

Leadership Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, July 14th, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Location

Manchester City Library, 405 Pine St, Manchester, NH

Attendees

Nicole Clark, Mary Sliney, Mikaela Gerry, Erin Kelly, David Harris, Cathy Kuhn, Kevin Kintner, Cindy Bringhurst

2:00 Meeting Begins

Introductions

- I. Mary introduce Cindy Bringhurst, who is helping her with overall operations at The Way Home, as well as providing direct client service.

CoC Policy Brief

- I. Housing Action NH passed out a policy brief at our last General Assembly meeting. Committee reviewed the general points made by the Massachusetts and Connecticut CoCs: that there is no expectation of a consistent schedule, that it takes a lot of unreimbursed time away from actually helping the homeless, and that the application is slowly becoming more and more unwieldy and difficult.
- II. The BoSCoC presented on this at their General Assembly meeting on Tuesday, but have decided to table it for the time being. Our Leadership committee decided to likewise put it off until the fall.
- III. Cathy raised the concern that this might not be something we want to directly be involved with as it might have negative repercussions on our CoC's score, especially mid-NOFA. One way around this is to provide the data to Housing Action NH, who is on board with taking the lead in advocating our cause. Committee agreed to this course of action.

Coordinated Entry Update

- I. Cathy shared with the group the proposed August 1st start date. Committee agreed that this was a good deadline for our project.
- II. Julie has been working on marketing materials for CE, including:
 - a. A letter to introduce the system to non-profits.
 - b. Flyers and logos are being finalized.
 - c. Cathy and Julie are working on a press release, in order to bring positive attention to what we're doing.
 - d. Julie and Nicole have been working on content for the MCoC website. Families in Transition is going to add information to their website; the suggestion was made that other agencies do the same in order to promote the line.
 - e. Information should be sent to 2-1-1 so that the refer people to this number instead of individual agencies.

- III. Erin mentioned that if the press release mentions specific agencies, it's going to take longer as those agencies are going to want to run it by their PR departments. Agreement was made that we could reference the MCoC instead of individual agencies, expediting the process.
- IV. Mary mentioned that we might capitalize on Keith's magical ability to get letters to the editor at the right moment on a consistent basis.

Governance Charter

- I. This needs approval from the Leadership Committee.
- II. Nicole went through and made the language a little clearer, as well as aligning it to the GNCoC's charter and what is needed to satisfy the NoFA. Except for the highlighted sections, the content has not been changed.
- III. Leadership approved and suggested that we send out the governance charter to the member organizations in the fall once we have reconvened.

Other Updates

- I. Homeless Liaison will not be meeting in the summer.
 - a. Cathy mentioned that work continues to be done on the case studies of three individuals with high service needs; a collaboration between FIT, New Horizons, and the Mental Health Center has resulted in a lot of data.
 - b. In addition to sharing the stories of these three men, the cases provide some possible solutions: CCTs, respite beds, and a broader awareness of these problems within our community.
- II. Mary will send the letter in to the Health Department.

3:05 Meeting Concludes

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