



2020 Annual Report

Overview

The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness (GCEH) shall make an annual report of recommendations and strategies for implementing such recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tern of the Senate. Such report shall be submitted by November 1 of each year beginning in 2004.

This annual report includes information from November 2019-October 2020. The GCEH recommendations and strategies are included in the current [Action Plan](#) .

The GCEH website address is: www.endhomelessnessmo.org .

Executive Committee

The current [Executive Committee](#) started their positions following the 10/5/2020 GCEH meeting. Each position is for a two-year term.

- Amanda Stadler, Community Partnership of the Ozarks (Chair)
- Sarah Owsley, Empower Missouri (Vice-Chair)
- Kelli Kemna, Missouri Department of Mental Health (Secretary)

Additionally, the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) Housing Department provides staff support to the GCEH by overseeing the website, listserv announcements, and meeting logistics (setting up virtual meetings). The Missouri Housing Development Commission continues to cover the cost of the website and listserv.

Membership and Attendance

The GCEH believes that it can accomplish more when there are diverse perspectives at the table. Voting members have been appointed by the Missouri Governor, but the committee also invites any interested, non-appointed agencies and individuals to our meetings. A full list of the membership is available [online](#).

Meeting Agendas, Meeting Minutes, and Presentation Handouts

In 2020, the GCEH met every other month, with the exception of April, due to COVID-19. There have been 5 GCEH meetings since the submission of the 2019 Annual Report. For this reporting period, there were two active GCEH sub-committees: Missouri Continuum of Care (met every other month) and Warming and Cooling Centers (met as needed). Meeting materials (agendas, minutes, and presentations) are posted on the GCEH [website](#) and emailed to the GCEH listserv. Relevant announcements are also shared with the listserv and individuals can subscribe to the listserv via the GCEH website.

Recommendations and Highlights:

Recommendations and highlights during this time period include:

- Shared data, policy, and information that supports the action plan via the following presentations:
 - [Missouri Statewide Homelessness Study](#)



- 2020 Census operations updates and opportunities for engagement
- Best Practices: Gateway Housing First
- Federal Funding Opportunities
- Department of Social Services, Workforce Development Unit
- Focused on subcommittee activities:
 - Missouri Continua of Care: Shared resources and updates regarding COVID-19 response for individuals experiencing homelessness and direct service staff
 - Warming/Cooling Shelters: Developed the [Emergency Weather Toolkit](#)
- Continued to promote and engage partners with the GCEH adopted Discharge Policy
 - This has previously been adopted by the St. Louis City, Springfield, St. Joe, Joplin, and Balance of State Continua of Care; Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Youth Services; and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. During this reporting year, the Discharge Policy was adopted by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Divisions (11/27/19).