

General Assembly Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday, October 15th, 2015, 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	Cheryl Hunt	Dan Ward	Holly Bilodeau
Jodi Hartke	Keith Howard	Kevin Kintner	Lauren Collins	Mark Stokes
Mary Sliney	Matthew Bouchie	Mikaela Gerry	Nicole Clark	Richard Doyle
David Harris	Emily Cashman			

12:00 Meeting begins

Upcoming Meetings

- I. Next month, we will be having two presentations: Stephanie Higgs with the Ask the Question Initiative and Marianne Sovarese, who will be doing SOAR training.
- II. Mark asked the committee if anybody needed the December meeting moved due to holiday considerations. There was general agreement from the committee that the December meeting was fine where it was. No changes deemed necessary.

Elections

- I. MCoC coordinator has received no nomination via emails. No nominations were given at the meeting.
- II. There was some discussion about the responsibilities of the open position as well as some speculation over the other positions in the Leadership committee. Vice chair position is going to be potentially open due to a lack of attendance on that individual's part.
- III. Leadership committee will have to discuss what to do about elections.

NOFA Update

- I. Mark presented the committee with an update about the NOFA (Notice of Funding Available) He reached out for general feedback on specific questions in the NOFA where he would have less experience. Particularly, he will need help with questions concerning veterans and homeless youth.
- II. Nicole will send out the policy and procedure manual discussed in Data Collection to the General Assembly. There was a discussion among the CoC on how to prioritize feedback. Leadership will take this feedback into consideration before either approving or rejecting policies.
- III. Mark also gave a quick summary of the bonus project. FIT was the only agency to apply, so the bonus will be structured as 10 units of rapid re-housing for households with children. Most of the money will go into helping with rental assistance and administrative costs/ case management fees. The bonus will be ranked last so that funding won't be taken from existing projects.

Committee Reports

- I. Kevin gave an update on the Homeless Liaison committee. He mentioned that numbers are currently down; this could be attributed to the homeless day center closing or unfortunately, a high number of

- deaths in the past year. Mary asked up “red x”/abandoned properties and asked if anyone regularly checked into these places. Jake Hull does some outreach into these areas, but Matt Bouchie and others from the Mental Health Center are not allowed to go onto private property.
- II. Kevin mentioned that a new church and 1269 café will be moving into the old police station, but there will be no shelter offered at this new location. Craig Chevalier specifically asked him to squash these rumors. He brought to the group’s attention New Horizon’s Housing First housing which has recently had a success story.
 - III. Cathy gave an update on the Data Collection committee. Next week, on the 21st, Coordinated Entry training will occur in Concord for the whole city and state. She also reminded the committee that the HMIS mandatory training is held on November 3rd, as either a morning or afternoon session.
 - IV. A final update concerned a recent email about ending Veteran Homelessness. A small taskforce will be assembled to address this as the report is due by the end of the month.

Open Floor

- I. There was some discussion over the Mayor’s 60 Day Plan to end the heroin epidemic. It was suggested by Mary that it would be good to have the police present at one of our meetings.
- II. Other topics proposed included a substance abuse presentation by HOPE for NH Recovery and a domestic violence/human trafficking presentation by Officer Paul Thompson.
- III. Dan Ward spoke to the committee about coordinated entry for homeless veterans. To access the system, call 624-4366 ext. 2701. The VA will be acting as coordinator. He also mentioned a growing interest to form a committee specifically targeting veterans’ issues. Leadership will have to address this at their next meeting.

1:01 Meeting Concludes

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