

# Annual Report

**Governor's Committee to End Homelessness**

2017





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# SECTION 1: Executive Orders and Appointments

## EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Executive Order 16-10

In fall 2016, a new [Executive Order](#) was issued authorizing the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness (GCEH) to continue meeting until December 31, 2020. This order continued additional provisions from the prior order of 03-17.

Executive Order 12-12

[Executive Order](#) continued GCEH until December 31, 2016.

Executive Order 08-38

[Executive Order](#) which designated Salvation Army to be a member of the GCEH.

Executive Order 03-17

[Executive Order](#) which sets forth many of the requirements of the GCEH which continue in all other Executive Orders such as an annual report to be distributed to key leadership and the department membership.

From Executive Order 03-17

"The purpose of the Governor's Committee to End Chronic Homelessness is to develop a plan that will establish strategies to promote public and private coordination and collaboration, evaluate and reallocate resources, remove barriers to access of housing and services, and promote and support activities that prevent homelessness. The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness will work with the other Continuum of Care committees in the state to integrate and coordinate their local plans with the State Plan to End Chronic Homelessness."

## 2017 APPOINTMENTS\*

On April 13, 2017, Governor Greitens [appointed](#) new committee members including legislators.

Today, Governor Eric Greitens appointed Senator Jamilah Nasheed, Representative Bruce Franks, Representative Kevin Corlew, and St. Louis radio host and philanthropist LaTeacha Tighe to the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness.

The committee, originally established via executive order by then Governor Bob Holden and extended under later Governors, was created to examine resources available and best practices to help end homelessness in the state. The committee will consider what steps other states have taken and examine how those states have coordinated local and national resources.

"We have a duty to help our most vulnerable citizens," said Governor Greitens. "I look forward to the leadership Senator Nasheed, Rep. Franks, Rep. Corlew, and Ms. Tighe will bring to this committee."

\*Please also see Section 4: Membership.

\*\*Please note, the Boards and Commission [website](#) does not include current GCEH Executive Order, membership or contact information.

## SECTION 2: History and Overview of Committee

### HISTORY

The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness (GCEH) was established in 1987. The establishment of the GCEH was in response to two federal initiatives. One was the establishment of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). The second was the McKinney–Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

On November 7, 2003, the GCEH was officially established with the Missouri Office of Boards and Commissions. The GCEH has met continuously since its establishment.

In order to apply for HUD McKinney-Vento funding, agencies must apply through an established Continuum of Care (CoC). Missouri has eight established CoCs (See Section 6). Historically, the GCEH has been the governing body for the Balance of State CoC with Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) as the lead agency for the Balance of State. In late 2010, the GCEH re-structured in light of the historic McKinney-Vento reauthorization, also known as the HEARTH Act of 2009. The GCEH established new committees with the goal of the GCEH to focus on statewide advocacy and planning as required by HEARTH. A new Executive Order for the GCEH was signed on December 31, 2012 and the current Executive Order 16-10 by Jay Nixon reauthorized the GCEH through December 31, 2020.

A current membership list is included in this report (Section 4).

The GCEH website is: <https://www.endhomelessnessmo.org> and is maintained by MHDC. Information about meetings, membership, Missouri continua and related information can be found on this website.

### OVERVIEW

The GCEH focuses on the tasks as set forth in the original Executive Order. GCEH members capitalize on statewide planning and collaboration opportunities to prevent and end homelessness in the state. GCEH facilitates statewide advocacy through collaboration and coordination of housing resources by key federal and state agencies, along with representation from all eight Missouri Continua.

All Continua collaborate to distribute resources to agencies and other non-profits across the state. In addition, GCEH members evaluate resources, work to remove barriers to accessing housing and services and provide crucial information regarding funding opportunities to agencies throughout the state. The input and collaboration of all eight Continua allows providers to share information and stay current with changing legislation and HUD policies.

A Point-in-Time Count (PITC) is required by HUD every other year. The PITC is a 24-hour period in which individuals and families who are homeless are counted in the state of Missouri. The

GCEH works with all Continua in the state to conduct the count the last Wednesday every January.

