

Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness



Springfield/Greene, Christian and Webster Counties Continuum of Care

Community Partnership of the Ozarks
OAEH Executive Board Meeting

330 N. Jefferson, Springfield, MO

October 9, 2019

11:00 a.m. - noon

Attendees

Voting Members

Liz Hagar-Mace (Chair)
Bob Atchley
Jody Austin
Jennifer Cannon
Elisa Coonrod
Kelly Harris
Holly Hunt
Wyatt Jenkins

Dr. Tim Knapp
Maura Taylor
Katrena Wolfram
Kolby Helms-SPD (Proxy)

Interested Parties

Teresa Oglesby
Jackie Rehwald

Meleah Spencer
Cassie Sipas-Haas MHDC

Staff Support

Michelle Hethcoat
Rebecca Sisk
Amanda Stadler
Michael Tonarely

Welcome & Introductions – Liz Hagar-Mace

Liz called the meeting to order at 11:06 am. and had each person introduce themselves.

Federal Funding Updates

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Bob Atchley

The City has almost finalized all the subgrantee contracts. There are several that have been executed or are close to being executed. Unfortunately, they discovered after the contracts went out, that they had an incorrect date and had to resend them. The biggest message the City wants to get out is that if your contract is fully executed, they would love for you to start submitting your reimbursement requests. If your internal polices allow you to submit reimbursements request before the contract is fully executed, then they also would like to get those requests as soon as possible. Applicants should get back a signed copy of their contract.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – Bob Atchley

The City made the decision not to apply for funding for FY2020 which begins in November and encouraged agencies to apply for the maximum amount available. MHDC has made those funding announcements and the award list can be found on their website. MHDC will have a training webinar on 11/12, and since the City is not going to be the applicant for FY2020, all funded agencies will need to attend the webinar.

HUD Continuum of Care Grant – Bob Atchley

The 2019 application was successfully submitted.

Old Business

Approval of September Minutes (Action Required) – Liz Hagar-Mace

Liz asked for additions or corrections to the September minutes that were provided to the group prior to the meeting. The following changes were noted.

- Jennifer Cannon: Pg. 5 under 417 Rentals; Line 6 “The did” should be changed to “They did”
- Kelly Harris: Pg. 6 under Housing Authority; Line 5 “417 rentals” should be changed to “417 rental residents”

ACTION: Kelly Harris made a motion to accept the September minutes as amended. Bob Atchley seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Crisis Cold Weather Sheltering Update – Amanda Stadler

There have been several planning meetings and the group is still finalizing details. There will be a press release next week. The shelter season will start 11/1 and run through 3/31. East Sunshine will do the men’s shelter again and Grace United Methodist will do the women’s shelter. They are working with City Utilities to coordinate transportation. Connecting Grounds is planning to host the pick-up site for men.

CoC Project Grant Update (Vote Required) – Liz Hagar-Mace

This is a grant transfer request. Before McKinney-Vento changed to HEARTH, only public housing or government agencies could apply for the Shelter Plus Care Program. Some recipients would administer that, so the Springfield Housing Authority was the grantee for Shelter Plus Care, which became Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and The Kitchen has always been the sub-recipient. The Kitchen can become their own applicant since they are eligible for PSH under the HEARTH Act. The Housing Authority is requesting a grant transfer since The Kitchen does most of the administration of the grant and it’s been a pass-through grant for the Housing Authority (they receive the grant; The Kitchen sends them a bill and then the Housing Authority sends The Kitchen a check.) Once this is approved, a letter will go to HUD that states the Continuum approves the transfer of the project. Liz said she believes the letter comes from the CoC and not the lead agency. Amanda Stadler will get a letter drafted for review and believes it does need to be signed by the Executive Board Chair. The Housing Authority will continue with the 2018 grant and The Kitchen would then take over for the 2019 grant. The number of units varies by year based on the size of the grant.

Liz-Hagar Mace asked for a motion to approve transfer the PSH Project Grant from the Housing Authority of Springfield to The Kitchen, Inc.

ACTION: Elisa Coonrod made a motion to approve the transfer of the PSH Project Grant. Dr. Tim Knapp seconded the motion; all members were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Local Performance Measures Presentation – Mike Tonarely

Link to presentation <https://www.icalliances.org/mo-system-performance-dashboards>.

