

The following information was obtained at Governor’s Committee to End Homelessness Regional Housing Team Meetings (RHTMs). These meetings occur quarterly in 10 separate regions throughout the state of Missouri. The RHTMs provide information and technical assistance on housing issues for persons with disabilities and those experiencing homelessness. These meetings are held to encourage local agencies and other stakeholders to collaborate by working in their communities to address housing and homelessness needs; thereby extending the benefits of a statewide Continuum of Care (CoC) process to the local level. Meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Information covered at the meetings includes updates regarding CoC funds and other funding opportunities, guidance on the Homeless Missourians Information System (HMIS), and sharing of local and national resources. RHTMs also give agencies a chance to voice their needs to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In order to apply for funding, or if an agency receives funding through the CoC, attendance is mandatory at 75% of the Regional Housing Team Meetings, or three out of four meetings per year. In addition, agencies that receive Missouri Housing Trust Fund dollars are also required to attend three out of the four meetings per year.

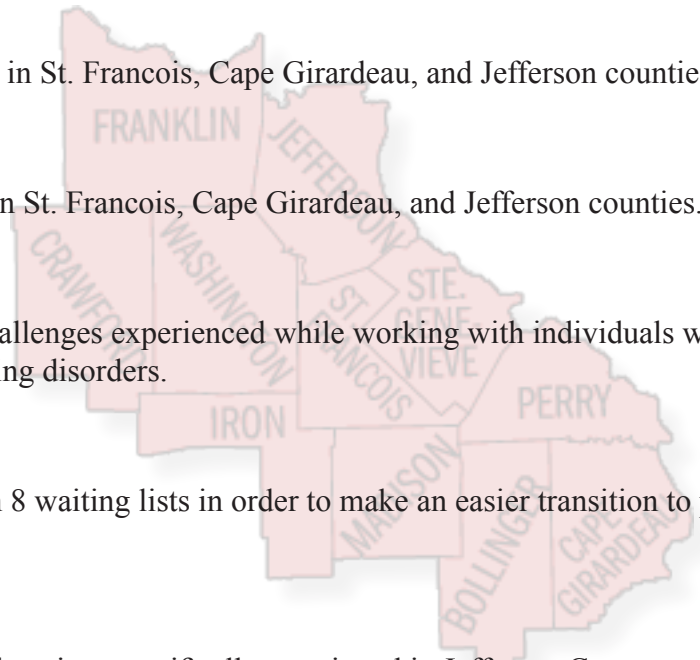
Participants of the RHTMs were asked in March 2008 and September 2008 to have a discussion about the unmet needs in their region. This information was collected in order to understand the unique needs of each region throughout the state. The Governor’s Committee to End Homelessness Planning Committee also includes information about unmet regional needs in the HUD Exhibit 1 grant application for McKinney-Vento Supportive Housing Program funds.

Although every region is different, it is clear that there are similar unmet needs experienced by every region throughout the state. Some of these unmet needs include emergency shelter, affordable housing, transportation, additional homeless prevention funds, and openings in the housing voucher waiting lists. Some other themes include the creation of discharge policies, addressing generational poverty, and educating the clients, providers, and public. Finally, it is clear to see there is a growing need for resources to assist homeless families and youth around the state.

REGION 1

Franklin, Jefferson, Crawford, Washington, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Perry, Iron, Madison, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau

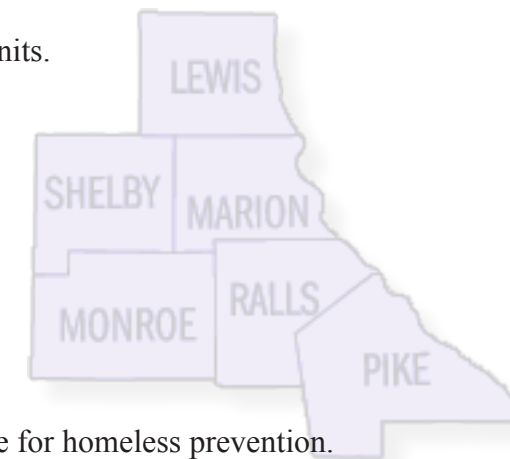
- All counties expressed need for Emergency Shelter.
 - specifically need more, some are far distances and most only serve the domestic violence population.
 - need for actual shelter and not just hotel/motel vouchers.
- Transitional housing in St. Francois, Cape Girardeau, and Jefferson counties.
- Permanent housing in St. Francois, Cape Girardeau, and Jefferson counties.
- Solutions to meet challenges experienced while working with individuals with substance abuse and co-occurring disorders.
- Openings on Section 8 waiting lists in order to make an easier transition to permanent housing.
- Need for affordable housing, specifically mentioned in Jefferson County.
- Men's transitional housing.
- Family shelter with direct supportive services.



