

Homeless Liaison Minutes

Date and Time

Tuesday, June 14th, 2016, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location

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

Attendees

Kevin Kintner, Bill Sullivan, Jocelyne Pinsonneault, Nicole Clark, Dee Santosa, Matt Bouchie

11:00 Meeting begins

Committee Updates

- I. The MCoC has recently begun discussing the importance of implementing Community Care Teams.
 - a. CCTs have already been successfully established in the Seacoast region. These initiatives save communities a lot of money and resources.
 - b. They meet regularly and discuss the most vulnerable people within their population.
 - c. CCTs don't necessarily focus solely on the homeless population, but rather high utilizers of the ER.
 - d. Committee discussed who we might want to have on our Manchester team.
- II. We are required as a CoC to either have a Chronic Homeless committee or have an existing committee do the responsibilities of a Chronic Homeless committee.
 - a. Committee agreed to take on the responsibilities of a Chronic Homeless committee on a trial basis. If it doesn't work out, the MCoC will reconsider its options.
 - b. The Homeless Liaison committee will have a half and half format- half of the committee will focus on the issues surrounding this population and the other half will focus on the chronic homeless issue.
 - c. The main goals of the CH committee will be to identify individuals, prioritize their needs, and communicate their cases either to the CCT or to appropriate housing resources.
 - d. As Bill pointed out, there are really two types of people that we would need to serve: the people without resources and those who have resources, but have burnt their bridges with organizations. How do we protect/serve these people? Group recommended SROs as the best living arrangement for these people.
 - e. Discussion sparked the need for other services- for example, both respite beds and buildings with almost a rooming house structure would be very helpful when serving this population.
- III. Committee decided that the Homeless Liaison committee will not meet in the summertime. We will meet again, come September.
- IV. Kevin will be stepping down as Chair of the Homeless Liaison committee in the fall. We can continue to use the space in the basement of New Horizons as our meeting space. We will hold elections in October.

Organization Updates

- I. Homeless School Liaison
 - a. This summer is 12 weeks long, longer than usual.

- b. Problem is not so much access to food as access to activities. While the school does have its 21st century program, and Fun in the Sun is active, it still depends on parents bringing their children to these activities, which isn't happening.
- II. Do You Know Him Ministries
 - a. Bill gave an update on his services, as well as those through 1269 Café. There are still a lot of challenges with the building itself.
 - b. The number of people are relatively the same (though some people have come back, who weren't able to walk down to the old location).
- III. Library
 - a. The West Side branch is open again. It operates 5 days a week. Everything is up and running. Generally, there are not as many homeless on the west side.
 - b. There are a lot more kids now that school is out.
 - c. The main branch is experiencing some plumbing issues right now. The upstairs toilet is currently inoperable, which is problematic as the bathrooms downstairs are larger and close to the children's department.
- IV. Mental Health Center
 - a. Not much to report
- V. New Horizons
 - a. The numbers are down in terms of length of stay, but not individuals.
 - b. Their working year will end soon, making it easy for them to compare numbers.

12:05 Meeting Concludes

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