

# Homeless Liaison Minutes

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## **Date and Time**

Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

## **Location**

New Horizons for NH, 199 Manchester St, Manchester, NH

## **Attendees**

Jake Hull, Matt Bouchie, Kevin Kintner (chair), Dee Santoso, Mike Uraire, Faith Motta, Abby Easterly, Nicole Clark

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## **11:01 Meeting begins**

### **General Introduction**

- I. Introductions are made. Rich Doyle and vice chair may be stepping down so there may be a future need to fill both spots.
- II. There is a general discussion of the functional zero for homeless veterans. Some feel that Nashua was hasty declaring it or wanting to declare it, but everyone agreed that it will start in Nashua and potentially go statewide.
- III. Coordinated entry was brought up, but ultimately marked as a non-issue here, as most of the meeting agencies don't use it.
- IV. Discussion of Homeless Summit, which will be Friday, October 16, at Saint Anselm College. Agenda for the summit is still unfinished.

### **11:15 Abby Easterly and the QC Bike Collective**

- I. New facility on Spruce and Union. This service repairs bicycles, takes in donated bikes. Abby says that a lot of the people who use this service are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- II. Noted that one problem they have noticed is that the people using their service do not have home addresses, especially after the closing of the day center.
- III. Other members discussed the need for some sort of agreement between the bike collective and the population being served in order to maintain the resources being given out.
- IV. Another problem raised by Abby was that bikes have been stolen from the participants before. She is looking for a potential place to store bikes, especially since places like New Horizons does not allow bikes inside the premises.

### **11:30 Opened the Meeting for other people to talk.**

- I. Dee from the library noted that there were a lot of homeless people at the library, this summer, but incidents were down.
- II. Kevin also noticed less people using the New Horizons shelter, but anticipated more people because of the problems caused by the Day Center closing. The Concord shelter will not be opening this winter. Finally, the phone system is down at the New Horizons.
- III. Because the Day Center is closed, Matt is seeing a lot more of his clients at New Horizons. He observed that the numbers were down in June and July, but are rising again. Intake at the MHCGM

- is backed up considerably (until late Nov/early Dec) because 3 intake clinicians are leaving. Matt discussed the possibility of forming a community crisis response team.
- IV. Jake has seen lower numbers in his outreach, but says that they are picking up again. One explanation provided for this is that some people are getting reassigned providers because of being preapproved for Medicaid, but this only covers a portion of the population. Lots of his clients are losing their Medicaid.
  - V. Much of the talk from the VA centered around the functional zero news which is covered above.

**11:39 Next Meeting**

- I. Next meeting will be September 15, from 11:00 to 12:00 at New Horizons.

**11:40 Meeting Concludes**

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