

## **Homeless Liaison Minutes**

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### **Date and Time**

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

### **Location**

New Horizons for NH, 199 Manchester St, Manchester, NH

### **Attendees**

David Harris, Kevin Kintner, Jocelyne Pinsonneault, Bill Sullivan, Nicole Clark, Dee Santoso

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### **11:00 Meeting begins**

### **Organization Updates**

- I. Housing First
  - a. Kevin showed us how Housing First can provide cost savings for the entire community, using Manchester estimates (see attached). The numbers are calculated as savings per person, with an estimated saving of \$34,550 per person.
  - b. Committee discussed how we might communicate these cost savings to the larger community. As Bill brought up, people are not going to see the direct savings of this program, but are already paying the higher cost of not implementing more Housing First beds.
  - c. New Horizons is currently using a scattered site model, which is slightly more costly than housing all the apartments in one building, but has more positive social ramifications.
  - d. The program has proved to be successful. There are currently 3 people placed, with one getting ready to move on. This would mean that two people have already successfully acquired an income. It also has translated into health improvements for three of the four individuals, with the last person suffering from a worsening physical health which made him eligible in the first place.
- II. New Horizons
  - a. Numbers are on par for what they have been in the past.
  - b. The length of stay is going down however, perhaps in part because of the CH individuals who are getting housed in the Housing First program as well as other factors such as weather and the drug crisis.
- III. Library
  - a. The library has had some challenges recently. There is a new batch of people coming in, and they are one security guard down.
  - b. There have been some stolen dvds, powerstrips, etc.
- IV. Manchester Continuum of Care
  - a. Leadership has been working on Strategic Planning lately. This Thursday's general assembly meeting will begin the discussion on how we can improve our meetings so as to maximize the benefits to those who attend them.
  - b. FIT also recently hired a Coordinated Entry specialist who will be helping the whole MCoC make their housing process more efficient. We are currently working on an eligibility program, beginning with housing programs.
- V. Child and Family Services
  - a. The drop in has been fairly slow lately, perhaps due to their new location.
  - b. They will begin doing their picnics in the park starting up when the weather gets nice. They will be handing out sandwiches and trying to engage any homeless youth.
- VI. School Homeless Liaison
  - a. Number of evictions are increasing, due to unknown causes.

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- b. School will be getting out June 9<sup>th</sup>, early this year, making it a big focus right now to engage these children and their families before they are scattered for the long summer.
  - c. After working with SNHS, they've managed to plan dinners in the park. 21<sup>st</sup> century is also holding summer activities at 4 sites, but transportation might become a problem.

VII. Do You Know Him? Ministries

- a. DYKHM recently moved to the old police department on 351 Chestnut.
- b. Numbers have increased at breakfast due to the more central location.
- c. They are currently there on Saturdays and Sundays for now.

**11:45 Meeting Concludes**

**Minutes Prepared By**

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