The GCEH standing committee currently only includes one, an Executive Committee. When needed ad hoc committees are created such as a Nominating Committee to determine the Executive Committee and a recently formed Action Plan Committee to review the state plan to end homelessness (see Section 7).

The Executive Committee meets as needed to work on new member orientation, meeting agenda content, attendance monitoring, appointment of additional committees as needed, completion of the annual report, and coordination of statewide efforts to end homelessness.

Although not currently a committee under bylaws, the MC2 or CoC workgroup meetings occur before the GCEH meetings are used to report on progress of system change strategies. Additionally, the workgroup provides an opportunity for all Continua to discuss important changes such as the coordinated entry, determining how to measure and reward performance, the importance of data and HMIS system readiness, along with core HEARTH measures such as reducing new episodes of homelessness, reducing the length of homelessness and reducing the rate of returns to homelessness.

## **2017 HIGHLIGHTS**

The GCEH has historically been the governing board for the Balance of State Continuum of Care which largely guided the committee's overall direction and committee structure. During 2016-2017, the Balance of State transitioned to its own governing board similar to the other seven Continua in the state. As such, this has been a time for transition for the GCEH as we repurpose our direction to align with other state Interagency Councils.

The GCEH surveyed participants regarding the topics they would like included during the 2017 year as well as how frequently to meet and what can enhance the work of the committee. As such, we re-evaluated our mission statement and bylaws to align with the change in purpose.

MHDC agreed to continue to oversee the GCEH website after the Balance of State transition and created a new listserv to send meeting announcements See [sample](#).

On March 28, 2017, the GCEH Vice-Chair testified to the House Sub-Committee on Boards and Commissions regarding the work of GCEH.

## SECTION 3: Mission Statement and Bylaws

### **MISSION STATEMENT\***

The Missouri Governor's Committee to End Homelessness (GCEH) will lead Missouri's efforts to prevent and end homelessness.

\*New Mission Statement approved on June 5, 2017.

### **BYLAWS**

See current bylaws. However, the bylaws have been extensively reviewed since the Balance of State created its own Governing Board which changes the committees and structure of the GCEH. The new bylaws will be voted on during the December 2017 and are not currently ready for distribution in this report.



## **Bylaws**

### **Article I - Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness (GCEH).

### **Article II - Vision and Mission**

Homelessness is unacceptable in Missouri. It is the belief of the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness that housing is a right, not a privilege. Therefore, all individuals and families must have the right to safe, affordable housing in healthy communities with access to a network of supportive services.

The mission of the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness is to prevent and end homelessness by establishing strategies to promote public and private coordination and collaboration, develop new strategies to evaluate and reallocate resources, removing barriers to accessing services, evaluating unmet needs and providing supportive services and affordable housing needs, implementing effective solutions to build economic security and promoting and supporting activities that prevent homelessness.

### **Article III - Responsibilities**

#### **Section 1 General**

The responsibilities of the committee are set forth by Executive Order by Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon. Should the Executive Order expire, December 31, 2016, and not be reinstated, the responsibilities will remain as outlined.

#### **Section 2 Tasks of the Committee**

The three main tasks of the GCEH are:

- 1- Raise awareness about homelessness issues in Missouri
- 2- Advocate for housing and services for families and individuals who are homeless through resource collaboration
- 3- Facilitate the Balance of State Continuum of Care process



In addition, the committee will ensure there is a valid Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and conduct Regional Housing Team Meetings on a quarterly basis.

## **Article IV - Membership**

### **Section 1 Membership**

- 1- The committee will be composed of no less than 20 members appointed by the Governor.
- 2- Members of the committee shall serve under the guidelines of the Executive Order and shall serve without compensation.
- 3- Membership shall include:
  - a. At least one representative from each of the following state agencies:
    - i. Department of Corrections
    - ii. Department of Economic Development
    - iii. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
    - iv. Department of Health and Senior Services
    - v. Department of Mental Health Housing Office
    - vi. Department of Social Services
    - vii. Missouri Housing Development Commission, Lead Balance of State Continuum of Care Agency
- 4- Additionally, the following agencies shall hold a seat on the committee:
  - a. Balance of State HMIS Lead Agency or subcontractor of lead as approved by Lead Agency
  - b. One representative from each established Continuum of Care in Missouri
  - c. The Salvation Army
  - d. Empower Missouri (formerly MASW)
  - e. Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
  - f. Veterans Administration
- 5- The Governor shall appoint other representatives who are familiar with the challenges of homelessness; including representatives of the faith based community, community action agencies, non-profit organizations, and local/and or federal governmental agencies.
- 6- At least 51% of the committee shall consist of non-profit, faith-based and/or community-based agencies.
- 7- If an overlap of agency representation occurs due to changes in officers or lead agency roles, the agency will only hold one seat.

