

# Social Policy Committee Minutes

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## Date and Time

Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 9:00AM-10:00AM

## Location

The Way Home, 214 Spruce Street, Manchester, NH 03103

## Attendees

Claire Cavanagh	Dianne Pitts	Kyle Beaulieu	Shane Fisher
David Carroll	Jocelyne Pinsonneault	Lea Key	

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## Jail Discharge Program (JDOP)

- Research best discharge practices
- Compare JDOP to other communities
- Discuss Pilot Program
  - Methodology
    - How are we going to do it?
    - VA in LA
      - Good JDOP in LA
    - Target a particular population
      - Start with an “easier population”
      - Add in 1 chronically homeless individual
      - Dual diagnosed individuals
    - Coming out of Jail
      - Can’t find work
    - Making sure that we are not overlapping services that are already being provided
      - Possibly help supplement current services/programs
    - Pilot Program would consist of 5 clients
  - Initiate Contacts
    - What can each of the committee members provide to the program
      - Lea Key can provide picture ID’s
        - Lea Key would like clients to come back for an appointment in order to receive their ID
    - Interview each client, look at their budget, what it should be, what is real, and what resources they can get, how to get them, etc
    - Mental illness is being covered (and any dual diagnosis with mental illness)
    - Bringing in someone from Health Care for the Homeless
    - What are the client’s needs when they are coming out?
    - Targeting single inmates
    - Avoiding down time when they get out of jail
      - Setting appointments one after another
    - David Carroll and Shane Fisher have an appointment with Scott Harrington
      - List of questions for him regarding logistics of JDOP
    - Starting with Valley St Jail
    - If we are successful with the Pilot Program, then maybe going to state jails with the program as well
    - What is the first thing clients need when they get out?

- Housing
- Can't use a phone when you get out either
  - Need to involve Pam Nordle and Rob from New Horizons
- Housing is the first need
  - Work with agencies that provide housing
  - Many can't go to the shelter if they were convicted of certain crimes
- Ellie Tharian
  - Good resource
  - Worked on a reentry program
  - Seeing if she can come to our next meeting
  - Shane Fisher and/or David Carroll will follow-up on this
  - Volunteering on Rodgers Street with Linda
- Identify Valley Case Managers
  - Identify which of their clients would fit well into the program
- When should we first contact them?
  - 30-60 days
- Some might have jobs lined up upon release
- David Carroll
  - Could do a prescreening, and if they fit the Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester's (MHC-GM) program prerequisite, they could work with David Carroll and the program
- Don't want to overburden clients with multiple interviews
- Pre-screening with general questions
  - Bring it back to the committee, to make the decisions, then contact case managers and setup interviews with specific people/agencies
- 6 Months
  - Meet with Case managers
- 4-5 Months
  - Pre Screen 20-30 minutes per
- 4-3 Months
  - Setup meetings with individuals/agencies
- Individuals that will be important resources to the program
  - Scott Harrington – Valley Jail
  - Jacob Hull – Health Care for the Homeless Mobile Community Health Team
  - Jocelyne Pinsonneault– School District
  - David Carroll – Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester
  - Lisa Jacobus– Veterans Administration
  - Ellie Tharian – Re-entry/housing
  - Rob/Pam Nordle – New Horizons
  - Cheryl Wilkie – Farnum
  - Richard Boucher – Serenity Place
  - Matt Bouchie. – Families in Transition
  - Lea Key/Dianne Pitts – The Way Home
  - Claire Cavanagh - YWCA
- Inviting Kevin Kintner too
- Community connections
  - Mental Health Court
- Getting input from the case managers about who we have chosen for the program

- “Do we have the right people?”
- Discuss Outcome Measures
  - 3 W’s of Program Monitoring
  - Logic Model Creation
  - Will discuss more about outcomes at the next meeting
- Discuss Start and End Date
  - Length of Program?
  - Start and end Dates
  - Work with 90 Days after release
- SOARS program
  - Marianne is certified
  - Erin Heaney is too

### **Action Items**

- Shane Fisher
  - Will work on Logic Model
- David Carroll and Shane Fisher
  - Will meet with Scott Harrington regarding questions on JDOP logistics
  - Will follow-up on Ellie Tharian as a resource to JDOP

### **Minutes Prepared By**

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