REGION 2

Lewis, Shelby, Marion, Monroe, Ralls, Pike

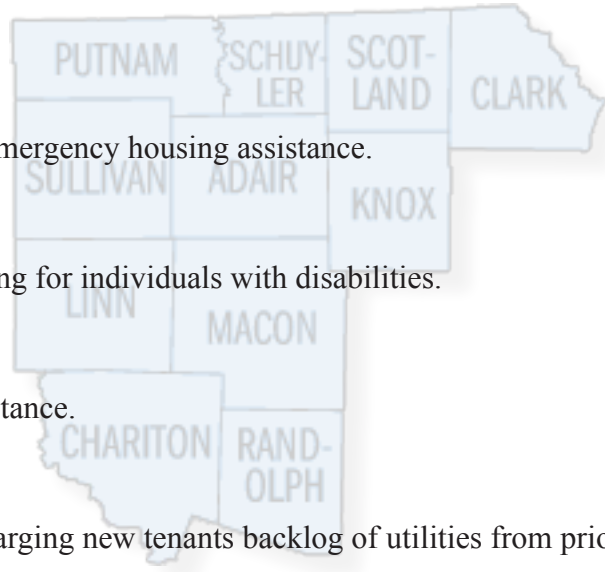
- Housing for individuals with a felony on their record.
- Help for foreclosures and financial counseling.
- Additional Low income housing (section 8).
- Deposit money for rental units.
- Emergency shelter.
- Transportation.
- Additional utility assistance for homeless prevention.



REGION 3

Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Clark, Sullivan, Adair,
Knox, Linn, Macon, Chariton, Randolph

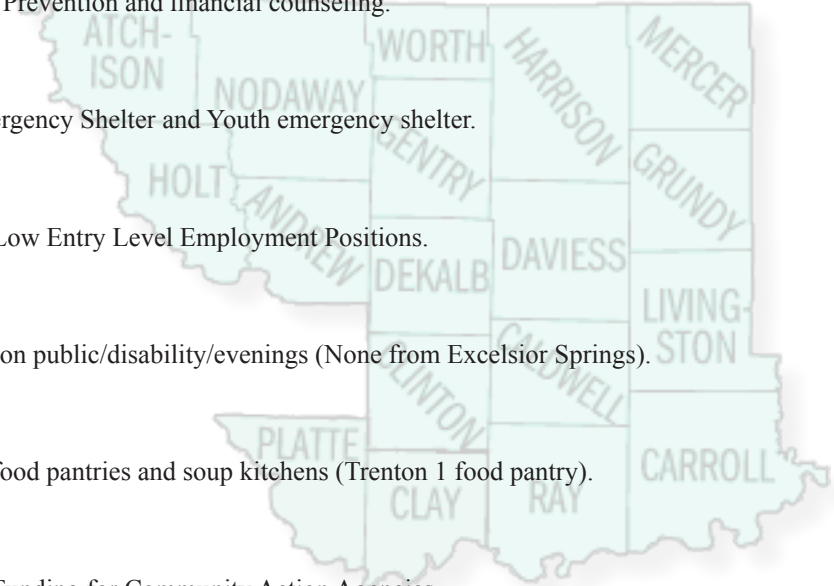
- Elderly low-income housing.
- More connections to social security resources.
- Additional Sec 8 vouchers (full in 5 NE counties, Kirksville waiting list 1 year).
- Overnight Shelter, apartments in Milan is closest homeless shelter (they also have waiting list).
- Additional funds for emergency housing assistance.
- More accessible housing for individuals with disabilities.
- Additional utility assistance.
- Decrease landlords charging new tenants backlog of utilities from prior tenants (City of Memphis).
- Increase amount of housing vouchers.
- Increase home Repair/weatherization Funds.
- Assistance with delinquent Utility Bills (catching up after winter).



REGION 4

Atchison, Nodaway, Worth, Harrison, Mercer, Holt, Andrew,
Gentry, Daviess, Grundy, Dekalb, Clinton, Caldwell, Livingston,
Platte, Clay, Ray, Carroll

