

# Continuum General Assembly Minutes

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## Date and Time

Thursday, January 19<sup>h</sup> 2011 from 12:00PM-1:00PM

## Location

Federal Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, HUD Conference Room, 275 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH

## Attendees

Brian Boyer	Dick Webster	Jennifer Bergeron	Mary Sliney	Susan Howland
Bruce Bissett	Doreen Brown	Jennifer Comeau	Monika Bryant	Teresa Lombardi
Chris Emerson	Ed Orlowski	Jocelyne Pinsonneault	Nan Comai	Tommy Lemoine
Colin Pio	Heather Aicholtz	Kyle Beaulieu	Nicole Starkey	
Craig Chevalier	Izet Hamidovic	Levi Kafka	Pascale Etienne	
Craig Everett	Jay Mattia	Mark Stokes	Shane Fisher	

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## Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – Mark Stokes

- Donna has been working diligently on AHAR. It is due tomorrow.

## New Changes at the Center

### *Chris Emerson Presentation*

- The primary purpose is to promote connections between the Homeless and connecting them to providers
- The safety at everyone at the center is paramount.
- They have also been serving at the Center those that are precariously housed.
- The Center staff are the hosts making the place hospitable to create a connection to access providers
- Providers have staff privileges not staff responsibilities
- There are expectations for conduct for the guests.
- Nature of Center. They are a casual drop in Center.

## Open Floor

### *Project Homeless Connect*

- 189 guests came in. Clients were given quality items.
- Volunteers were paired with a guest to help connect them to a provider. There were not enough service providers there. Encourage Continuum of Care members to have members of their staff there.
- Governor Lynch came and visited with the guests. People felt genuinely cared about. Important to do it earlier than in January. There were a lot more people who were more precariously housed than in previous years.
- The community awareness committee is considering different places for next year. They'll do a wrap up meeting but the only ones included will be those that participated.

## Committee Update

### *Task Force*

- Wants to hire a consultant like Mary Ellen Jackson to create rules guidelines, etc.
- There will be a state Hearth Act Clinic and the state is inviting different representative from MCoC to attend this clinic.



*Homeless Liaison*

- Planning to do outreach with different communities. We met with the African coalition that is an umbrella for 6 other agencies.

*Resource Development*

- The NOFA was funded. Everybody should be getting their checks on time. Scoring has not been released yet.

*Homeless Liaison*

- The committee will be outreaching with different refugee groups.

**Open Floor**

- New Horizons is currently over capacity and this may affect the other CoC's. 1<sup>st</sup> time homelessness is increasing.
- They've released the final rule for the new definition of homelessness. It's not in the federal register yet.
- At the Homeless Services Center they are looking to encourage different agencies to invite staff there.

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