

Continuum General Assembly Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, April 21st 2011 from 12:00PM-1:00PM

Location

Federal Building, 3rd Floor, HUD Conference Room, 275 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH

Attendees

Cathy Kuhn	Donna Curley	Jocelyne	Maureen Beauregard	Susan Howland
Craig Chevalier	Elise Annunziata	Pinsonneault	Michelle Casale	Tracy Noonan
Craig Everett	Elissa Margolin	Kevin Kintner	Monika Bryant	
David Bastien	Greg Schneider	Kyle Beaulieu	Nancy Comai	
Debby Miller	Ignatius MacLellan	Levi Kafka	Roslyn Block	
Dianne Pitts	Jay Mattia	Mark Stokes	Shane Fisher	

Voting on Minutes

- Voice vote for March General Assembly minutes. **Approved.**

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – Donna Curley

- Outcome measurements reviewed
- MCoC is doing very well on all of its outcomes
 - 3 out of 3 are currently exceeding **HUD's goals**
 - 2 out of 3 are currently exceeding **MCoC's goals**
- Employment outcome could be improved, but there already have been significant improvements
- Possible follow-up with HUD in regards to the requirement on including individuals with disabilities in the employment goal

Housing Action NH: Presentation – Elissa Margolin and Ignatius MacLellan

- Background on Housing Action NH
 - Statewide entity to coordinate what every is already doing (advocacy)
 - Decided to add homelessness issues to their portfolio
 - Recently advocated to the state to provide level funding to BHHS for FY2011 based on FY2010 funding
 - Successfully advocated to keep the Housing Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing budget from being cut
 - Will be at the public hearing today to advocate for the restoration of the 7% budget cut to BHHS
 - Currently analyzing how the federal budget cuts will affect NH
- Membership
 - Currently have ~40 members (including for-profit, non-profit, and faith based agencies)
 - If you are interested in being a member, you can visit their website for more information at www.housingactionnh.org
- Advocating = big time consumption
 - Trying to be consistent with who is the contact for which legislator

Musician's for a Cause – David Bastien

- Founded to harness the power of music to inspire compassion and support for worthy causes

- They engage songwriters with non-profit organizations to provide songs that bring life (i.e. financial support through fundraising) to the causes they support
- Musician's for a Cause uses social networking and online technology to provide non-profits a means of fundraising (similar to how the American Cancer Society uses online fundraising for their breast cancer walk events)
- It is very easy to do – takes ~10 minutes to setup ~1-2 hours per week to run and runs for ~6-8 weeks
- The website is still under development, but will be launching soon. Once launched, Kyle will email the MCoC the link to the site
- For the PowerPoint presentation (which has more information), please click on the following link (or copy and paste into your browser): <http://bit.ly/1CwaJI>

Homeless Services Center: Update – Craig Everett

- Brief update on clients served at the Center
- Currently, AA and other group meetings are taking place at the Center
- 3 computers are now available for guests to access – 2 are available for service providers

Open Floor

- *No items*

Committee Reports

- Social Policy – *Shane Fisher*
 - Continuing to work on the Jail Discharge Outreach Program (JDOP)
- Homeless Liaison – *Shane Fisher*
 - Is looking to expand outreach efforts so that they are reaching out to more individuals from different cultures
 - Will be looking to receive a cultural competency training for the committee in preparation of this effort

Minutes Prepared By

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