Committee Updates

Christian County Homeless Alliance – Amanda Stadler

They had their monthly meeting yesterday and are almost done updating their Bylaws. They are also getting ready for the Hot Soup Cold Night fundraising event in February. Nixa High School Art Dept. has offered to do an Empty Bowl idea for the event. The location where the event was this year can't host again next year, so they have made a request to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Funded Agency Committee – Maura Taylor

There are quite a few topics that were discussed that will be referred to the Policy and Procedure Committee. Those topics will eventually be brought back to the Funded Agency and then brought to the Executive Board to vote on. A Policy and Procedure Committee updated will be added to the monthly agenda.

O'Reilly Center for Hope – Amanda Stadler

The plan is to do a grand opening will be in April in-conjunction with Fair Housing month, depending on the construction schedule. There will be a slow move-in starting with One Door and then gradually adding partners and services. Liz asked if there was any update on the Homeless Court starting up again? Amanda said that she and Michelle Garand had discussed, and it was on Michelle's list for the O'Reilly Center.

417 Rentals – Amanda Stadler

No updates at this time.

Announcements

Housing Authority – Katrena Wolfram

They sold 10 public housing units last Friday, which will provide funds for the RAD project. They are working on their finance plan to start RAD and are waiting on state tax credits. They will rehab 12 units and then work on rehabbing the rest of their public housing stock that will then become Section 8.

Executive Board Empty Seat – Amanda Stadler

There has been an open seat on the Executive Board for the Mayor's appointee. It was vacated by Jim O'Neal, who then filled an at large position. They recommended Missey Hayward to the Mayor's office and they approved the recommendation. Missey was not able to make it to this meeting but will start attending in November. She has worked some different community partnership programs like Victory Mission and The Kitchen and is with BancorpSouth.

NOFA Committee – Amanda Stadler

They will be meeting with in the next month to review our 3rd Quarter Monitoring Reports for the CoC grant. Liz asked if there was a homeless or formerly homeless person on the Board since that is always asked with the NOFA? Amanda said yes, but they have not attended for a while. Amanda will follow up with the member.

Hope Connection/Every Action Counts Campaign – Michelle Hethcoat

Hope Connection handbills and calendar were distributed. The event is on 11/20. They have 360 volunteers but that doesn't include Mercy volunteers which bring us close to 500. The volunteer registration should still be open, or you can contact Michelle directly.

There is a press conference on 11/1 and they will be releasing the Annual Unsheltered Report and the Homeless Youth Task Force Gap Analysis. On 11/7 they will have a community conversation dispelling some myths about homelessness. The Annual Awards for Homeless Advocacy is on 11/22.

MSU Care – Elisa Coonrod

MSU Care got their flu shots in and they are going fast. MSU is still a Front Door and Cassie is doing a great job. Still working with Michael to get data right.

The Springfield Street Choir – Jennifer Cannon

The Springfield Street Choir has started rehearsing at Connecting Grounds on Tuesday nights prior to the meal at 5 o'clock. They will be performing at Stories on the Street during Homeless Awareness month so if you know anyone interested in help, please let her know. Connecting Grounds is also doing a Needs One Christmas, asking folks to register, and they will provide them with one thing they need and one thing they want. If you haven't gotten to the Art Museum to see The Road I Call Home, it will be there until mid-February.

Safe to Sleep – Kelly Harris

Next open house will be 11/11 from 7 to 8 pm at Pathways. There are very short on overnight volunteers so if you know anyone who might be interested, have them contact Kelly.

Springfield-Greene County Health Department – Jody Austin

They are providing free hepatitis A vaccinations. They are seeing several outbreaks right now. They have been to Safe to Sleep, Harbor House, Veterans Coming Home, Connecting Grounds, jail and are now working on extended stay motels. If are in close contacts with anyone at risk, you need to get the shot. You can call and get your own appointment, so you don't have to wait or come in on Weds. afternoons during walk-in times. If there is someplace you would like them to come out to, their calendar is full, but they do have a couple of open dates. The shot is 2-part and life long, but they encourage everyone to get it updated every 10 years. Their grant does not pay for the 2nd shot. There is a Hep B shot, but you need to be over 60. There is no shot for Hep C. They also have flu shots.

Missouri Department of Mental Health – Liz Hagar-Mace

They had a great Housing Conference in Springfield and came away with some ideas about future trainings.

4th Quarter General Meeting – Amanda Stadler

The meeting is next week on 10/17 and there will be someone speaking about the 2020 Census and how agencies can get involved in that. Harmony House will be presenting on best practices for working with domestic violence survivors.

Motion to Adjourn

Elisa Coonrod made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Cannon seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

Upcoming Meetings

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 13th at 11:00 am – noon (CPO Office)

HOPE Connection and Veterans Stand Down: November 20