

# Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care



## MO BoS CoC COMMITTEE SUMMARIES AND UPDATES Nov 23'

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### Coordinated Entry Committee

Over the past year, the dedicated members of the Coordinated Entry (CE) committee, led by the capable Maggie Thomas, have worked to enhance the Coordinated Entry System. Their efforts have resulted in policy adjustments and improvements. Looking ahead, the committee is poised to spearhead a workgroup with the goal of developing a tool to replace the VISPDAT in 2024.

### Grants Committee

The Grants committee has ushered new leadership with the election of Reginald Jennings as the chair for the year 2024. The committee has achieved significant milestones in refining policies and incorporating novel elements related to the recent award agreements acquired by the CoC over the past year. Looking forward to 2024, the Grants committee is dedicated to a targeted initiative: enhancing the annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) renewal process, showcasing their commitment to efficiency and continual advancement in grant management.

### Performance Committee

Led by Wes Dent of Hillcrest, the Performance committee has been diligently focused on delivering valuable performance feedback to agencies. In tandem with this effort, the committee has established a dedicated workgroup aimed at modernizing the Moving on Strategy for the Continuum of Care (CoC). In the coming year, their commitment remains steadfast as they embark on a comprehensive review of CoC performance, dedicating their efforts to crafting informative materials encompassing project performance, HMIS elements training, and various other crucial aspects.

### Membership Committee

Chaired by Edwin Cooper of the Department of Mental Health, the Membership committee played a pivotal role in orchestrating the in-person Full Continuum of Care (CoC) Membership meeting held in June. Their efforts extended to prioritizing the onboarding and retention of new members. Looking ahead, the committee is set to concentrate on the expansion of committees within the CoC, strategically aligning with the directives of the Board of Directors as they plan and shape the Full CoC Membership meetings for the year 2024.

### Point in Time Count Committee

The Point in Time Count committee has analyzed the data and insights from the previous count, implementing enhancements for the upcoming year. Championed by Ann Gosnell-Hopkins of Lexington House of Hope, the preparations for the 2024



Point in Time Count are well underway, with the committee actively engaged in the pre-planning phases. Collaborating closely with Regional Coordinators and ICA, the committee is steadfastly committed to ensuring a robust and accurate count for the upcoming year.

### **Youth Services Committee**

The Youth Services committee has had an exceptionally active and productive year! Piloted by Sterling Waldman of CPSEMO, the committee has been collaborating closely with the Youth Action Board and the Lead Agency, they have played a pivotal role in steering the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, which the CoC secured last year. In addition, the committee has engaged with researchers and technical assistance to offer valuable insights into the Needs Assessment and Qualified Minor Tool. Looking ahead to 2024, their commitment remains unwavering as they continue to work closely with the Youth Action Board and researchers, addressing emerging needs within the youth grant agreement.

### **Youth Action Board**

The Youth Action Board (YAB) has been actively and collaboratively engaged with the CoC across various fronts. From spearheading the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Coordinated Community Plan to participating in numerous retreats and meetings, the YAB has played a crucial role in shaping expectations, policies, and more. Notably, the YAB recently granted approval to selected grantees for the YHDP, underscoring their ongoing commitment to working closely with the Lead Agency of the CoC to monitor and uphold the expectations outlined in the grant agreement.

### **Veterans Committee**

Guided by the illustrious Glenna Wilson, the Veteran Services Committee has undergone positive changes, transitioning to quarterly meetings with a renewed emphasis on training and available resources within the CoC. Among the key discussion points are insights derived from the Point in Time Count data specific to Veterans, Stand Down Events, and various other pertinent topics. This strategic shift allows the committee to delve deeper into critical issues and ensures a more comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of veterans within the CoC.

### **Victim Services Committee**

The Victim Services Committee has had a dynamic and impactful year. Under the guidance of Jennifer Sander of Council for Families in Crisis, the committee is actively engaged in the thorough review of the Release of Information document within the Coordinated Entry Assessment tool. Following the finalization of this task, their focus will extend to a comprehensive examination of CoC policies, ensuring they are tailored to be Non-HMIS friendly specifically for Victim Services providers



and clients. This proactive approach underscores the committee's dedication to refining processes and making the CoC more accessible and responsive to the unique needs of those seeking Victim Services.

### **IDEA Committee (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Awareness)**

Formerly known as the Racial and Gender Inequities Committee, the IDEA Committee has achieved noteworthy progress on multiple fronts. The imminent launch of the Client Feedback Survey, designed to pinpoint issues and gaps in the Coordinated Entry System, marks a significant milestone. Guided by Sterling Waldman of CPSEMO, the IDEA committee has also dedicated efforts to bolstering its presence and stability within the CoC. Looking ahead to the next year, their strategic focus includes a thorough review of gaps in the CoC and the establishment of a dedicated workgroup centered on Persons with Lived Expertise of Homelessness. This initiative aims to elevate these voices in the formulation of policies and decision-making processes, ensuring a more inclusive and representative approach to CoC development.

### **Policy & Planning Committee**

The Policy and Planning Committee, formerly known as the Board Development Workgroup, has dedicated the year to defining its roles, responsibilities, and expectations, including considerations for membership. Under the tutelage of Becky Poitras from Metro Lutheran Ministry, the committee significantly contributed to its evolution by conducting a thorough review of Board member expectations and carefully evaluating At Large Candidates for the Board, and reviewing the Governance Charter of the CoC. Looking ahead, the committee is preparing to initiate the process of filing for 501(c)(3) status for the CoC, underscoring their commitment to the organization's organizational development and long-term sustainability.

### **HMIS Committee**

The recently established committee has successfully carved out a functional arena dedicated to addressing HMIS needs through thorough review and constructive discussion. Under the leadership of David Henrion, the committee is actively engaged in evaluating the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ICA and the CoC. Their forward-looking agenda includes a comprehensive revamping of the MOU, with plans for implementation in the near future, emphasizing the committee's commitment to enhancing the effectiveness and relevance of HMIS within the CoC.