

Community Awareness Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, May 3rd 1:00PM-2:00PM

Location

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

Attendees

Susan Howland
Levi Kafka

Brenda Riddell
Craig Chevalier

Pascale Etienne

Public Perception of Homelessness

- There has been an issue of panhandling in downtown area of Manchester.
- Denver launched a campaign where they put parking meter like devices in key areas. The campaign instructs people to put change in these receptacles rather than give it panhandlers.
- Put them in the areas where they are seeing the most problems.
- Susan will do some research to find out if there was any backlash like vandalism.
 - Want to wait to introduce this campaign.
- The group would like to do some public education and diminish the rewards of panhandling
- A committee member brought to attention of committee an issue of homeless individuals being accosted on the street and getting tickets for loitering. Finding that the police can have a negative impact on the attitude and/or mood clients.
- Susan will check to see if at the Center people are dealing with some of the same issues.

Interactive Public Display on Homelessness

- May consider addressing the issue of panhandling specifically as part of the public education piece.
- Image 4 has donated the banner stands.
- Committee members brought up the idea of considering getting a tent that would give privacy for filming situation.
- This would be much more mobile and the banner stand is something that could sit outside. It would offer shelter and secrecy.
 - New Horizons may be able to donate tents the group can use.
 - Brenda can do a graphic concept.
- Consider getting a tent that would give privacy for filming situation but also turn it into a campaign this is where people live. This would be much more mobile and the banner stand is something that could sit outside. It would offer shelter and privacy.
- Brenda can do a graphic concept.
- New Horizons may be able to donate tents you can donate.
- They need someone to be an interviewer.
 - Loretta
- The public television company will do the editing but Loretta and Brenda will most likely be giving the direction on editing.
- Need to address what questions will we ask

MCoC Website Updates

- Susan will take care of any updates to the Homeless Services Center
- Levi will take care of any changes that need to be made for The Way Home under MCoC housing page



Minutes Prepared By

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