

# Continuum General Assembly Minutes

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## Date and Time

Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 12:00PM-1:00PM

## Location

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

## Attendees

Audrey Martin	Dick Webster	Smith	Kyle Beaulieu	Teresa Lombardi
Beth Alves	Dominique Rust	Jay Mattia	Levi Kafka	Tommy Lemoine
Craig Chevalier	Elise Annunziata	Jennifer Bergeron	Mary Sliney	Amanda Flitter
Craig Everett	Jake Hull	Jennifer Comeau	Nicole Starkey	
Dave Carroll	Jazmin Miranda-	Kevin Kintner	Pascale Etienne	

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## Minutes Approved

### Youth and the MCoC – Presentation by Jay Mattia and Jennifer Comeau

#### Data

- 902 is the number of homeless students identified since 2011-2012 school year

#### Goal

- Want to Increase communication between MCOOC agencies and youth serving agencies
  - Need educational opportunities
  - Developmentally appropriate housing
  - Vocational skill development
  - Strengthened network of community collaborators
- Working with youth is the ultimate preventative measure for future homelessness.

#### Promising Initiatives

- Computer Lab at CFS
- School District and CFS pilot project. It's a summer skills program volunteer garden created as a way to keep youth engaged in those critical summer months so they are still ready to go back to school.
- Attendance Campaign- it's an initiative that stresses being at school everyday does matter.

#### Questions/ Comments

- Would it a hostel model or shelter model work out better for youth?
- Would it be possible to do a survey or focus group with the youth with the idea in mind, if they designed a shelter what might it look like?

## Committee Update

### Task Force

- The task force is scheduled to meet Mar 30<sup>th</sup>

### Data Collection

- COC check up now has survey results. There is a plan to review those results and to create a MCoC action plan that is due Mar 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Open Floor**

- The homeless outreach workers have been noticing an increase in IV drug use in the streets. They've been seeing some complications with it in Manchester.
  - The Homeless Services Center wants to bring more people in who specialize with substance abuse.
- The City today made available for public comment a draft of the Substantial Amendment to the City of Manchester's Consolidated Plan. The public is encouraged to submit comments on the proposed Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan until April 6, 2012.
- The draft Amendment is available on the City website at this link below:  
<http://www.manchesternh.gov/website/Departments/PlanningCommDev/CommunityImprovementProgram/tabid/1404/Default.aspx>
- Healthcare for homeless has gotten a special grant to do flu shots .Clients that still need flu shots they're free and are available at the New Horizons clinic. They're hoping to wrap it up by the end of the month.

### **Minutes Prepared By**

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