

General Assembly Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday, January 21st, 2016, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Location

Manchester Community Resource Center, 434 Lake Ave, 4th floor, Manchester, NH 03103

Attendees

Ashley Kitchell	Cathy Kuhn	David Harris	Erin Kelly	Holly Bilodeau
Jocelyne Pinsonneault	Julie Morris	Keith Howard	Kevin Kintner	Laurel Redden
Mark Stokes	Mary Beckwith	Mikaela Gerry	Nicole Clark	Richard Doyle
Sheila Richard	Emily Cashman	Kim Rybczyk	Cristina LeDuc	Lynne Lorentsen
Sophia DeFrancesco	Dana Lemire			

12:05 Meeting begins

Human Trafficking Taskforce

- I. Officer Paul Thompson discussed the Human Trafficking Taskforce with our general assembly committee.
- II. Human trafficking is any instance where one person forces another to do sex trafficking and can be caused by several different factors including force, coercion, and blackmail.
- III. While it can happen to anyone, most of the cases the police are currently dealing with involve women. Federal and local resources work together to help these victims and to make the process faster. NH does not have any services for these women, meaning they are sent to Maine or Massachusetts, requiring certain legal hoops that have to be jumped through.
- IV. One committee member asked what we, as service providers, should do when confronted with victims of human trafficking?
 - a. Officer Thompson explained that the police are required to arrest those with warrants on contact, but that they will also immediately start the process of helping connect them to resources. Often times these resources can only be accessed by the human trafficking taskforce as they do use both federal and state level resources in conjunction with those the police already have access to.
 - b. Members of the taskforce are always willing to talk “hypotheticals” where the circumstances but no specifics are laid out.
 - c. Finally, there are certain segments of the population where reporting is mandatory, specifically youth and juveniles.
- V. How do we get out to community (especially in terms of the portions of the population which typically underreport, ie minorities, LGBT, youth, etc)?

Committee Updates

- I. Data Collection
 - a. PIT will be happening on January 27th.
 - b. AHAR accepted- means good data quality and looks good for scoring when being reviewed federally.
- II. Homeless Liaison – Not much new to report. Outreach workers continue to monitor homeless camps.

- III. Veteran Homeless- Creating a release of information (ROI) with the intended use of a by-name list, eventually.
- IV. Community Awareness
- V. Leadership
 - a. Strategic Planning- need someone to help work on this specifically.
 - b. Erin asked how we want to structure our future meetings- ideas?
 - c. CFS will share a story in February
 - d. Possible future topics include: Family Shelter (FIT), Bridges (Harbor Homes), MHRA process tax results for the homeless, and Housing Action NH Medicare Institute (using Medicaid to pay for PSH services).

1:00 Meeting Concludes

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