Vannessa Frazier, The Guardian Angel Overnight Shelter-Gina Crowley, Mission Missouri-Corrie Pfefferkorn, DAEOC-Mandy Blagg, DMH-Edwin Cooper, DAEOC-Jean Rice, Pemiscot County Initiative Network-R.H. McCain, The Guardian Angel Overnight Shelter-Karen Rodgers, The Guardian Angel Overnight Shelter-Debra Standridge.

Introductions

Continuum of Care 2009 Application:

Jenni Miller reported that the Balance of State Continuum of Care had submitted their Exhibit 1 application for HUD McKinney-Vento funds. The CoC application list handout shows the Balance of State projects that were submitted with the Exhibit 1 application for just over 5.3 million dollars. The projects are color coded by bonus projects, renewal projects, new projects, and shelter plus care projects. Jenni Miller explained that the Samaritan bonus project is awarded to a continuum if the overall application scores high enough. This project must serve chronically homeless individuals. Burrell Behavioral Health has been selected for this project. The Rapid Re-housing program is a new initiative by HUD this year. The project is to serve homeless families with children and is also a bonus project contingent on the scoring of the application. The Department of Mental Health has applied for these funds. The renewal projects are programs that currently provide transitional housing, permanent housing, or supportive services only. These projects can apply for a one year renewal each year. The new projects included three permanent housing programs and one HMIS expansion project. The rest of the projects are shelter plus care projects that are included on this application but are funded from a different pot of money. These programs are administered by the Department of Mental Health. Jenni Miller explained that those grants that went forward would be funded in 2009. HUD is scheduled to make funding announcements in December for the 2008 application, but with the new electronic system that was implemented this year it is anticipated that it could be later than that. Please contact Jenni Miller for further information on any of the projects listed.

Jenni Miller announced that at the recent Governor's Committee meeting the committee decided to plan a Technical Submission training for those who are funded through the Balance of State Continuum of Care. A Technical Submission requires agencies to write

out more details on their proposed project, including budget items and goals, etc. The training is being planned for February and more information will be going out soon.

Jenni Miller asked any agencies who fall under the 103 counties of the Balance of State to submit any media pieces they had from the last year focused on the Point in Time Count or Homeless Awareness in general so that it may be included in the 2008 Annual Report that the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness submits to the Governor. These items can be faxed, mailed, or emailed to Jenni Miller and are needed before January 22, 2009.

#### Point in Time Count:

The date has been set for the upcoming Winter Point in Time Count. The date will be January 28, 2009. All counties in the Balance of State will be counting on this date along with other continuums around the State. Jenni Miller passed around a point in time count leader sign-up sheet. Heather-Bradley Geary discussed the importance of participation in the count as it directly effects funding in the state of Missouri.

Jenni Miller discussed the snapshot handout detailing what the responsibilities of a county leader are. Jenni Miller announced that the point in time count tools would be available on the MHDC website under the Community Initiatives tab. This tab will include links to the power point trainings for leaders and volunteers, volunteer release forms, and surveys. The summer survey will be used again for the winter count. The summer survey had a new question on it addressing doubled-up individuals. These individuals are not considered homeless by the HUD definition and agencies are not required to seek them out. The question was created to record those doubled-up individuals and families if agencies come across them on the day of the point in time count. The survey will continue to include this question in order to begin to understand the extent of individuals living doubled-up around the State.

Jenni Miller reported that one region had requested some way of identifying that they were in fact volunteers of the Governor's Committee on the day of the point in time count. The Governor's Committee discussed this and came up with a business card. The card has the Governor's Committee logo and important contact numbers on the back. Anyone interested in providing these cards to their volunteers on the day of the point in time count should contact Jenni Miller. Donations for the point in time count were discussed. Donations are optional but agencies are encouraged to collect donations to give out on the day of the count. Some agencies also include a resource information sheet to hand out with donations.

#### Needs Assessment:

Jenni Miller discussed the final needs assessment document. Marlene Anglin clarified that "Landlords who will accept housing vouchers" was intended to emphasize the problem with long standing SHP program's FMR's. The FMR is so low from the initial

grant that it is hard to find housing at that price. Jenni Miller will amend the needs assessment to clarify this.

#### 2009 RHTM Schedule:

The 2009 regional housing team meeting schedule was discussed. Jenni Miller asked the group if the Portageville location was still working out for everyone. The group agreed that for those traveling from around the Bootheel that the location of the meeting works well. It was decided that the meetings for 2009 will remain in Portageville.

#### Resource Sheet:

Jenni Miller discussed the resource sheet that was handed out. The first resource is a study that can be found at the link provided discussing ideas for new supportive housing programs. The study discusses how supportive housing programs can benefit a community. The second resource is a study that discusses the impacts of rent and utility costs rising faster than income. The link to the study is provided. The resource sheet contains a “grants” section and includes three links to funding opportunities for youth, elderly, and domestic violence programs. Jenni Miller announced that a representative from the U.S. Census Bureau attended the Homeless Awareness Day event and shared an employment opportunity. The U.S. Census Bureau will be hiring thousands of people to conduct the upcoming census. The next census count will take place April 1, 2010. There will local jobs with good pay all over the State. A link was provided for more information. In addition you can get more information for your area by calling 1-866-861-2010. Jenni encouraged the group to share this with their agencies and clients.

