

# Continuum General Assembly Minutes

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## Date and Time

Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 12:00PM-1:00PM

## Location

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

## Attendees

Amy Schlottmann	Dick Webster	Jennifer Comeau	Matt Leahy	Susan Howland
Audrey Martin	Dominique Rust	Kevin Kintner	Maureen Beauregard	Tommy Lemoine
Bill Sullivan	Elise Annunziata	Kyle Beaulieu	Monika Bryant	Tracey Noonan
Cathy Kuhn	Izet Hamidovic	Levi Kafka	Nancy Comai	
Craig Chevalier	Jake Hull	Mark Stokes	Pascale Etienne	
Dave Carroll	Jay Mattia	Mary Sliney	Roslyn Block	

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## Community Connections Program – Presentation by Katie Sawyer

- Mental Health Court program Community Connections originally started in Nashua and has been in Manchester since 2009.
- 50% of clients were not previous known to the program.
- Someone is typically is referred by the arraignment prosecutor. The individual can also refer themselves sometimes it's from the families.
  - They're also catching referrals through the police dept.
- They do a quick screening. If they aren't connected with treatment services they'll set them up with someone. From then on they are connected to a court liaison and create a treatment plan.
- The program is designed as an alternative to traditional criminal justice system.
  - It's specific to those with non violent offenses (misdemeanor)
  - The principle is that people who engage in criminal offenses due to mental illness should undergo appropriate treatment to modify behavior and achieve recovery
- The program is voluntary. The attorney, client, and prosecutor and victims (Domestic Violence cases) need to be in agreement.
- There's been 2,800 bed days saved and approximately \$141,000 in psychiatric costs by the program.

## Task Force Update

- Continuing to work on creating a solid structure, documents and bylaws.
- Various parts of the task force may do a presentation on the bylaws at a later date.

## Committee Update

### *Data Collection*

- Need to submit the HIC and PIT by April 30<sup>th</sup>
- HMIS updates will be provided for by Al Vitale from BHHS on a more regular basis

### *Community Awareness*

- Moving forward with making plans on the booth on homelessness.

### *Homeless Liaison*

- Need more representation by the agencies at different committees
- Connect more to 211



### *Resource Development*

- This is a reminder that NOFA funded agencies should send a copy of their (Annual Progress Report) APR's to Susan when they send it to HUD

### **Open Floor**

- New Horizons -Walk against Hunger May 20<sup>th</sup> ,
- The Way Home May 18<sup>th</sup> is their Annual Meeting 12-2pm
- FIT-Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser is May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1,000 Elm
- Manchester Emergency Housing – Revamped the schedule with staff and funding. Still working things out.
- The Urban Recycling Project partners with local businesses to collect recycling.
- NH Coalition to End Homelessness Trainings
  - LGBTQ May 16<sup>th</sup> How to make your services more accessible to these communities?
  - Evidence Based Case management training June 13 at 161 South Beech St.

### **Minutes Prepared By**

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