

Leadership Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, December 10th, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Location

The Bridge Café, 1117 Elm St, Manchester, NH

Attendees

Dan Ward, Craig Chevalier, David Harris, Kevin Kintner, Mary Sliney, Nicole Clark, Sheila Richards, Cathy Kuhn, Mikaela Gerry, Keith Howard

2:05 Meeting Begins

Introductions and Future Planning

- I. The majority of our new committee members were introduced at this meeting. All positions on the Leadership Committee are now full.
- II. Cathy brought up the structure of some recently added committees.
 - a. Community Awareness is trying to reestablish itself after a year of inactivity. The biggest focus for this committee should be recruitment. Craig brought up the possibility of this committee developing business partnerships to create new and positive perceptions of homelessness. Mary agreed that there were a lot of misperceptions out there about the homeless; for example, the belief by some that the Day Center would draw homeless people to Manchester.
 - b. The Veteran Homeless Committee is working on scheduling its first meeting. We are currently looking at potential dates in January. The VH committee's most current focuses are functional zero, Coordinated Entry among veterans, and assisting in the January PIT count.
- III. The Data Collection committee has elected to take on Coordinated Entry monitoring once the Manchester process is put into place.
- IV. Overall, it was agreed that the MCoC should work to improve its relationship with the city.
- V. Committee brought up the distinction between the vice chair position that is currently in place and a co-chair position which would change Erin's responsibilities slightly. This would require a bylaw amendment and wouldn't be done without first talking to Erin, who was unable to attend this meeting.

General Assembly Planning

- I. Cathy brought up the new Chronically Homeless definition, which will become effective on January 16th, as one potential item to discuss at the December General Assembly meeting.
- II. Keith mentioned that in future MCoC General Assembly meetings, it would be a good idea to have active organizations introduce themselves so that everyone could learn more about the other agencies in the MCoC. Craig agreed that there was a need for this and also suggested that there could be a case study done for each one.



III. As a CoC, we need to unify our opinions on addressing the high cost of living, the need for safe housing, and the general objective we are seeking, in order to communicate them effectively to the rest of the community.

- IV. There was some discussion among the committee about the difference between enabling the homeless and caring for them as individuals. Because of time considerations, this conversation was tabled until a later date. Mary and Keith suggested a friendly, but informed debate about this conversation, but also highlighted the importance of speaking with a collective voice on such matters when talking to political stakeholders.

CE Update

- I. The MCoC's CE workshop will be held on Thursday, Jan. 28th at the Family Willows location on S. Beech St. Kevin Irwin, a consultant hired by the state, will be helping to lead this workshop.
- II. Some potential items to keep in mind for the meeting are:
 - a. HMIS data entry
 - b. How to connect across CoCs.
 - c. System level collaboration among agencies
 - d. How to prioritize the most vulnerable.
- III. Veterans CE is already up and running. They use 2-1-1. This could be a potential resource for the rest of the CoC to use as an example.
- IV. Committee agreed that CE should not start at the phone call, but rather should start when they come in.

3:00 Meeting Concludes

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