

Social Policy Report

Introduction

This is the Social Policy Committee's report for the 1st half of 2011. The purpose of the report is to provide a short summary of the challenges, accomplishments, and overall progress the committee has made for this half of the year. The report was compiled using minutes from the committee's meetings, reports from the MCoC database, and input from the committee's chair (and possible committee members as well, at the discretion of the Chair). This report's target audience is MCoC leadership, MCoC members, this committee's members, and possibly the general public. A copy of this report will be made available to the designated MCoC leadership and to the committee.

This report is broken up into 3 sections: **summary of meeting minutes**, **attendance reports**, and the **committee's strategy report**. For questions regarding this report, please contact the MCoC Coordinator at vista@mcocnh.org.

Summary of Minutes

2-15-2011

Working on details of the Jail Discharge Outreach Program (JDOP).

Discussing how the pilot program would work.

Assessing the stakeholders and who the contacts were at various stages of the program's initiation.

03-15-2011

Continued discussion on the JDOP.

Attempting to identify more specifics of the program, including what homeless population would be best work with during the pilot.

04-19-2011

Reviewing the pre-assessment tool that was designed to assess potential clients for the program before entry into the program.

Identifying barriers to success in the program, such as a lack of housing for certain individuals that have specific crimes on their record.

05-17-2011

An update on the prison system and how the Valley Street Jail works.

An update on a program a few committee members were participating in that focused on preparing inmates for life after discharge.

Reviewing funding issues and how they might affect the MCoC.

06-21-2011

Reviewing the committee report.

Overview of the current status of JDOP, and the possibility of receiving a grant for it.

Attendance Reports

The following attachments provide attendance reports for each meeting. In addition, reports are attached which provide the cumulative contributed hours committee members spent in meetings, as well as the value of those hours. In summary:

- 5 Regular meetings were held;
- Total attendance for those meetings was 31;
- 8 unique individuals attended those meetings; and,
- A total of 27* hours was spent in meetings, which is a total value of \$561.60* of contributed hours.

* The total number of hours and value of those hours does not include the MCoC Coordinator and the Director of Homeless Services for the City of Manchester/Granite United Way.



Date Range
01/01/11 - 06/21/11

Manchester Continuum of Care: Report
List of All Meetings

Committees Selected
Social Policy



| | Date of Meeting | Committee Name |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>February 2011</i> | | |
| | 02/15/11 | Social Policy |
| <i>March 2011</i> | | |
| | 03/15/11 | Social Policy |
| <i>April 2011</i> | | |
| | 04/19/11 | Social Policy |
| <i>May 2011</i> | | |
| | 05/17/11 | Social Policy |
| <i>June 2011</i> | | |
| | 06/21/11 | Social Policy |

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All Meeting Attendance

Committees Selected
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| Committee | Attendees Name | Attendee's Agency |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Social Policy | | |
| <i>February 2011</i> | | |
| | Kyle Beaulieu | Manchester Continuum of Care |
| | Jocelyne Pinsonneault | Manchester School District |
| | David Carroll | Mental Health Center of Greater Mancheste |
| | Shane Fisher | Southern New Hampshire Services |
| | Dianne Pitts | The Way Home |
| | Lea Key | The Way Home |
| | Claire Cavanagh | YWCA |
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| <i>March 2011</i> | | |
| | Kyle Beaulieu | Manchester Continuum of Care |
| | Monika Bryant | Manchester Housing & Redevelopment Aut |
| | David Carroll | Mental Health Center of Greater Mancheste |
| | Shane Fisher | Southern New Hampshire Services |
| | Dianne Pitts | The Way Home |
| | Lea Key | The Way Home |
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| <i>April 2011</i> | | |
| | Kyle Beaulieu | Manchester Continuum of Care |
| | Monika Bryant | Manchester Housing & Redevelopment Aut |
| | David Carroll | Mental Health Center of Greater Mancheste |
| | Lea Key | The Way Home |
| | Dianne Pitts | The Way Home |
| | Shane Fisher | Unknown |
| | Claire Cavanagh | YWCA |
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| <i>May 2011</i> | | |
| | Jocelyne Pinsonneault | Manchester School District |
| | Dianne Pitts | The Way Home |
| | Claire Cavanagh | YWCA |
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| <i>June 2011</i> | | |
| | Kyle Beaulieu | Manchester Continuum of Care |

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| | Monika Bryant | Manchester Housing & Redevelopment Aut |
| | Jocelyne Pinsonneault | Manchester School District |
| | David Carroll | Mental Health Center of Greater Manchest |
| | Dianne Pitts | The Way Home |
| | Lea Key | The Way Home |
| | Shane Fisher | Unknown |
| | Claire Cavanagh | YWCA |

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Date Range
01/01/11 - 06/30/11

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Committees Selected
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Individual In-Kind Contributions*

| Name | Hours | Value of Hours** |
|-----------------------|-------|------------------|
| Claire Cavanagh | 4.0 | \$83.20 |
| David Carroll | 4.0 | \$83.20 |
| Dianne Pitts | 5.0 | \$104.00 |
| Jocelyne Pinsonneault | 3.0 | \$62.40 |
| Lea Key | 4.0 | \$83.20 |
| Monika Bryant | 3.0 | \$62.40 |
| Shane Fisher | 4.0 | \$83.20 |

Total Cumulative Meeting Hours 27.00
Total Value of Hours \$561.60
Number of Individuals 7
Number of VISTAs 0

*This report does not include member's contributions at MCoC events.

**Value of hours is calculated at \$20.80 per hour, based on data from www.nhnonprofits.org.



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Agency In-Kind Contributions*

| Member Agency | Hours | Value of Hours** |
|--|-------|------------------|
| Manchester Housing & Redevelopment Authority | 3.0 | \$62.40 |
| Manchester School District | 3.0 | \$62.40 |
| Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester | 4.0 | \$83.20 |
| Southern New Hampshire Services | 2.0 | \$41.60 |
| The Way Home | 9.0 | \$187.20 |
| Unknown | 2.0 | \$41.60 |
| YWCA | 4.0 | \$83.20 |

Total Cumulative Hours 27.00
Total Value of Contributed Hours \$561.60
Number of Agencies 7

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Strategy Report

The Committee Chair was asked to fill out the sections below. Committee members may also have had input on the below content, which was left at the discretion of the committee chair.

Accomplishments

- Were able to get into the prison system (through a SNHS program);
 - Committee members found that they were successful in this program and that they may be able to apply things they learned to the Jail Discharge Outreach Program (JDOP);
 - Were also invited to a congratulatory ceremony by the Department of Corrections which might show that the Department thought the program was successful, possibly paving the way for the JDOP;
- Consistent committee attendance; and,
- Created logic model and goals for the JDOP.

Challenges

- Grants and funding are scarce right now, given the economic climate;
- Getting the prison system contacts to talk to the committee has been difficult;
 - There is a mindset and culture in the prison system that these type of activities (e.g. JDOP) may not actually produce significant results;
 - Overall, there seems to be a pessimistic culture in the prison system regarding the effectiveness of these types of programs to reduce recidivism; and,
- Sustaining the JDOP given the barriers that exist to achieving success.

Committee Goals for Next Half

- Start making connections with key contacts in the Valley Street Jail prison system; and,
- Looking to get a Valley Jail and possibly and state jail contact to come to the General Assembly meetings and possibly the Social Policy meetings.