**MO Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Board Minutes: Thursday, March 26, 2020**

Chair Martha Sander called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Roll call was done by Secretary Marsha Keene-Frye. Katie Burnham Wilkins, Angella Holt, Steve Hollis, and Terry Sanders were absent.

Sander asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of MOU approval for Jefferson County, Ann Gosnell made the motion and Mark Kirchhoff seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sander asked for a motion to approve the February 27, 2020 minutes. A correction was made to a typo at the bottom that should have said by. Sander asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Becky Poitras made the motion, and Rhonda Meyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sander asked for update from Ann Gosnell in regard to the CA RFP workgroup. There were none.

Jayna Gray reported that she had received a Data Request from Boone County. Discussion ensued regarding if the information being requested was really reflective of what was needed. There was discussion around confidentiality and the narrowness of the scope of the request. Becky Poitras asked to call the question. Poitras made the motion to approve the data request by Boone County. The motion was seconded by Melissa Stickel. Mark Kirchhoff voted no, everyone else voted in favor. Motion Carries.

A request was received by MO HMIS Implementation, St Joseph CoC. St. Joseph has lost their HMIS and asked to be allowed to join our implementation. Board approved that Becky Poitras and Anthony Smith be able to attend St. Joseph meeting. Smith made the motion to approve St. Joe join Mo HMIS BOS implementation. Poitras seconded and motion carried.

Jefferson City Housing Authority is wanting to apply for vouchers for youth. Natalie Allen said they are foster youth housing vouchers. As soon as signatures are gained the housing authority will be able to apply. This is open ended funding that HUD offered last summer. Mark Kirchhoff said they are also looking at setting up a youth initiative in region five. This will help prioritize case conferencing for youth. Sander asked for a motion to approve the MOU. Becky Poitras made the motion we approve the MOU, Tammy Dryer seconded. Motion carries.

COVID-19 Check-in

MFH has a couple of reps who have reached out and want to know what is going on in BOS and what our needs are.

Region 1 – Melissa Stickel said all staff working remotely. They have opened up an on line portal to process apps, etc. Throughout the region as a whole most people are closed. The DV shelter is closed. It is difficult to connect people with each other. Housing process has pretty much come to a halt. They are still pulling people off of the list.

Region 2 – Had no presentation

Region 3 - Not on call

Region 4 - Most of the shelters stopped accepting new referrals. Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing taking names as they have openings. A slow down is being affected by new job loss. Landlords less likely to take them on. They are having landlords unlock and leave. They are then inspecting and then landlord comes back. Several agencies have increased assistance to keep people housed. They are moving dollars into prevention.

Region 5 – Kelly Kemna said shelters remaining operational. Salvation Army is at capacity. Other shelters are on lock down. They are not putting people out but not taking new people. Housing programs seem to be attempting to take new people. Columbia trying to shelter unsheltered in hotels due to shelter in place. A lot of programs are doing it virtually.

Region 6 – Amy Hopper said she didn’t really have any thing to report. Everything was fine and almost everything was closed. Minimal services are being offered. Hopper reported no case conferencing this month due to everything being too crazy. Keene-Frye reported that DV shelter in Mississippi County is still open and accepting new intakes.

Region 7 - Anthony Smith said emergency shelters not taking anyone new. They are asking agencies, community local health department, etc. to facilitate a plan to assist those with respiratory problems.

Region 8 – No report

Region 9 - All of COC opened. Three DV shelters all taking new intakes. Case conferencing is happening. People were pulled in March and they have been able to get people housed. Region 9 is without a level 3 access point.

Region 10 - Ann Gosnell said there weren’t enough participants to have case conferencing . Ann is still able to house people. Landlords unlocking to allow for inspections. Have been able to get to people housed. Ann is still taking victims. They are getting huge amount of referrals from Kansas City.

Rhonda Meyer reported that they will have the housing hotline through the end of March. After that they will no longer live answer due to MoHip funding decisions.

Sander said the Executive Committee would be talking to MFH on 3/27/2020– She asked the board what they would like discussed. Topics brought up were we don’t have enough space to quarantine in our existing locations. We need to discuss within each region what resources are in place. Is there money available to rent empty hotel/motel buildings?

Kelli Kemna suggested extended hotel stays and give to emergency shelters that are staying open additional money.

Ronda Meyer said St. Charles CoC would allow a block of rooms to be reserved for unsheltered or for shelters that are at capacity and have need to isolate. Exterior entrance is needed. Staffing with volunteers from COC’s.

Community Action Agencies aren’t opened. Some doing busy remotely. Natalie mentioned the possibility of reaching out to partners in other states that were ahead of us in the CoVid fight.

Sander asked Anthony Smith if anything was coming out of Governors task force. He has only been told that a task force was being set up for CoVid.

Jayna said that the HIMIS report for PIT and HIC have been pushed back to June 1st versus April 30. Hoping to have those in next week or two for unsheltered. For sheltered have 5 agencies who have not submitted their surveys.

Sandy said first and foremost ICA consulted with legal team to identify what way could we step in and become a good partner. They have CoVid 19 report in their system to trace if someone in system tests positive. The Health Department can request information and ICA can run a report to tell who it was, who they come in contact with and where did they go. The system gives prompts for what to do next. Sander said she wonders if someone tested positive if they will be screened out.

Natalie Allen reported that Children’s Division hotline reports are down 50% which means they are not being seen in the community. They are working from home but investigation staff are operational.

Becky Poitras said census forms have gone out so please get census info done online.

Sander made motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. and Rhonda Meyer seconded. Motion carried.