

Veteran Homeless Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Location

Family Willows, 161 S. Beech St, Manchester, NH

Attendees

Nicole Clark, Ashley Kitchell, Emily Reisine, Keith Howard, Angela Webber, Cheryl Thompson, Dan Ward

2:00 Meeting Begins

Governor's Call

- I. Committee discussed the recent Governor's call. Dan mentioned that there are names on the map which are indicated by HOMES numbers. This creates a problem as there's no way to know who these people are.
- II. The opposite problem is true for the VA, when it comes to HMIS numbers.
- III. Both necessitate the by-name list. The best way these veterans can be served is if the service providers know who they are, where they've been, and what services they are either eligible for or have already received.

By-Name List

- I. Committee discussed the differing eligibility of veterans using their programs:
 - a. Easter Seals will accept both honorable and dishonorable discharges. A veteran is anyone who has served in one of the branches of the military.
 - b. Harbor Homes accepts any discharge that is not dishonorable, for veterans that served 24 hours of active duty.
 - c. The VA accepts honorable discharges. If the veteran served before 1980, the VA will accept a veteran who served at least 24 hours of active duty; after 1980, they accept those veterans who served 24 consecutive months of active duty, with exceptions made for trauma.
 - d. Veterans Inc takes dishonorable discharges, as long as the veteran has also received an honorable discharge at some point in their service. A veteran is anyone who has served in one of the branches of the military for 24 hours of active duty.
 - e. Liberty House takes in all veterans regardless of combat status, length of duty, or branch of military, including the reserves and the national guard.
- II. Cheryl's going to look into the information on Harbor Home's respite beds, as this would be a good resource to send veterans to while waiting for the results of their TB shot.
- III. Other factors that will rule out veterans include income limits and sobriety.

Sharing Platforms

- I. Our TA person shared with us three possibilities of platforms where we could share the by-name list in order to see it in realtime.
 - a. Google documents are free. Ours is currently set so that only a person with a link can access the file.



- b. Dropbox would cost \$12.50/user/month to upgrade to Dropbox business. In the free version, users can see but not edit the file realtime. Note the website is fairly slow and not very user friendly.
- c. Office 365 would cost \$5/user/month and would act like a normal excel file.

Other Business

- I. Committee discussed the roommate service. We don't want to be liable should something go wrong. Group brainstormed how we can remove ourselves from those risks.
- II. Group decided that everyone would feel better if last names were removed from document and replaced with initials. For individuals who wish to remain anonymous, their information can be included sans name and their initial intake person or organization will be contacted should they be the next person in line for housing opportunities.
- III. Group is going to bump back their meeting time by a half hour. We will now meet from 2:30 to 3:30 at the same location.

3:15 Meeting Concludes

Minutes Prepared By

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