

Social Policy Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Tuesday March 15th, 2011 9:00AM-10:00AM

Location

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

Attendees

David Carroll	Kyle Beaulieu	Monika Bryant
Dianne Pitts	Lea Key	Shane Fisher

Jail Discharge Program (JDOP)

- Shane and Dave met with Scott Harrington and Larry Nice from Calumet House
 - Larry Nice on board with the program
 - He wanted a lot more information than they could give at the time
 - Calumet House
 - There might be a lot of barriers
 - They are all felons
 - Can't get certain things
 - Up to 7 years after release, they can't get certain housing
 - (i.e. MHRA)
 - Could get state benefits
 - Through HealthCare for the Homeless
- Possibly do informational meetings at the Calumet House (maybe a presentation?)
- Start with local jails and work to prisons and other larger programs
 - Inform clients about all the programs they should be going to
- Work clients them on good decision making
- Work at Valley Street for the pilot of the program, and expand to the Calumet House after
- Identifying 1 chronically homeless individual for the program
- Getting resources (i.e. write a grant though Continuum) to receive resources to house felons for a year or 2 after release
- Time Line - Working 6 months with clients
 - 3 months before they are released
 - 3 months after they are released
- Brief discussion on state budget updates
 - Overview of how the public hearing on the budget went
- HEARTH Act update

Action Items

- Shane will
 - obtain demographics of the Valley Street Jail
 - shoot Scott an email about meeting with the Social Policy committee
 - find out how SNHS gets in with their program
 - work on the Logic Model and the Performance Measures for the program.
 - get country releases (and state) that are going to the New Horizon's
- Lea Key was going to follow up with Ellie Tharian

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