

Leadership Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, March 17th, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Location

Manchester Community Resource Center, 434 Lake Ave, Manchester, NH

Attendees

Mikaela Gerry, Nicole Clark, Erin Kelly, David Harris, Kevin Kintner, Craig Chevalier

2:05 Meeting Begins

Introductions

Governance

- I. Erin recently met with Pam Hoffman, from Girls @ Work, who might do some strategic planning with the CoC and gave us some guiding questions with which to begin the process. Some questions to consider include a) what is our mission/vision, b) what do we hope to achieve as a CoC, and c) how do we plan on carrying this out? She recommended we look at the driving documents of the CoC.
- II. Committee reviewed Manchester's 2008 ten year plan. Much of what is in the current plan is no longer relevant to what we do as a CoC; the individuals who drew it up are no longer here or have moved on, while the city itself has changed. Even the idea that we can "end homelessness" has gone by the wayside. As Kevin mentioned, functional zero is now more appropriate to what we aim to achieve.
- III. Erin also began a discussion on the city's role in this new look at the 10 year plan. Kevin suggested we might reach out to the Health Department, as they have been active within the community.
 - a. Erin agreed to reach out to the Health Department, to try to schedule a time to sit down and discuss these plans. She will let rest of Leadership know of the time once it has been planned.
 - b. We will begin to bring up these changes at our next General Assembly meeting, to hopefully provoke some discussion from those who might not be as involved as they could be.
 - c. The guiding principle behind revisiting this document should be that we want the document to live beyond the time we are members of the CoC. If we can get others involved in this document, it increase ownership and the likelihood that it will be passed on.
- IV. As we begin to review our 10 year plan, we should look at what worked, what didn't work, and what could be different.
 - a. Some of the ideas originally proposed were good, but were mishandled or became highly political, which resulted in them not working in the way that they should have.
 - b. The day center, for example, became mired by politics.
- V. As Mikaela mentioned, one problem with the plan is that it focuses on affordable housing, whereas a large part of what we do is service work.

Welfare Update

- I. Erin updated us on her meeting with the welfare commissioner. While he was willing to talk, he made it clear that he doesn't consider city welfare to be a human service provider- they're there to direct people to other services.



- II. He did mention that this is his last term and that he's been working to make the position appointed rather than elected, which has been recently approved.
- III. Erin asked if he could send any senior case workers to our Coordinated Entry meeting, but he told her that they all have an important meeting at that time.

2:00 Meeting Concludes

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