

2019 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 2018-October 2019. The GCEH recommendations and strategies are included in the current <u>Action Plan</u>.

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

Recommendations and Highlights

Recommendations and highlights during this time period include:

- Presented data, policy and information that supports the Action Plan;
- Expanded the Action Plan to include new Federal Plan components;
- Reorganized and updated website including <u>statewide point-in-time count data</u> and highlighting a <u>success story</u>;
- Approved Point-in-Time Count date for the state;
- Approved a revised <u>Discharge Policy</u> and requesting state departments to adopt;
- Approved Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) <u>Homeless Prevention</u> and <u>Street Outreach</u> standards; and
- Focused on subcommittee activities such as creating an inventory and toolkit for warming/cooling shelters.

Discharge Policy

Officially adopted by the following Continua of Care as of 6/27/19: St. Louis City, Springfield, St. Joseph, Joplin, Balance of State

Officially adopted by the Missouri Dept. of Social Services, Division of Youth Services, 7/1/19. Officially adopted by the Missouri Dept. of Health and Senior Services, 7/30/19.

Executive Committee

The current <u>Executive Committee</u> started their positions in January 2018 for a two-year term. Their terms end this year.

- Jennifer Carter Dochler, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence: Chair
- LaTeacha Tigue, philanthropist: Vice-Chair

• Ivy Doxley, Department of Social Services Children's Division: Secretary

The 2020-2021 Executive Committee was selected at the October meeting. Orientation will begin to prepare for the transition.

- Liz Hagar-Mace, Department of Mental Health: Chair
- Amanda Stadler, Community Partnerships of the Ozarks: Vice-Chair
- Natalie Allen, Department of Social Services Children's Division: Secretary

The Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) Housing department helps staff the GCEH by overseeing the website changes, listserv announcements, and logistics for the meetings such as reserving the room and providing the conference call line.

The Missouri Housing Development Commission continues to cover the cost of the website and listserv.

Meeting Agendas, Meeting Minutes and Presentation Handouts

In 2019, meetings returned to every other month rather than monthly. GCEH held eight meetings since the submission of the 2018 annual report. There are currently three subcommittees that regularly meeting in-person or via phone: Missouri Continua of Care, Warming/Cooling Shelter, and Statewide Data. Subcommittees met almost monthly. Meeting materials are uploaded onto the GCEH website and can be found online. Meeting materials and related announcements are emailed via the GCEH listserv. The GCEH listserv allows three emails per month to be circulated to members of the GCEH. Individuals can subscribe to the listserv off of the website. Currently, there are 313 individuals who receive listserv messages.

Membership and Attendance

We believe we 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 membership is available online.