- 8- At least one member will be formerly homeless.

## **Section 2 Terms of Service**

- 1- Should a member resign from their agency or organization, the agency or organization will still hold a seat and a representative from that agency or organization will fill the vacant seat. Unless the person is a direct appointment from the Governor's office of Boards and Commissions.
- 2- Absence and non-attendance to committee meetings may result in termination of service of the member. Refer to Article VII, Section 3 for nonparticipation.

## **Article V - Officers**

### **Section 1 Officers**

Three officers will coordinate the work of the committee: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

### **Section 2 Nomination and Election**

- 1- The Executive Committee will nominate and recommend to the committee a slate of candidates for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary to be voted on every two years at the December meeting.
- 2- Should an officer resign from the committee before completing a term of office, the Executive Committee will appoint a member from the committee to finish the term of office. The committee will vote for approval of the new officer.

### **Section 3 Terms of Service**

Officers shall be elected for a two-year term. Term of office is two years beginning in January of the year following an election and running concurrent with the calendar year. Officers can serve a maximum of two two-year terms. An officer must serve one term out of any office before serving again. If the Vice-Chair must complete the term of a Chair then he or she can be reelected to complete one additional term.

### **Section 4 Duties**

- 1- Chair

The Committee Chair will serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee. The Chair is responsible for scheduling and facilitating meetings, preparing meeting agendas and overseeing the review and approval of the annual report. The Chair is responsible for representing the committee for public appearances and media requests. At the end of

their term, the Chair will be responsible for advising the new, incoming Chair and assisting with the transition for new officers.

**2- Vice-Chair**

The Vice-Chair will serve as the Chair of the Awareness Committee. The Vice-Chair will facilitate meetings in the event that the Chair is unable to attend. In the absence of the Secretary, the Vice-Chair will serve as Secretary. In the absence of both the Chair and Secretary, the Vice-Chair will appoint a committee member to serve as Secretary for the meeting. Should the Chair, for any reason not be able to complete a term of office then the Vice-Chair will take over and a new Vice-Chair would then be appointed to complete the term.

**3- Secretary**

The Secretary will serve as Chair of the Targeted Issues Committee. The Secretary shall ensure that all minutes of meetings and records of the committee's business are compiled and preserved. The Secretary is responsible for sending minutes to committee members and sending monthly meeting reminders. All minutes and records of the committee shall be maintained by the Secretary. The Secretary will call roll for attendance and any agenda items up for vote during meetings. The Secretary will be responsible for reporting on missed attendance, and notifying the committee if a member is in violation of Section 3.2 of Article VII.

## **Article VI - Standing and Ad Hoc Sub-Committees**

### **Section 1 Committee Membership**

In addition to members of the committee, non-members may be appointed to serve on standing or ad hoc sub-committees by recommendation from committee chairs or other GCEH members.

### **Section 2 Reports**

All sub-committees shall maintain written agendas and/or minutes which shall be provided to the Chair of the GCEH and made available to the full committee upon request. Each sub-committee chair shall report its activities to the committee as necessary.

### **Section 3 Meetings**

- 1- All sub-committees shall meet at such time and place as designated by the Chair of the sub-committees and as often as necessary to accomplish their tasks.
- 2- The Executive Committee shall meet between the regularly scheduled GCEH meetings and prior to full GCEH meetings.

- 3- Participation by members of committees may be via telephone conference calls.
- 4- All sub-committees are responsible for providing a committee report for the committee's annual report.