#### Shelter plus Care:

Edwin Cooper discussed the shelter plus care program. Edwin informed the group that there are short waiting lists in the Bootheel for shelter plus care. Edwin encouraged agencies to always send applications in. A few individuals requested Edwin’s contact information. Edwin can be reached at 573-751-8208 or Edwin.cooper@dmh.mo.gov.

#### Agency Reports/Announcements:

Jenni Miller announced that the meetings from now on would include an agency report/announcement section. This is an opportunity for people to share what their agency is currently doing or a time for an agency to give an announcement.

#### Heather Bradley-Geary-Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC):

Heather announced that the 2009 Trust Fund applications were due on September 12, 2008. The staff recommendations to the Commission will be posted on MHDC’s website on December 5, 2008. MHDC employees will then be on “quiet period” meaning that if an agency has a trust fund application in for review that MHDC employees can not speak with them until after the Commission meeting on December 12, 2008. Heather also announced that Sarah Parsons has come back to the Community Initiatives Department at

MHDC to fill the position of Trust Fund and Community Initiatives Assistant Manager previously held by Daniel McKim. Heather also discussed the recent Consolidated Plan hearings. She reported that the Consolidated Plan is a document that goes to HUD describing how the State will use HOME, HOPWA, ESG, CDBG, and Continuum of Care funds. The hearings are an opportunity for the Department of Economic Development, Missouri Housing Development Commission, Department of Social Services, and Department of Health & Senior Services to travel the State together presenting the Consolidated Plan and receiving feedback. Comments on the Consolidated Plan are welcome until December 15, 2008.

Jenni Miller-Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC):

Jenni reported that after being married in September her last name was officially changed to Miller from Holtaway and to start looking for emails from Jenni Miller. Her new email address is [jmiller@mhdc.com](mailto:jmiller@mhdc.com).

Gina Crowley, Karen Rodgers & Debra Standridge- Guardian Angel Overnight Shelter:

The Guardian Angel group reported that they plan to have their overnight shelter up and running soon. They intend to house 14 people in their emergency shelter. The group discussed their participation in the area resource council. Currently the group is doing all of the intakes for services and then giving referrals. The group believes that this has helped with a decline in the duplication of services. The group passed out a handout on the shelter and the area resource council.

Edwin Cooper-DMH:

Edwin discussed the ATR program and working with the faith-based community to set up a meeting to discuss accessing housing resources.

DAEOC-Marlene Anglin:

Marlene reported that DAEOC is focused on their Christmas programs. She also announced that they recently received a grant that will help with developing presentation materials to raise awareness and raise community involvement. They are still looking for sponsors for families. DAEOC offers weatherization funds along with LIHEAP funds for electricity and gas assistance.

Mission Missouri-Corrie Pfefferkorn:

Corrie announced that they were at full capacity for the first time ever. She also announced that they are starting their “double-trouble” recovery class. This will be for people struggling with substance abuse and mental illness. These classes will be on Tuesdays at 10.

Family Counseling Center-Anthony Smith:

Anthony reported that the Safe Haven is at capacity. He discussed what programs the Family Counseling Center offers and who it serves. Anthony also discussed SOAR training that he is conducting. This training is designed for case managers and helps them to assist clients in applying for benefits.

Howardville Community Betterment-Vanessa Frazier:

Vanessa announced that she does presentations all around the Bootheel. She helps communities to find resources to help the community to sustain itself. She is happy to offer her assistance.

MASW-Sandy Wilson:

Sandy announced that Jennifer Carter from the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness wanted everyone to know about a new statute that was passed in Missouri. The new statute extends shelter, advocacy, and case management services for qualified minors to homeless shelters and DV shelters. Sandy explained that Missouri does not have emancipation laws, but they have qualified minors. For more information about the statute please contact Sandy Wilson.

Homeless Awareness Day:

Sandy Wilson discussed the recent homeless awareness day event sponsored by the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness at the Capitol in Jefferson City on November 20, 2008. The Governor's Committee holds an event every year in conjunction with the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Sandy discussed the poster contest that was held around the state for pre-K/Head Start through high school around the theme, "our community cares about homelessness". There were 60 posters submitted for the contest, with over 300 students working in groups and as individuals for the submissions. Jenni Miller passed around a program and pictures from the event. Sandy reported that 110 people attended the event along with three Legislators. The Governor's Committee has already begun talking about changes for next year and Sandy invited comments for next year from anyone who attended the event. Marlene Anglin said that she had a very positive experience at the homeless awareness event. She really enjoyed meeting people from other regions of the State. She was excited to finally see the Springfield homeless awareness game in person.

HMIS Technical Assistance:

Everyone not enrolled in the HMIS system was dismissed from the meeting. Sandy Wilson held an HMIS Technical Assistance meeting for those agencies enrolled in the HMIS system.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be March 10, 2009. The location is TBA.