

Social Policy Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Tuesday October 18th, 2011 9:00AM-10:00AM

Location

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

Attendees

Lea Key	Jocelyne Pinsonneault	Melissa Sullivan	Pascale Etienne
Dave Carroll	Kyle Beaulieu	David Trusclair	Monika Bryant
Shane Fisher	Nancy Comai	Scott Kenison	

Voting on Minutes

- Last month's minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Introductions

- Scott Kenison a Christian Advisor came with Pastor David Trusclair to outreach with the Social Policy committee because he is opening a home in the area.
- Melissa Sullivan is a VISTA with the Women's Fund of NH also wanted to outreach with this committee because she is creating a handbook of resources for women coming out of prison because they don't have access to internet while incarcerated.

Funding and Budget

- COC resolution happening in Congress don't have budget appropriations until NOV 18th,
- The super committee will decide what tut within the date ranges of Nov 18th and Nov 22.
- Senate T-HUD proposed cutting funding 10% particularly housing programs.
- They'll be 89 million dollars allocated to SAMHSA. Spending will be on substance abuse programs etc.
- They'll be encouraging collaboration between NOFA funded agencies and ESG funded programs.

Update on Thresholds Program at Valley Street

- The program is through Southern New Hampshire Services
- The volunteer program aims to help build better decision skills to soon to be released incarcerated people.
- Volunteers meet with clients once a week and help them work on goals.
- In addition to meeting once a week they also meet with a group for two hours every Wednesday evening.
- The clients also have study sheets that they use to work on skills.
- Problem: sustainability of the program because funds may be cut out.

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