#### **Section 4 Standing Sub-Committees**

- 1- The standing sub-committees of the GCEH are the following: Executive Committee, Balance of State Continuum of Care Committee, Awareness Committee and Targeted Issues Committee. The ad-hoc sub-committees of the GCEH are the following: Review Committee and other committees and workgroups as approved by the GCEH.
- 2- The Chair of each standing sub-committee is assigned as stated in Article V, Section 4.
- 3- Executive Committee
  - a. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and one representative from the lead agency for Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC), the lead agency or subcontractor for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the Missouri Department of Mental Health Housing Office.
  - b. Responsibilities of the Executive Committee are:
    - i. Recommend new members for appointment
    - ii. New member orientation
    - iii. Nomination of officers in December of expiring terms of service
    - iv. Yearly Review Committee appointments
    - v. Assist Chair with agenda content
    - vi. Attendance monitoring
    - vii. Appointing additional committees as needed
    - viii. Reviewing and approving the Annual Report
    - ix. Review HUD BoS CoC Consolidated Application to HUD from the Lead Agency prior to submission
    - x. Coordinate statewide efforts to end homelessness
- 4- Balance of State Continuum of Care Committee
  - a. The Balance of State Continuum of Care committee will be chaired by the BoS CoC lead agency. The committee shall include one representative from the lead agency for HMIS or subcontractor, each State agency that administers McKinney-Vento as amended by HEARTH funded programs and one representative from each region in the Balance of State Continuum of Care.
  - b. Responsibilities of the Balance of State Committee Chair are:
    - i. Schedule and facilitate Regional Housing Team Meetings

- ii. Coordinate the Point-in-Time count
  - iii. Prepare the Point-in-Time count reports
  - iv. Prepare and complete HUD BoS CoC Consolidated Application
  - v. Keep and update committee procedures and recommend policy updates to GCEH
- c. Responsibilities of the Balance of State Committee members are:
  - i. Serve in advisory capacity to the sub-committee chair
  - ii. Contribute to revisions of the 10 Year Plan as needed

#### 5- Awareness Committee

- a. The Awareness committee shall consist of members and non-members elected by the Awareness Chair.
- b. Responsibilities of the Awareness Committee Chair are:
  - i. Organize workgroups under the Awareness Committee
  - ii. Provide oversight and assistance to workgroups
- c. Responsibilities of the Awareness Committee members are:
  - i. Plan and coordinate homelessness awareness events
  - ii. Plan and coordinate Legislative Awareness Day
  - iii. Plan and coordinate Project Homeless Connect
  - iv. Keep and update committee procedures and recommend policy updates to GCEH

#### 6- Targeted Issues Committee

- a. The Targeted Issues Committee shall consist of members elected by the Targeted Issues Chair.
- b. Responsibilities of the Targeted Issues Committee Chair are:
  - i. Organize workgroups such as Re-entry, Chronically Homeless, Homeless Children, Homeless Veterans, Domestic Violence and others as needed.
  - ii. Keep and update committee procedures and recommend policy updates to GCEH
- c. Responsibilities of the Targeted Issues Committee members are:
  - i. Assist and support workgroups
  - ii. Report workgroup information and progress to GCEH

#### 7- Review Committee

- a. The Review Committee is an ad-hoc committee and shall consist of no less than five members appointed by the Executive Committee.
- b. Responsibilities of the Review Committee Chair are:
  - i. Attend and present information at the BoS CoC Project Application training

- ii. Facilitate the Review Committee meeting
  - iii. Provide updates at the GCEH meetings
  - iv. Provide feedback to applicants after ranking and submission as requested
- c. The responsibilities of the Review Committee are:
  - i. Review Project Applications for new and renewal projects
  - ii. Rank Project Applications as defined by HUD in the NOFA
- d. Applicants, currently funded agencies or entities that may have a financial gain or other conflict of interest may not hold a seat on the Review Committee, or vote on recommendations made by this committee.

## **Article VII - Meetings**

### **Section 1 Meetings**

Regular meetings of the GCEH will convene on the first Monday of every other month, at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The committee will meet in February, April, June, August, October and December. In the event of a holiday, the committee will meet the following Monday.

### **Section 2 Voting**

#### **1- Eligibility**

Appointed agencies, organizations, state agencies and Governor appointments shall be designated voting members and shall hold one vote.

