

Continuum General Assembly Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, March 17th 2011 from 12:00PM-1:00PM

Location

Federal Building, 3rd Floor, HUD Conference Room, 275 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH

Attendees

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| Brian Boyer | Donna Curley | Katy Burchett | Mark Stokes | Susan Howland |
| Cathy Kuhn | Elise Annunziata | Kelly Reardon | Maureen | Wanda Rodriguez |
| Christine Lavallee | Izet Hamidovic | Kevin Kintner | Beauregard | |
| Craig Chevalier | Jacob Hull | Kyle Beaulieu | Monika Bryant | |
| Dianne Pitts | Jocelyne Pinsonneault | Levi Kafka | Stacey Lazzar | |

Voting on Minutes

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

State and Federal Budget Update and Discussion – *Maureen Beauregard*

- Housing Action NH (HANH) – Update
- Discussion Questions
 - What should we be doing as the MCoC in reaction/response?
 - Do we want to follow HANH?
- A HANH representative should come to MCoC meetings on a periodic basis
 - Kyle will reach out to HANH
- It is important that we are a resource for HANH, while also individually advocating as well
- **Consensus** – the MCoC should be a unified group following HANH’s lead on advocacy issues
- Kyle can assist as the liaison between MCoC and HANH
 - Providers can send their points of advocacy to Kyle, who can then disseminate them to HANH on behalf of the MCoC
- The MCoC should:
 - Have a list of agencies that will be directly and indirectly affected by the proposed State cuts
 - Have each agency run their numbers based on the different proposed State cuts
 - Have each agency share those numbers so that the MCoC and Manchester can show HANH and the legislators what will happen to the agencies individually and collectively
 - Have the cost to a homeless person in Manchester based on the proposed State cuts
 - Have the amount it costs to treat a homeless person in Manchester emergency services in comparison to one of the programs the State proposes to cut
- The data collected should show the complex intra-dependencies among MCoC agencies
- Proposed federal funding for 2011 would cut HOME funds by 10%
- Agencies and providers should seek their federal Congressional representatives regarding federal funds too
- A proposed state amendment would allow city welfares to set the budget for local welfare
- Kyle and Maureen will work with the group on a coordinated effort

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

- Outcome measurements reviewed

- MCoC is doing well on all of its outcomes
- Employment outcome needs to get better, but there has been significant improvements

New Hampshire Legal Assistance: Presentation – *Christine Lavallee*

- New Hampshire Legal Assistance (NHLA) is a non-profit civil law firm
- Christine is an attorney and the Director of NHLA's Housing Project
- Does not charge clients for their services
- Work on many issues, including:
 - Benefit issues
 - i.e. Social Security
 - Foreclosure Issues
 - i.e. foreclosure prevention, reorganization of debt, etc
 - Fair Housing issues
 - i.e. intentional discrimination
 - Funded by HUD
 - Train people to test properties for discrimination issues

June Point-in-Time Count – *Kyle Beaulieu*

- Brief update and review about efforts to conduct a summer Point-in-Time Count
- Nina Foucheux, Granite United Way intern, is leading the Point-in-Time Count committee and is assuming the role Kyle had during the winter count.
- More information will be available after the next Point-in-Time Count committee meeting.

Homeless Services Center: Update – *Kevin Kintner and Susan Howland*

- A Management Team has come together for the Center
- Granite United Way would like to transition out as the fiscal agent for the Center, which the Management Team will work on
- The Management Team will also work on creating more structure in the Center
- Want to keep MCoC involvement in the Center as a collaborative effort
- Currently, AA and other group meetings are taking place at the Center
- Update on the Center's Programming Committee meeting on safety concerns

Open Floor

- *No items.*

Committee Reports

- Task Force – *Maureen Beauregard*
 - Is organizing to meet once again and will have a report for the next meeting
- Data Collection – *Cathy Kuhn*
 - The State is preparing for its annual Homeless Needs Assessment survey
- Community Awareness – *Kyle Beaulieu and Susan Howland*
 - The committee has met and begun initial discussions around duties for the remainder of the year
- Homeless Liaison – *Izet Hamidovic*
 - As it gets warmer outside, outreach workers will be increasing outreach efforts



- Social Policy – *Dianne Pitts*
 - Working on creating contact within the prison system for the Jail Discharge Outreach Program (JDOP)

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