

Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness



Springfield/Greene, Christian and Webster Counties Continuum of Care

Community Partnership of the Ozarks
OAEH Executive Board Meeting

July 14, 2021

11:00 a.m. – noon via Zoom

Attendees

Voting Members

Sabrina Aronson
Bob Atchley
Elisa Coonrod
Kelly Harris
Missy Hayward
Holly Hunt
Tim Knapp

Mike Lucas
Jim O'Neal
Maura Taylor
John Walker

Interested Parties

Meleah Spencer

Support Staff

Adam Bodendieck
Stephanie Cartwright
Dandy Myles
Amanda Stadler

Welcome & Introductions – Kelly Harris

Kelly Harris called the meeting to order at 11:02 am and asked everyone to introduced themselves by name and organization.

Kelly stated that, due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, this is the first and only hybrid meeting. The meetings will go back to Zoom for the next month or two after which the idea of adjusting the meetings will be readdressed.

Old Business

Approval of April Minutes (Action Required) – Kelly Harris, Chair

Kelly asked for any discussion, additions or corrections to the June minutes that were provided to the group prior to the meeting.

- **ACTION:** Elissa Coonrod pointed out the need to edit the June minutes for typos. Stephanie Cartwright will revise the minutes and send them back out to the group. A Zoom voting poll was done for those not in person. Kelly Harris and John Walker voted in person. **Jim O'Neal** made a motion to accept the June minutes updated with the requested revision. **Elisa Coonrod** seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes are approved.

Approval of Emergency Shelter Written Standards (Action Required) – Kelly Harris

The Emergency Shelter Written Standards were originally discussed in April 2021 but have been revised since then.

- **ACTION:** As some have not had a chance to review fully prior to the meeting, this item is being tabled until the next meeting.

Housing Study – Amanda Stadler

The Housing Authority of Springfield (HAS) has been working directly with Missouri State University to complete the Housing Study. Bob Atchley stated that additionally the City of Springfield's Planning and Development department is still currently working with HAS to possibly amend the study. Bob will connect with Amanda Stadler to discuss further details as there is a tentative presentation by the author of the Housing Study scheduled for the next monthly Systems & Services meeting on August 11th. If the presentation is given, it will be 15-20 minutes and will include time for questions.

Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) – Amanda Stadler

The EHV's are subsidized housing vouchers that will be administered through HAS and OACAC for our entire CoC. This was an allocation that was through the American Rescue Plan. It does require an MOU with the CoC. Adam and Amanda have been in conversation with our housing authorities to complete that MOU. The deadline is the end of July, and it will be completed by that deadline. The next step will be working with an advisory committee of partners and service providers to determine the steps of implementation. This will be braided into our CES so all referrals will still take place through that system.

New Business

Youth Dedicated Seat on Executive Board – Kelly Harris

There are currently three open At-Large seats on this Board. We would like to consider adding a designated seat for someone from the Youth Action Board. This could be advantageous for our group and if we get the YHDP grant that would also help with implementation. There is not a need for a vote for this item. No one was opposed to having a designated seat for a member of the Youth Action Board.

Amanda shared that through the OAEH Governance Charter, the Board can have 20 voting members. We currently have 17. Out of the 20 positions, some are appointed positions and some are At-Large positions. Amanda would recommend filling an at-large position with a Youth Action Board representative in the future to then bring the total number of voting members to 18.

Announcements/Discussion

Strategic Planning – Amanda Stadler

Strategic Planning was discussed as a group at our last meeting. We are now taking the next steps with that process. A survey was sent out yesterday. Please take a few minutes to complete that survey, forward it to anyone else you think is relevant to that discussion whether it's partners, volunteers, clients that you serve. The survey will be open for a week. Next Thursday, at our quarterly General Membership meeting, which will also be virtual, we will be doing a planning, brainstorming around the survey responses. We will then compile it into a document to bring back to the group in August or September for approval for the Strategic Plan. The next steps will be action planning with each of our groups. Kelly encouraged everybody to complete the survey.