#### **2- General**

Under general ethical principals regarding conflict of interest, members of the committee shall recuse themselves when they have or anticipate having a direct financial gain or conflict of interest in the outcome of a committee decision, independent of their status as providers of services to homeless.

#### **3- Quorum**

51% of the members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum. If during the meeting the number of members present is reduced to below a quorum, the meeting may continue but no vote may be taken.

#### **4- Voting by proxy**

Any member unable to be present at the time of a vote may send one representative of their agency or organization to vote by proxy. The Secretary must receive written notification prior to the meeting being called to order to approve the vote by proxy.

#### **5- In the event of an item needing committee approval by a vote, any Executive Committee member can call a special meeting and a vote may be held via phone or email.**

### **Section 3 Vacancies/Nonparticipation**

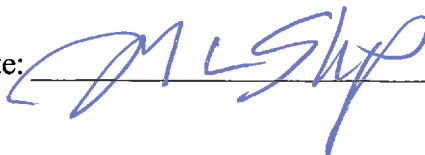
- 1- Individual committee membership ends when:
  - a. A member resigns or dies; or
  - b. A member is deemed inactive by the committee upon the relevant facts having been presented; or
  - c. A majority of the committee terminates the member for just cause, as defined by the majority.
- 2- After two absences of any regularly scheduled full committee meeting not represented by member or proxy, within one calendar year, the member may be notified that his/her position will be declared vacant. In the case of vacant positions, the head of the agency or organization will be notified and requested to name a replacement representative from that agency or organization. The Executive Committee shall determine final action on the status of membership for individual members. For members who are direct appointments, the Governor's Boards and Commissions office will be notified of the absences.
- 3- Attending by telephone fulfills the attendance requirements of these Bylaws.
- 4- An individual's termination of membership does not terminate the appointment as provided in Article IV, Section 2.

### **Article VIII - Amendments to Bylaws**

The Bylaws of the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness may be revised, amended or repealed by a majority vote of the committee. Any member may submit proposed changes in writing to the Committee Chair. The Chair must provide the proposed changes at one committee meeting and take a vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Bylaws accepted by vote on: Monday April 6, 2015

Chairperson signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_



## SECTION 4: Membership

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.

The current Executive Committee is:

Dottie Kastigar	Chair	Un-eligible to serve another term
Jennifer Carter Dochler	Vice-Chair	Eligible to serve another term
Katie Burnham Wilkins	Secretary	Eligible to serve another term

Per Executive Order 03-17

The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness shall be composed of no more than 20 members appointed by the Governor. Membership shall include at least two members of the General Assembly, one from each political party, and at least one representative from each of the following state agencies: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Corrections, Department of Mental Health, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Economic Development, Division of Youth Services, Division of Workforce Development, Missouri Housing Development Commission and Department of Social Services. The committee shall also include other representatives who are familiar with the challenges of the homeless; including representatives of the faith based community, community action agencies, non-profit organizations, and local and/or federal governmental agencies.

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# SECTION 5: Meetings

## MEETING LOGISTICS

The GCEH and MC2 met monthly, on the first Monday of each month, unless the date fell on a holiday. The GCEH continues to meet at the Office of USDA Rural Development in the Parkade Center, in Columbia, Missouri.

### MC2 or CoC Meeting 10:30am-12pm

This is a meeting for all Missouri CoC lead agencies to gather and discuss current policies and HUD guidelines. See Section 6 that identifies all CoC leads. It is not currently a sub-committee of GCEH

### GCEH General Meeting 12:30pm-2:30pm

The entire GCEH will meet for the committee business of carrying out the mission to end homelessness in Missouri.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met in-person or conference call as needed for meeting planning.

January 2017	Discussion around meeting logistics; communications; state performance; focus of agendas
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## OVERVIEW OF MEETING TOPICS

Between November 2016 and October 17, the GCEH and MC2 met 9 times. Detailed agendas and meeting minutes are available on [website](#).

