

Region 4
REGIONAL HOUSING TEAM MEETING NOTES
September 16, 2009

In attendance: Mary Garcia, GHCAA; Elaine Medlock, Sal Army; Todd Rodenberg, Livingston County Commission; Martha Buckman, Good Samaritan Center; Theresia O'Neal, Livingston County Senate; Sandy Wilson, MASW; Heather Bradley-Geary, MHDC

Heather- GCEH Updates

Pilot Training SOAR- helping with advocacy for disabled seeking disability, etc.

Reentry Program- led by Missouri Dept. of Corrections

Sandy- Awareness- 2 events

November 19, 2009 – Fourth Annual Missouri Homeless Awareness Event- Jefferson City State Capital Building, 1st floor Rotunda from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Poster Contest, Display Tables, Educational Workshops (3 sessions)

Notify Sandy if you need a full or half table for display

Contact local schools for poster contest

Heather- Project Homeless Connect Committee- Project Homeless Connect in Columbia this past summer registered 84 clients (more served but bypassed registration)

Next year's Homeless Connect planned for Branson

Heather- Continuum of Care update-

funds not released yet

Balance of state funds is \$6 million *(please see the following corrections and updates)*

- \$2.8 million for new projects *(please note the correction of \$1.38 million for new projects)*
- \$426,542 for permanent housing
- \$1.88 million for renewals *(please note a correction of \$1.8 million for renewal programs)*

Training for applying for funding will be held in Jefferson City

Heather- Point in Time Count from July 29th

Unsheltered count report not ready- but had 967 surveys submitted

Contributing factors for increase in homelessness- more accurate counting and economy

Next Point in Time count will be held January 27th, 2010

Summer Point in Time count will be the last Wednesday in July

Breakdowns by counties for sheltered and unsheltered counts will be sent per request by MHDC- contact Heather Bradley- Geary

Sandy- Sheltered report by region handed out

Sandy- HMIS Updates- Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)

Jeannie Chapins will lead up HPRP training for HPRP client entries in HMIS Database

Heather- MHTF- Agencies' awards contingent upon funding

HMIS finalize enrollment and training if funded.

Agencies will need to train for Trust Fund entry even if already using MIS

Bridge for HMIS-MIS and MAC 10 planned to be finished December 2010

Contact MASW for questions that clients are being asked more than once for programs in order to include those questions in the bridging program

On December 11, 2009 MHDC will go over applications for MHTF

Commission meeting then is for Trust Fund only, not rental production as had been in the past

Heather- Resource Sheet- includes the schools' homeless liaisons for all schools

Agency Reports-

8% of funding will go to North part of the State in the Trust Fund allocations (\$3.6 million)

(used to be based on population but is now based on needs categories and numbers)

MHDC Offering \$8,000.00 credit in foreclosure assistance program for first time homebuyers (information on www.mhdc.com) contact Greg Spurgeon

Good Samaritan- had budget cuts so it lost caseworkers

Started a Free Clinic in January and has been very busy – they are open on Wednesday mornings and had a large turnout for school physicals from uninsured school aged children.

Also working on senior home repair projects

Livingston County SB40- No longer provide services to clients- County has restructured to outsourcing

Provide Employment and Training and medical transportation

Employment assistance

Vocational Training

Sheltered workshops with Community Options

Salvation Army- Gearing up for Christmas

Served 40 children with Backpack Program

Community based back to school testing served 63 children

Emergency food and shelter program having problems getting answers from FEMA

MASW- Conference in November in St. Louis (pick up brochures from Sandy)- Coalition for Homeless Trust Fund meeting on November 13, 2009- tools and strategies to increase servable areas

GHCAA- Will no longer be serving as local conduit for FEMA funding due to issues of time constraints and limits in human resources

Cameron Domestic Shelter closing date is set for October 1, 2009- HPRP funded shelter through Clinton, Caldwell and DeKalb counties; ARRA funded staffing; FSD helps to re-house; using Rapid Rehousing Program to find permanent housing for Domestic Violence Shelter Clients.

Section 8 Rental Assistance has long waiting list for first time- have funding for only 550 vouchers for the 9 county area

Chillicothe shelter looking for new location to better serve large need

Next meeting December 9th at 9:00 a.m.

