

# Homeless Liaison Committee Minutes

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## Date and Time

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2011 10:00AM-11:00AM

## Location

The Way Home, 214 Spruce St, Manchester, NH 03103

## Attendees

Izet Hamidovic	Jennifer Comeau	Kevin Kintner	Kyle Beaulieu
David Carroll	Jocelyne Pinsonneault	Shane Fisher	
Jacob Hull	Kim Calhoun		
Pascale Etienne	Reid Gourley		

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## Introductions

- Kim Calhoun is a social worker with Manchester School District who works with the refugee population.

## Ways to Outreach to the Refugee Community

- Best way to talk to the families is through ethnic community leaders.
  - Some leaders this committee might reach out to are Geraldine and Marinze
- Some of the groups that help refugee groups are Women for Women and New American Africans etc
- Kim will email a listing of ethnic leaders and interpreter with some associations listed on it.
- Can share dept. resources by sharing interpreters.
  - Some concern was shared that as providers need to be sensitive to the kinds of interpreters used.
  - For example it's not enough for someone to speak the same language difference in accents, religious and ethnic ties could create more issues rather than help.

## Homeless Services Center

- Ally Lamy was hired as Assistant Manager. She works 20 hrs a week.
- The new VISTA Geoff should be starting at the end of October.
- Financially the center is unsure what will be there past April. Fundraisers will be coming up.

## Master List

- People to add
  - Dave Doirn
  - Mike Brien
  - Lisa Jacobus

## Homeless Feedback Group

- Chris Emerson, Manager at the Homeless Services Center already incorporates a feedback group through his one on one meeting with folks.
- Also people don't congregate at the park like they used to.
- So feedback group may not be an appropriate thing to do anymore.

## Cultural Training

- As a committee we can go to cultural trainings. Dave will send out the dates for when the group can next go to one of those trainings.



The trainings are geared towards mental health but they will be free.

Lunchbox lectures are also another option. Dave will send the committee the list. They are also free.

### **Other Items**

- If the committee gets in touch with different community representatives the next meeting will be at one of their workplaces.

### **Minutes Prepared By**

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