This is great timing for this as the new funding that's coming in from the American Rescue Plan has to be allocated in coordination with our CoC. This is a real opportunity for our Strategic Plan to really guide allocation of that funding. An invitation for the next week's planning session will go out tomorrow for the General Membership meeting. Mark your calendars for next Thursday from 10 am-12 pm. We will also get an invite out tomorrow that you can forward to other relevant parties.

Bob Atchley stated there is \$3.8 million in funding that we're calling Home ARPC funding, American Rescue Plan Act funding. The City of Springfield is working hand-in-hand with the Alliance to determine how these funds are going to be expended. We will likely not see these funds until early next year so probably January, February of 2022. Where we put the funding will be based largely on what the needs are, what are the unmet needs of the CoC. We do know that they want these funds to be utilized predominately for construction of new shelters and affordable

housing. We don't have a lot of guidance that will be coming out until probably at least October. This is something where the expenditures have to occur with the City working in partnership with our local CoC.

Quarterly System Performance Measure Presentation – Dandy Myles

<https://icalliances.org/mo-system-performance-dashboards>

Dandy Myles presented the updates to the group. Dandy mentioned that starting with returns to Homelessness, we have five returns to homelessness in the 3rd Quarter. Those that entered HMIS participating homeless services within the 3rd Quarter.

- For prior living situations, of the 256 clients who entered an emergency shelter within the 3rd Quarter, the majority reported that their prior living situation was a homeless situation
- There were 70 that were reported as an *Other* situation
- 30 reported their living situation was an institutional situation.

Elissa Coonrod asked why they returned to homelessness and stated that it is important to know why the client is returning to homelessness.

Meleah stated that each client's situation is very different and sometimes client's needs can be beyond the Agency's abilities to help.

Committee Updates

Crisis Cold Weather Shelter Planning – Amanda Stadler

The Crisis Cold Weather Shelter Planning group has been meeting on a regular basis. After the group's discussions and the feedback from other providers and clients that are utilizing the CCWS system, we, as a CoC, are pushing for an expanded model of shelter services during the winter. Previously, the shelters were opened temperature based when it was at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. We really want to find a way to have shelter open seven nights a week during the winter.

Current providers cannot handle the numbers of homeless population that needs shelter and additional volunteers are needed. In August, we will be promoting community-wide volunteer opportunity to recruit volunteers to work in the cold weather shelters. Hopefully, this effort will be able to yield more volunteers signing up so we can meet the needs. Adam added that this is a difficult endeavor, but we need to make it happen.

Emergency Shelter Work Group – Amanda Stadler

Amanda Shared that group is still working on using relief funding to increase year-round emergency shelters. A meeting was scheduled but is currently on hold while we are waiting for Federal guidance on how the money that can be spent. Jim O'Neal is working on some creative ideas and will be sharing them with the group soon.

Systems & Services Committee (S&SC) – Maura Taylor

Maura shared that various grant funding was discussed; Maura reminded that the moratorium in evictions ending soon. Greene County has some funding for rent and utilities for people who were impacted by COVID-19. The funding was released to several local agencies to provide direct services and assist people in need. Catholic Charities, CPO, CCC OACAC, Council of Churches provide rental and mortgage assistance. Salvation Army provides only rent assistance.

Announcements/Discussion – All Available

Jim O'Neal shared the following updates with the group:

Eden Village 2 has eight residents

ReVive 66 has 45 residents

Eden Village has 3 residents and two homes are being used as COVID-19 quarantine sites

Jim shared that several cities are wanting to implement the Eden Village and Model and the Gathering Tree model.

Maura Taylor shared that a tiny duplex pilot program was launched in Joplin. The first duplex will be ready by November 2021.

Motion to Adjourn – Kelly Harris, Chair

Kelly Harris asked for a motion to adjourn.

ACTION: Jim O’Neal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elissa Coonrod seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Addendum

Upcoming Meetings

July 22: OAEH General Membership Meeting (Strategic Planning) – 10:00 – 12:00 via Zoom

Next Meeting is August 11, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm via Zoom