

# Community Awareness Committee Minutes

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## Date and Time

Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00PM-2:00PM

## Location

Granite United Way, 22 Concord Street, Manchester, NH 03101

## Attendees

Susan Howland	Craig Chevalier	Brenda Riddell
Loretta Prescott	Kyle Beaulieu	Michele Talwani
Nancy Comai	Levi Kafka	Pascale Etienne

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## Project Homeless Connect Debriefing

- The impression is that a lot of the clients were lower income.
- Changing it to not have the speeches worked well this year.

### *Volunteers*

- Ran short of volunteers because it took an emotional toll to go around with the clients.
- In consideration for next year females should be paired with females and males with males because it makes clients feel more comfortable.

### *Provider Representation*

- Ron would be a good representative to have as the rep for alcoholics anonymous.
- Teen Challenge who helped set up may want to set up a booth next time. Their program helps clients not only get off drugs but address other issues that brought them there. They address life skills. Craig will email Susan the contact so that she can invite them to be a provider next year.

### *MCoC Participation*

- How much is Project Homeless Connect (PHC) going to be redundant? With Chris running the Center well. Especially since that is where the center is going? (A sort of PHC all the time).
- Consider reaching out to the providers to understand why they were not there? Trying to send out a survey to the providers who didn't come. So we can formulate a plan/ goals for next time.
- How can we address agency presence there without it being such a time burden?
- Need to show agencies that their attendance is necessary to doing this event. See if they think this is still necessary.

### *Donation*

- Was there anyone there that we think should be included (Lion's Club for glasses) Loretta may have another connection that she'll email to Craig.
- Shoes are really important because they are in their shoes the entire day. 1269 Café is still taking requests

### *Venue*

- Craig may consider looking at different venues like the armory or junior high school.

## Interactive Public Display on Homelessness

- *May to September Events ( possible venues to debut the booth)*
  - Fisher Cats games
  - Hippo Taco challenge, Fireworks
  - Lite up the Nite.
  - Cigna – Elliot ( Aug)
  - New Horizons walk in May



○ Bras across the River.

- It is important to have homeless population be represented on the video reel.
- Want to pilot it once on a nice day and see how it goes.
- Brenda has a relationship with image 4 (a trade show company) might have a way to suggest how we might create a booth. She'll see if they can donate something.

**Business for next meeting**

- Talk about what the questions would be for the booth?
- Look at the past minutes to see what the previous questions we talked about would be?

**Minutes for January approved**

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