

Leadership Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, February 11th, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Location

Manchester City Library, Hunt Room, 405 Pine St, Manchester, NH

Attendees

Mikaela Gerry, Nicole Clark, Mary Sliney, Cathy Kuhn, Erin Kelly, David Harris, Kevin Kintner, Sheila Richard

2:05 Meeting Begins

Introductions

Coordinated Entry

- I. Next meeting will be March 29th, 9:00 to 12:00.
- II. We already have a good system for coordinated entry in place; where do we go from there?
- III. Erin Kelly agreed to reach out to welfare commissioner, in an effort to connect him with this process.
 - a. Committee also agreed to invite Matt Bouchie and Jake Hull to next meeting. Should we include representatives from Bureau of Elderly & Adult Services, DCYF, etc?
 - b. For now, we won't reach out to hospitals, police, prisons, fire department, etc; we can engage them after getting our core group of agencies more organized.
 - c. Part the leadership meeting following this coordinated entry meeting should include who will need to reach out to which agencies.
- IV. Vulnerability Index
 - a. Currently, New Horizons uses one, but other agencies (CFS, TWH, FIT, etc) don't.
 - b. These indexes should be used as a starting point.

Coordinated Entry

- I. Members of the committee reached out to outside persons and agencies
 - a. Erin reached out to Pam Hawthman, from Girls@Work, who was willing to at least have phone call.
 - b. Kevin agreed to contact Abby Easterly, who might have previous experience with strategic planning.
- II. We should work on a way to implement a discussion on or a process to invite people back to CoC.
 - a. We should brainstorm list of old and new people to bring to the general assembly.
 - b. List of old names can be grabbed from the database.
- III. In the future, we can reach out to the following agencies for presentations: Manchester Community Resource Center, NH Works, and NH Employment Security
- IV. We will continue to make our participant stories a part of the general assembly meeting. Sophie, from Child and Family Service's Transitional Living Program has agreed to share at next week's meeting. Our eventual goal is to get other agencies to participate in this process, making them a more active member of our continuum.



Release of Information

- I. The Veteran Homeless committee has been working on this ROI. VA is currently reviewing it in their legal department, but subcommittee wanted to know what approval process it needed to go through on the MCoC end.
 - a. Erin suggested adding a section stating who is releasing the information, the purpose, and who the information is being released to.
 - b. Final changes will need to be made in the subcommittee, then it should be approved by leadership.
- II. Kevin mentioned a recent development with HMIS which makes it difficult to enter in veteran information (need proof that they are veterans, vets don't always have this documentation). How do we address this?

Other Information

- I. The March meeting will need to be rescheduled. Doodle link will be sent out.
- II. There is going to be a training on how to provide services to homeless transgendered individuals. There are in some parts of the state, a lot of fear and misinformation around the transgender issue, though it seems like Manchester's providers are providing services appropriately, at least as far as the organizations in this committee go.

3:00 Meeting Concludes

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