

## **Homeless Liaison Minutes**

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### **Date and Time**

Tuesday, September 15<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 Uraine, Faith Motta, Bill Sullivan, Ashley Taylor, Rebecca Muirhead, Jocelyne Pinsonneault, Nicole Clark

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### **11:00 Meeting begins**

### **11:00 Last meetings minutes**

- I. No changes needed

### **11:05 New Business**

- I. Starting in October and going through May, New Horizons will be putting its inclement weather policy in. Space will be made available during the day, only to people who stayed in shelter the night before, with some exceptions.
- II. New Horizons hasn't had to do this in a couple of years, but will have to take it over again because of the closing of the Day Center. Unlike the day center, no lunch will be provided and because of safety concerns, no public bathroom will be available. People can bring food in and doors will open on the hour to let people enter.

### **11:10 General Updates**

- I. Bill Sullivan from the Did You Know Him Ministries spoke about the services his program is offering. DYKHM is currently coordinating with churches so that lunch is provided on all weekends in the month. On 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month, when applicable, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches or veggie wraps are offered. Other services include the clothing bus, some clothing mending, movies, etc.
- II. Dee Santosa updated us on the library. Jake Hull has been coming over Tuesdays to do wellness checks. She noted that there is a lot of activity in Victory Park and some vandalism in/on the library grounds, resulting in an increase police presence.
- III. MCoC has been putting together a resource guide. I also spoke a little about the Community Awareness committee and put out that we are looking for people who are interested in joining/moving this committee forward.
- IV. Jocelyne Pinsonneault has some issues coming up now that school is back in session. There are a lot of families being referred to 452 Pine St by the welfare department. There is a lot of concern that numbers seem to be increasing at this location. There are also homeless families that are doubled up right now. She said a lot of families are reluctant to coming forward because they are afraid their children will not be able to attend their original schools, which is not true.
- V. There was concern expressed over the closing of the campgrounds in October. Not all people at these campgrounds have plans for where to go next.
- VI. The entire VA HPACT was introduced at this meeting. They are looking for homeless veterans.

- VII. Matt Bouchie brought up a recent disaster response training seminar he attended. He is looking into how it fits into the MHCGM and the city as a whole. Kevin talked about how he'd met in the past with the Fire Department in the past about a contingency plan should the shelter burn down. In the past, the old police station served that purpose in the past, but can't be used anymore as it's been sold.
- VIII. Finally, Jake spoke about how the clinic is picking up again. There were a couple of serious cases recently, marking an increasing acuity. He also agreed that Victory park is quite busy.

### **11:39 Next Meeting**

- I. Next meeting will be October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 to 12:00 at New Horizons.
- II. Possible topics will be preparing for the winter season and the lack of resources available in Concord and surrounding areas.

### **11:40 Meeting Concludes**

#### **Minutes Prepared By**

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