

# Social Policy Committee Minutes

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## Date and Time

Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 9:00AM-10:00AM

## Location

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

## Attendees

Dianne Pitts	Lea Key	Pascale Etienne
Kyle Beaulieu	Monika Bryant	

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## Minutes are approved for February

Lea will check if a minor is legally allowed to emancipate themselves in the state of New Hampshire.

## Valley Street Jail - Thresholds Program

- Dianne will talk to Jocelyne to confirm who is the current commander
- Jocelyne will be involved with the thresholds program again.
- The committee wants to send a formal letter to invite program director of Thresholds to a meeting.
  - The letter should include the MCoC website so they can see what this committee has been doing.
- The committee wants to establish with the program director if they're tracking recidivism for those in the program.

## Homeless and Housing Policy Update

- President's Budget came out and proposed a 17% increase to HEARTH Act for FY 2013 Budget
- It was proposed that there would be no level funding for HOME, CBDG, and project based rental assistance.
- We probably won't know until April what will get approved.
- Homeless Children and Youth Act will amend HUD definition of Homelessness to include doubled up children & family. People who want it to get passed want children to be eligible to get HUD funding.

## Review of Jul- Dec Goals

- The original Jul-Dec Goals are:
  - Make connections with key contacts in the Valley Street Jail prison system
  - Get Valley Jail and possible state jail contact to attend General Assembly and Social Policy meetings.
- The committee chair wants to keep the original goals in place.
- The committee would like to add to the goals: Monitor updates to the Homeless Children and Youth Act.

## Discharge

- New Horizons is finishing for the 1<sup>st</sup> time their moving on program. It helps the people at the shelter transition up and out.

## Minutes Prepared By

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