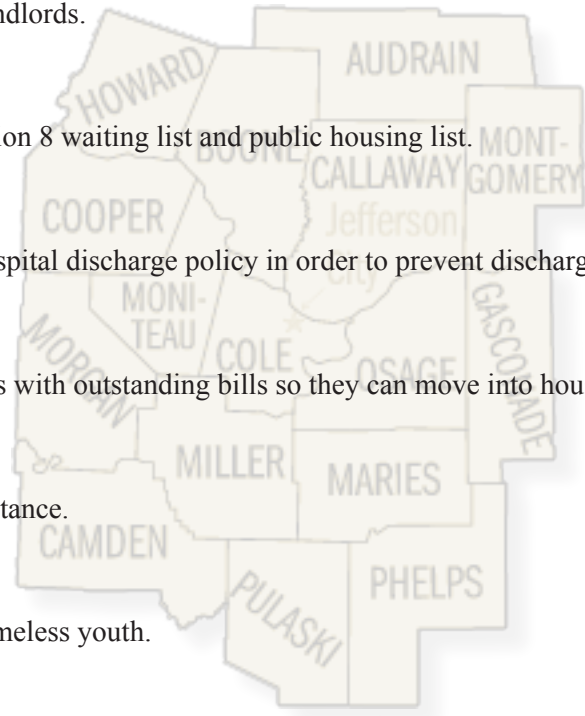
- Additional homeless prevention funds.
- Transitional and Permanent Housing (some in Excelsior Springs).
- Re-Entry Housing (Shelter plus Care and Supportive Housing Programs can have drug felonies if they have been homeless at least one night).
- Foreclosure Prevention and financial counseling.
- Family Emergency Shelter and Youth emergency shelter.
- Additional Low Entry Level Employment Positions.
- Transportation public/disability/evenings (None from Excelsior Springs).
- Additional food pantries and soup kitchens (Trenton 1 food pantry).
- Additional Funding for Community Action Agencies.
- Additional health and dental care.
- Need for qualified daycares and daycare subsidies.
- Quality Affordable Housing (domestic violence victims cannot find affordable housing to leave and have to relocate to St. Joseph).
- Increase the amount of landlords willing to work with chronically homeless and homeless individuals with mental illness.



REGION 5

Howard, Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Montgomery, Cooper, Moniteau, Cole, Osage, Gasconade, Morgan, Miller, Maries, Camden, Pulaski, Phelps

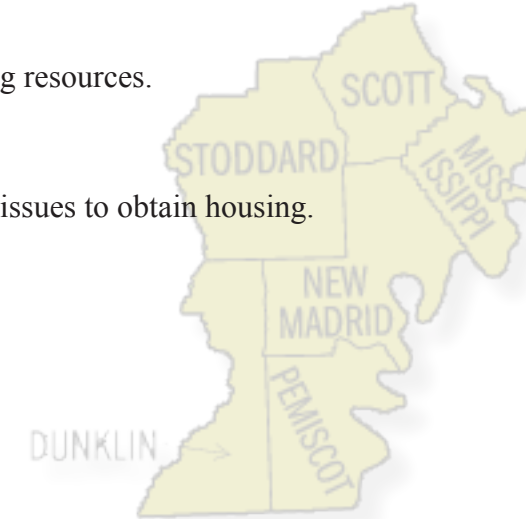
- Long-term resources to help chronically homeless individuals with mental illness succeed.
- Increase affordable housing.
- More cooperation with landlords.
- Increase openings on section 8 waiting list and public housing list.
- Boone County needs a hospital discharge policy in order to prevent discharging into homelessness.
- Counseling for individuals with outstanding bills so they can move into housing.
- More rent and utility assistance.
- Emergency shelter for homeless youth.
- Funding source for Re-Entry housing; not many options because of their record.
- Increase public transportation.
- Transitional housing with wraparound services to work with individuals on meeting their basic needs.



REGION 6

Scott, Stoddard, Mississippi, New Madrid, Dunklin, Pemiscot

- Landlords who will accept housing vouchers.
- More affordable housing.
- Currently only substandard housing available.
- Need for more housing resources.
- Assistance with legal issues to obtain housing.

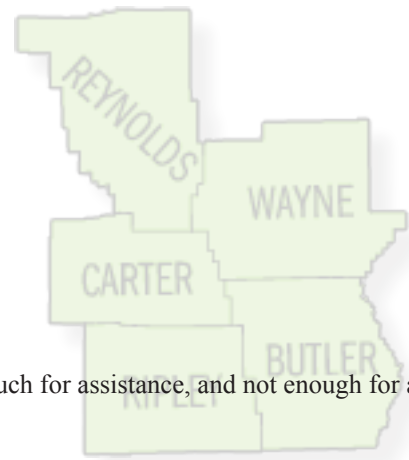


- Need for an emergency shelter.

