

# Continuum General Assembly Minutes

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## Date and Time

Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 from 12:00PM-1:00PM

## Location

Federal Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, VA Training Room, 275 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH

## Attendees

Anna Rice	David Carroll	Elise Annunziata	Levi Kafka	Shane Fisher
Cathy Kuhn	Debby Miller	Jim Robertson	Lisa Jacobus	Stacey Lazzar
Claire Cavanagh	Dianne Pitts	Jocelyne Pinsonneault	Mark Stokes	Susan Howland
Craig Chevalier	Dick Webster	Kevin Kintner	Maureen Beauregard	Wanda Rodriguez
Craig Everett	Donna Curley	Kyle Beaulieu	Monika Bryant	

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## Voting on Minutes

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

## Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – Donna Curley

- Outcome measurements reviewed
- No unknown clients for transitional housing (TH) that exited to permanent supportive housing (PSH), which is great
- Employment outcome
  - After adding in the supportive services only (SSO) programs, the outcome measurement will increase significantly for next month

## More Than Wheels: Presentation– Debby Miller

- History overview
- Changed the name from Bonnie Clac to More Than Wheels to better reflect the organization
- Help people to purchase a car
  - Specifically target low-income persons to build their credit, but will work with any persons (no prerequisites on income level)
- They do not sell cars or make loans
- They can significantly help with credit repair
- View the car as the catalyst to break the cycle of poor financial decision-making
- Most difficult thing for More Than Wheels is to spread the word about their services
- Have a car loan program for those that want to purchase a car through their program but have immediate self-transportation needs
- Work with clients through the life of the car loan
- Can get clients extremely low interest rates and targets a specific set of cars that hold their value
- Clients take a financials fitness course during the program
- More than just getting clients into cars
- **Question:** Do you work car insurance into the program?
- **Answer:** Yes, all clients in the program are required to have car insurance, and they will receive help to obtain insurance, if needed.

- **Question:** What are the eligibility requirements?
- **Answer:** None. There are no eligibility requirements to participate in their program.

### **Manchester Continuum of Care Website – *Kyle Beaulieu***

- Unveiling the new website: [www.mcoconh.org](http://www.mcoconh.org)
- Viewing features and pages of the website
- Thanking Brenda Riddell, from Graphic Details, for all of her dedication and all of the work she put into the website
- Also thanking the Website Review Committee for their work and Lamont Stapleton, student at Southern New Hampshire University, for his photos of the city of Manchester

### **Homeless Services Center: Update – *Jim Robertson***

- Special Homeless Services Center Programming Committee meeting on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> regarding safety at the Center
- Community room is getting setup
- Note regarding meetings at the Center
  - Make sure to schedule meetings in the community room with Jim Robertson, and send him any changes or updated to an already scheduled meeting
- Numbers of guests at the Center are declining as the weather gets warmer

### **Open Floor**

- Granite Pathways - *Anna Rice*
  - Have an open house from 11:00AM-2:00PM on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>
- Housing Action NH - *Maureen Beauregard*
  - Taking the lead on low-income and homelessness legislative and budget issues
  - Curtailing cuts to NH Bureau of Homeless and Housing Services (BHHS)
  - Met with Commissioner on subject
  - Meeting with NH legislature on the matter
  - Federal Funding
    - US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
      - Proposed 17% budget cut
  - State Funding
    - Governor's proposed 10% budget cut
  - Great group advocating for service and housing providers
- Task Force - *Maureen Beauregard*
  - Spoken with NH Center of Nonprofits for specific guidance
  - Involving an attorney that works on non-profit issues for assistance with structuring process
- Homeless Liaison Committee - *Shane Fisher*
  - State will be conducting the state-wide homeless needs assessment (HNA) in March
    - Committee has offered to help for the Manchester area
  - Committee will not be conducting their own city-wide HNA surveys because it would be a duplicative effort



- Social Policy (Discharge Planning) Committee - *Dianne Pitts*
  - Overview on the status of the Jail Discharge Outreach Program (JDOP)
  
- Manchester Homeless Camps - *Susan Howland*
  - Chief of Police
    - Concerns about the summer and the visibility of tarps
    - A system is in place where Susan will be informed first to give outreach workers notice of a complaint several days before police take any action, so outreach workers can meet with the homeless individuals

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