

Homeless Liaison Minutes

Date and Time

Tuesday, March 15th, 2016, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location

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

Attendees

David Harris, Kevin Kintner, Jacob Hull, Matt Bouchie, Bill Sullivan, Nicole Clark, Dee Santoso, Abby Easterly

11:00 Meeting begins

Organization Updates

- I. QC Bike Collective
 - a. The QC Bike Collective will be having an open house on Monday, March 21st, from 5 to 7 pm. Their organization is located at 373 Union, on the corner of Spruce.
 - b. There won't be any bikes available at this time, as the open house will function more as a meet and greet, allowing the mayor and aldermen to see the facility.
 - c. The Bike Collective will be applying for CIP funds. They currently receive all the confiscated police bikes in the city.
 - d. Currently, they have a bike program at Beech and Gosseler schools for 5th graders, which is helped run by the Health Department. The kids earn the bike through certain measures set by the school. Abby would eventually like to expand this to include other programs.
 - e. Tyler Glodt is working at the QC Bike Collective again.
- II. 1269 Café
 - a. Bill Sullivan helped update us on the progress of 1269 café. They have reopened, on a tentative basis for now, while construction continues to be done on their new location. Construction has been delayed by trouble getting contractors and having to get the building up to code. They are hoping to have everything up by Easter. Once the facility is complete, there will be capacity for 120 people.
 - b. 1269 is working to expand hours to 5 day week at some point.
 - c. Serenity House, On Demand, and Zeal church will also be housed in the same building.
- III. Do You Know Him? Ministries
 - a. This weekend will be the last weekend they have services at their current location, then they will be moving to 1269 café on weekends. Eventually, this could mean a change in the breakfast they offer as they will have access to a working kitchen. There are some benefits to the burritos they currently serve, so they might continue these on a modified basis.
 - b. DYKHM will be offering an Easter dinner on Saturday, March 19th from 11:30 to 1:00. Besides the dinner, they will be offering bikes and repairs and a movie from 9:30 to 11:30.
- IV. Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester
 - a. All PATH programs have to be using HMIS by July 1st. Matt will be receiving training in June.
- V. Child and Family Services

- a. The youth center is available for youths, age 12 to 22, who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- b. They are starting to offer more groups at the youth drop in center as they settle in. Current groups include culinary, meditation/yoga, and music groups. They also have a game day to allow their youth to socialize in a safe setting.
- c. CFS has a sleepout on March 25th. 100 people will sleep in the lot outside of the Radison. The goal of this event is to raise awareness of and funds supporting youth homelessness.

VI. Healthcare for the Homeless

- a. The clinic is busy, so they're looking for ways to provide alternatives for appointments.
- b. They will be hiring another nurse practitioner, which might increase hours. Generally, they can't get everyone in every day to see a nurse practitioner or doctor, but will at least do a check-in.

VII. New Horizons

- a. Greenhouse is starting up again.
- b. New Horizons is experiencing some building problems right now, particularly in the older sections of the building, but nobody has been hurt.
- c. Count is low- probably due to warmer weather lately?

VIII. Library

- a. West Branch revisions are coming along and the branch is close to opening. There will be an open house on Friday, April 15th.
- b. The library is working to expand hours over five days.
- c. The library does have some homeless who use the West Side branch, though in lower numbers than the main branch. Anyone is welcome, as long as they follow the rules.

IX. Manchester Continuum of Care

- a. Mark and Nicole are currently going through the data collected for the Point-in-Time count, as well as inputting data to our CoC's Housing Inventory Chart (HIC). Numbers currently are up, but we did receive data from several organization that we have not collected data from in the past.
- b. The MCoC's veteran committee is looking for members from any organizations who serve or happen to come in contact with veterans as we're beginning to build our by-name list.
- c. Upcoming committees include: Veteran Homeless (3/16), Data Collection (3/17), General Assembly (3/17), and Leadership (3/17). We are still looking for participant stories from organizations for upcoming meetings.

11:35 Meeting Concludes

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