REGION 7

Reynolds, Wayne, Carter, Ripley, Butler

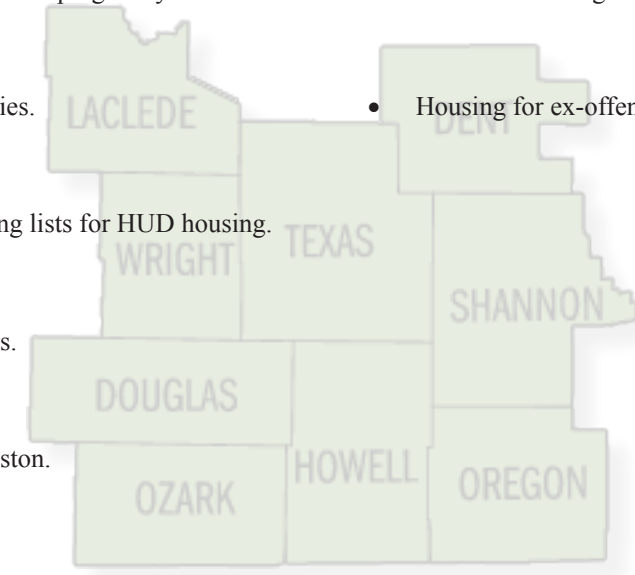
- Temporary shelter for families (closest is in Arkansas).
- Transitional housing after treatment for individuals with substance abuse.
- Additional shelter for men.
- Transitional Housing.
- Transportation (limited busing).
- Additional Medicaid services.
- Increase utility assistance.
- Affordable housing (families make too much for assistance, and not enough for a decent place to live).
- Need for housing codes.
- Emergency shelter.
- Transitional housing for women and children (closest is Doniphan).
- Increase openings in section 8 waiting list.
- Half way houses.
- Shelter/housing for individuals with felonies.



REGION 8

Laclede, Dent, Wright, Texas, Shannon, Douglas, Ozark, Howell, Oregon

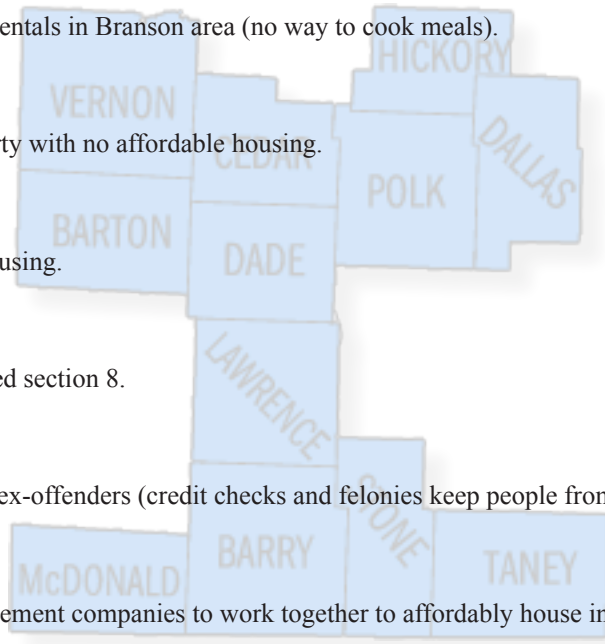
- Resources to lower eviction rates.
- Affordable housing.
- Employment.
- Landlords willing to work with service providers.
- Quality medicine and food programs.
- Education.
- Need to address and lower teen pregnancy.
- Need to address generational poverty.
- Shelter for homeless families.
- Housing for ex-offenders.
- Increase openings in waiting lists for HUD housing.
- Address rising energy costs.
- Emergency Shelter in Houston.
- Transportation.
- Develop and implement discharge policies.
- Resources to deal with drug (methamphetamine) related crimes (make up 80% of crimes in the area).
- Assistance for doubled-up families, or families living with multiple families in one residence.



REGION 9

Vernon, Hickory, Barton, Cedar, Dade, Polk, Dallas,
Lawrence, McDonald, Barry, Stone, Taney

- Affordable housing.
- Better paying jobs.
- Need to address the high cost of living.
- Lower rate of weekly rentals in Branson area (no way to cook meals).
- Address cycle of poverty with no affordable housing.
- Need for workforce housing.
- Additional project based section 8.
- Housing resources for ex-offenders (credit checks and felonies keep people from being housed).
- Need help from management companies to work together to affordably house individuals.
- Need for affordable apartments and not more condos.
- City involvement in housing.
- Public transportation.
- Emergency, warming and feeding shelters.
- Need for more resources for homeless families.
- Need more public awareness.
- Need for resources for rising population of homeless youth.



REGION 10

Lafayette, Saline, Cass, Johnson, Pettis, Bates, Henry, Benton, St. Clair

- Increase openings on HUD Housing List for Section 8.
- More homeless prevention funds.
- Emergency Shelter.
- Transportation.
- Transitional Housing for families and singles.
- Assistance for first-time homeowners.
- Foreclosure counseling.
- Education regarding rent-to-own properties and sub prime mortgages.
- Emergency food pantries.
- Financial and credit counseling.
- Additional mental health funding.