November 2016	<b>need topic</b>
December 2016	DESE presentation-changes to the McKinney-Vento Act; Restructuring GCEH
February 2017	Legislative update (Empower MO); Feedback on change of GCEH meeting logistics/transition
March 2017	Engaging PHA's: Bob Rorah, Pattie Preston, MONAHRO
April 2017	Coordinated Entry: Joplin, BoS projects- Tammy Walker, Roxanne Parker, Sarah; Updated GCEH website & communications; changes in governance
May 2017	Measuring Statewide performance: DMH data, Liz Hager-Mace; DESE-update, Donna Cash Introduction of new Governor's appointees Discussion around mission statement revision
June 2017	End of Session update: Empower MO; Statewide performance data: Dept. of Social Services-Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke; -MO Children's Divison-Ivy Doxley Vote to approve Mission statement Vote to approve Balance of state review committee
July 2017	<i>No meeting</i>

August 2017	Systems Performance measures and increasing connections with Workforce Development
September 2017	<i>No meeting</i>
October 2017	DMH Opioid funding; Sharing draft by-laws; Nominating committee; Action planning

## SECTION 6: Missouri Continua

### Missouri Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care

**Lead Agency:** Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC)  
**Governing Body:** Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care Board of Directors  
**CoC Contact (Name/Email):** Dustin Allen/dallen@mhdc.com  
**CoC Website:** [www.endhomelessnessmo.org](http://www.endhomelessnessmo.org)  
**HMIS Lead Agency:** Institute for Community Alliances (ICA)  
**HMIS Vendor/System:** Municipal Information Systems Inc. (MISI)/ ServicePoint  
**Additional Information:** Housing Meetings are held quarterly in each of the BoS 10 regions. Please see the website for a map and more information

### Joplin/Jasper, Newton Counties Continuum of Care

**Lead Agency:** Economic Security Corporation (ESC) of the Southwest Area  
**Governing Body:** The Joplin Homeless Coalition  
**CoC Contact (Name/Email):** Amy Roethemeier/ [childrenshaven3@att.net](mailto:childrenshaven3@att.net)  
**CoC Website:** [escswa.org](http://escswa.org) (Homeless Coalition tab)  
**HMIS Lead Agency:** Institute for Community Alliances (ICA)  
**HMIS Vendor/System:** Municipal Information Systems Inc. (MISI)/ ServicePoint  
**Additional Information:** None

### Kansas City/Independence/Lee's Summit/Jackson County/Wyandotte County Continuum of Care

**Lead Agency:** Homeless Services Coalition of Greater Kansas City (HSCGKC)  
**Governing Body:** HSCGKC Board of Directors  
**CoC Contact (Name/Email):** Heather Hoffman, [hhoffman@gkcceh.org](mailto:hhoffman@gkcceh.org)  
**CoC Website:** [www.endkchomelessness.org](http://www.endkchomelessness.org)  
**HMIS Lead Agency:** Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)  
**HMIS Vendor/System:** CaseWorthy  
**Additional Information:** None

### Springfield/Greene, Christian, Webster Counties Continuum of Care

**Lead Agency:** City of Springfield,  
**Governing Body:** Springfield/Greene, Christian and Webster Counties Continuum of Care  
**CoC Contact (Name/Email):** Michelle Garand/mgarand@cpozarks.org  
**CoC Website:** [www.cpozarks.org](http://www.cpozarks.org)  
**HMIS Lead Agency:** Institute for Community Alliances (ICA)  
**HMIS Vendor/System:** Municipal Information Systems Inc. (MISI)/ ServicePoint  
**Additional Information:** None

**St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren Counties Continuum of Care**

**Lead Agency:** Community Council of St. Charles County  
**Governing Body:** St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren Counties CoC  
**CoC Contact (Name/Email):** Dottie Kastigar/dkastigar@communitycouncilstc.org  
**CoC Website:** www.communitycouncilstc.org  
**HMIS Lead Agency:** Community Council of St. Charles County  
**HMIS Vendor/System:** CaseWorthy/CaseWorthy  
**Additional Information:** None

**St. Joseph/Andrew, Buchanan, DeKalb Counties Continuum of Care**

**Lead Agency:** City of St. Joseph  
**Governing Body:** St. Joseph CoC  
**CoC Contact (Name/Email):** Randy Sharp/rsharp@inter-serv.org  
**CoC Website:** N/A  
**HMIS Lead Agency:** InterServ  
**HMIS Vendor/System:** Mid America Assistance Coalition/MAACLink  
**Additional Information:** None

