

General Assembly Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday, November 19th, 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	Christine Weber	Craig Chevalier	David Harris	Emily Reisine
Erin Kelly	Jocelyne Pinsoneault	Keith Howard	Kevin Kintner	Arlene Acosto
Mark Stokes	Mary Sliney	Matthew Bouchie	Nicole Clark	Rich Doyle
Robert Mottola				

12:05 Meeting begins

Upcoming Meetings

- I. Next month, we will be having two presentations: Holly Cekala presenting for HOPE for NH Recovery and Helen Costello presenting the NH Food Bank and other programs offered.
- II. We will be having a December meeting as usual. Notice will go out closer to date.

Ask the Question Initiative

- I. Tim Rice, from Easter Seals, was kind enough to come present at this General Assembly meeting.
- II. He gave a brief history of the program- started as an offshoot of a PTSD/DTI committee, but gained popularity and drive as research began to show many veterans weren't connecting with the VA for primary care. This was determined to be the result of stigma veterans perceive, both in terms of asking for help and in terms of the public not understanding their needs.
- III. As a result of this stigma, this initiative is urging organizations to ask potential veterans "Have you/anyone in your family ever served?" as this gains a broader response and will prove helpful in connecting veterans with potential resources.
- IV. Overall, this program has a short term contract (ends in June 2016), but has the long term goal of improving quality and access of services to veterans.

Elections

- I. For Leadership Committee elections:
 - a. Chair - Mary Sliney (Interim)
 - b. Vice Chair - Erin Kelly
 - c. Veterans Homelessness Committee Chair - Dan Ward
 - d. Community Awareness Committee Chair - Craig Chevalier
 - e. At Large (2) - Mikaela Gerry and David Harris
- II. Bylaw Amendments
 - a. Organizations can have up to 2 representatives on Leadership Committee - Yes
 - b. Establish Veteran Homeless Committee as a standing committee – Yes
 - c. Sheila Richards will join the Leadership committee as a formerly homeless person to satisfy a bylaw requirement.

Balance of State CoC Update

- I. Mary Sliney, Mark Stokes, and Nicole Clark recently attended the BoSCoC meeting.
- II. Starting in 2016, according to Kevin Irwin, organizations can fund non-medical services through case management work (through use of Medicaid). This could potentially save organizations a lot of money and resources. For example, FIT recently began billing Medicaid for Family Willows and estimates that it could potentially house 30 other people if this action goes through.

Committee Reports

- I. Homeless Liaison- Kevin reported that this committee continues to meet regularly and has recently discussed New Horizon's Housing First model.
- II. Data Collection did not meet today (Nov. 19th) but will continue to meet regularly otherwise.
 - a. This year's PIT date will be the last Wednesday in January (the 26th).
 - b. The MCoC's NoFA was submitted Nov. 18th. It is mostly made up of renewal money, although FIT did apply for the bonus project, which would add 10 units of RRH.

Open Floor

- I. Child and Family Service has a new location for their teen drop in: 330 Lincoln St. Will open on Monday, November 23rd.
- II. The VA mentioned that the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care applied for functional zero of veterans and was declined. The committee discussed what repercussions this might have for the entire state. For instance, could Manchester declare functional zero, when the second biggest city in the state just got turned down?

1:00 Meeting Concludes

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