

Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness



Springfield/Greene, Christian and Webster Counties Continuum of Care

**Community Partnership of the Ozarks
OAEH Executive Board Meeting**

January 11, 2023

11:00 a.m. – noon

Burriss Training Center – O'Reilly Center For Hope

Attendees

Voting Members

Sabrina Aronson
Bob Atchley
Jody Austin
Kelly Harris
Missey Hayward
Brock Hughes
Wyatt Jenkins
Dr. Tim Knapp

Voting Members

Bandi Kolbe
Darline Mabins
Theresa Oglesby
Tonya Price
Meleah Spencer
Alyssa Spradlin

Interested Parties

Dandy Myles

Support Staff

Roni Blanche
Adam Bodendieck
Emily Fessler

Welcome & Introductions – Jody Austin

Jody Austin called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and introduced the new Board members: Bandi Kolbe, Theresa Oglesby, Meleah Spencer, Brock Hughes, and Darline Mabins.

Old Business

Approval of October and November Minutes (Vote Required) – Jody Austin

- **ACTION:** **Emily Fessler** stated that the October minutes should be amended to show attendance by Bob Atchley and Elisa Coonrod. **Meleah Spencer** made a motion to approve the October minutes with the necessary amendments and the November minutes as presented. **Kelly Harris** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

New Business/Unfinished Business

DMH Custom Data Request – Dandy Myles

Dandy reported that the Department of Mental Health (DMH) has asked the Institute for Community Alliances (ICA) for coordinated entry data in HMIS to help evaluate their housing liaison program so Board approval is needed to do that. The data provided will not have personally identifying information, only aggregate data including demographics, veteran status, chronic homelessness status, entry date into coordinated entry, housing move-in date, and referral date to DMH housing liaison if applicable. Dandy said the date range will go back to November

2021 because that's when they officially started that program. **Adam Bodendieck** stated that from a coordinated entry system perspective, this is information we are already collecting and he has been working closely with the DMH housing navigators housed in Burrell and now OACAC to collect the information. He said that we have had previous requests last year to share this data and had no issues with that, so we believe this is a good thing. **Emily Fessler** clarified that there would be no additional cost involved.

- **ACTION: Wyatt Jenkins** made a motion to approve providing the data. **Theresa Oglesby** seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Strategic Action Planning (Vote Required) – Emily Fessler

Emily mentioned the “Strategic Action Planning Timeline for 2023” document that was given to everyone. She stated that we have a Strategic Action Planning Committee and we have an analysis of need and all the data from HMIS, but we wanted to create a formal action plan so that the Continuum of Care (CoC), committees and task forces can have actionable plans to work from. If voted on and approved today, that would mean: in February the task forces and committees would identify sectors for community listening sessions and develop questions for the sessions; March would be engaging groups in the listening sessions; April the information will be compiled; May and June the information would be reviewed and an action planning template will be created; July will be developing and action plan with specific goals and objectives; and August the plan will be brought back to the Board with specific things the committees and task forces will do. **Dr. Tim Knapp** stated a concern that the timeline was too tight. **Jody Austin** stated that time had been added to the original timeline and the project is doable.

- **ACTION: Sabrina Aronson** made the motion to approve the Action Planning Timeline. **Kelly Harris** seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Updates:

Crisis Cold Weather Shelter – Emily Fessler

Emily recapped the severe cold weather event that happened over the holidays and relayed that The Connecting Grounds (TCG) secured 7 additional overnight shelters and worked with The City to get the Expo Center as a day warming center for two days as well as the Veterans Coming Home doing a warming center. She stated that no one was turned away that needed shelter and offered appreciation for all of the help given and volunteers. She stated that Brian Fogle of Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO) provided \$10,000 in funds to help with overnight shelter staffing needs through Penmac and \$8,500 to help cover the cost of meals at Grace United Methodist Church, who does 7/nights a week meals, and for Sunday meal funding. The funds should help us get through the crisis cold weather season. She stated earlier this week we became aware of a collective impact grant available and we were able to apply by the deadline yesterday. If received, the grant would help fund the CCWS director position as well as supplies for additional shelters coming on. She stated that Freedom City and Brentwood are new shelters coming onboard, Harbor House came on January 1, and TCG is now using hotels for families so they can be an overflow shelter. She said we have been averaging 175 people per night in the shelters. **Adam Bodendieck** added that we have more beds and space available than in previous years, and with Foster Adopt Connect serving youth downtown as a CCWS, we are serving a wide variety of populations. He said it is encouraging to see new resources coming available because usually by January and February it gets pretty rough.

Day of Hope – Emily Fessler

The mini-Day of Hope was at the end of November at the O'Reilly Center for Hope (OCH). Jordan Valley served 30 with vision services, MSU Cares served 39 with vision screenings, the Health Department served 31 with COVID and flu vaccinations, and Convoy of Hope provided groceries. 74 people were served in 3 hours. Because it went so well, MSU Cares will be doing Wellness Wednesday every week, and the fourth Wednesday of the month will be a mini-Day of Hope adding other providers starting in February. Emily stated that a large Day of Hope will be planned for this coming November again. **Jody Austin** added that the Health Department is able to offer Hepatitis A and other vaccinations, not only COVID and flu shots, if needed. **Adam Bodendieck** added that there may be hearing

screenings offered, IT help, foot care, health screenings, haircuts, or other services, and they are still working out the details for the monthly event.

Hot Soup Cold Nights – Emily Fessler

The Christian County Homeless Alliance’s (CCHA) fundraiser will be on Friday, February 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran in Nixa. Hot soups will be donated by the CCH Alliance and individuals, there will be voting for your favorite soup, the local school art departments are creating bowls for sale as well as part of the silent auction. Local agencies will have tables at the event, so it is educational as well as a fundraiser. Emily shared the event flyer and said a great turnout is encouraged.

General Membership Training – Emily Fessler

The next General Membership quarterly meeting is on January 19 and will be virtual. The training will be during the first hour, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and the panel will discuss mainstream benefits of food stamps, SSI, TANF and the Missouri Work Assistance program. There will be a chance for agencies to ask questions during the training.

In-person Executive Board Meetings (Vote Required) – Jody Austin

- **ACTION:** Discussion was made about continuing in-person meetings or going virtual. The vote was unanimous to continue doing in-person meetings.

Announcements/Discussion – None offered

Adjourn

- **ACTION:** Alyssa Spradlin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Tim Knapp seconded the motion. Jody Austin adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Upcoming Meeting

February 8, 2023 (Burriss Training Center-OCH)