**St. Louis City Continuum of Care**

**Lead Agency:** St. Louis City Continuum of Care  
**Governing Body:** City of St. Louis  
**CoC Contact (Name/Email):** Chair: Thomas Harvey/ tharvey@archcitydefenders.org;  
Vice Chair: Irene Agustin, agustini@stlouis-mo.gov  
**CoC Website:** https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/human-services/homeless-services/continuum-of-care/  
**HMIS Lead Agency:** Institute for Community Alliances (ICA)  
**HMIS Vendor/System:** Municipal Information Systems Inc. (MISI)/ ServicePoint  
**Additional Information:** St. Louis City Continuum of Care General Meetings and Board Meetings (alternating months) take place on the third Thursday of every month, 9:30 am at the Department of Mental Health (5300 Arsenal St, St. Louis, MO 63139)

**St. Louis County Continuum of Care**

**Lead Agency:** St. Louis County Department of Human Services  
**Governing Body:** St. Louis County Continuum of Care  
**CoC Contact (Name/Email):** Pierre Hampton/[phampton2@stlouisco.com](mailto:phampton2@stlouisco.com)  
**CoC Website:** www.stlouisco.com  
**HMIS Lead Agency:** Municipal Information Systems, Inc.  
**HMIS Vendor/System:** Municipal Information Systems Inc.(MISI)/ ServicePoint  
**Additional Information:** The CoC meets the first Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Heights (8001 Dale, 63117).  
Chair: Jennifer Heggemann/jmheggemann@lsem.org

# SECTION 7: State Plan to End Homelessness

## Missouri Aligns with Opening Doors to Prevent and End Homelessness in the State

Information is also available from GCEH [website](#).

In 2010, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) presented the nation's first ever comprehensive Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness called *Opening Doors*. The vision of Opening Doors is: No one should experience homelessness. No one should be without a safe, stable place to call home.

As the GCEH works to end homelessness statewide it has aligned with [Opening Doors](#) to create a plan. It will be revised in 2018 and GCEH is currently discussing feedback it can provide to the federal plan.

There are six core values reflected in Opening Doors:

- Homelessness is unacceptable.
- There are no "homeless people," but rather people who have lost their homes who deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Homelessness is expensive; it is better to invest in solutions.
- Homelessness is solvable; we have learned a lot about what works.
- Homelessness can be prevented.
- There is strength in collaboration and USICH can make a difference.

The plan is focused on four key goals:

- Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness in 5 years
- Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in 5 years
- Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children in 10 years
- Set a path to ending all types of homelessness

The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness (GCEH) which includes membership from all eight Missouri Continua of Care is dedicated to working together to prevent and end homelessness in Missouri. The GCEH is proud to embrace the vision of Opening Doors and has aligned the mission of Missouri homeless assistance agencies with the core values and goals reflected in the federal plan.

Opening Doors outlines five themes that incorporate the 10 national objectives set forth in the plan:

Objective 1: Provide and promote collaborative leadership at all levels of government and across all sectors to inspire and energize Americans to commit to preventing and ending homelessness

Objective 2: Strengthen the capacity of public and private organizations by increasing knowledge about collaboration, homelessness, and successful interventions to prevent and end homelessness



Objective 3: Provide affordable housing to people experiencing or most at risk of homelessness

Objective 4: Provide permanent supportive housing to prevent and end chronic homelessness

Objective 5: Increase meaningful and sustainable employment for people experiencing or most at risk of homelessness

Objective 6: Improve access to mainstream programs and services to reduce people's financial vulnerability to homelessness

Objective 7: Integrate primary and behavioral health care services with homeless assistance programs and housing to reduce people's vulnerability to and the impacts of homelessness

Objective 8: Advance health and housing stability for youth aging out of systems such as foster care and juvenile justice

Objective 9: Advance health and housing stability for people experiencing homelessness who have frequent contact with hospitals and criminal justice

Objective 10: Transform homeless services to crisis response systems that prevent homelessness and rapidly return people who experience homelessness to stable housing

Each Missouri Continuum of Care (CoC), with support of the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness, has developed a CoC Action Plan that helps to align Missouri as a state with the national objectives of Opening Doors.