

# Continuum General Assembly Minutes

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## Date and Time

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 12:00PM-1:00PM

## Location

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

## Attendees

Abby Easterly		Jocelyne Pinsonneault	Mark Stokes	Shelly Rusinski
Beth Alves	Dick Webster	Katie Wood	Mary Sliney	Tommy Lemoine
Bill Sullivan	Doreen Brown	Katy Burchett	Maureen Beauregard	
Bryan Boyer	Geoff Smith	Kevin Kintner	Pascale Etienne	
Cathy Kuhn	Jake Hull	Kyle Beaulieu	Sharon Drake	
Dave Carroll	Jay Mattia	Levi Kafka	Susan Howland	

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## HMIS Monthly outcomes

- Need to do the most work is moving people from TH- PH
- On the other two goals it seems like we are doing well.
- Employment we are lower than COC goal but higher than HUD goal.

## Introductions

- Shelley from DHHS Coordinator – There is online access to food stamp application
  - She will be at CoC meetings regularly
- Cathy introduced Doug from the Alameda Point Collaborative
- He is involved in a supportive housing program that was created out of a military base closing. He is here on a learning trip. In his CoC they are having a lot of the same issues like trying to make sure they get ready for HEARTH Act and doing more with a lot less funding.
  - Pascale will send out contact info.

## Tirrell House

- Tirrell House is a 3-6 month program is a 14 bed program in Manchester offering transitional living for adult men. There's 1 on 1 case management program there is also a LADAC counselor there.
- Lin's Place is a 12 bed program in Manchester offering transitional living for adult women.

## New Changes

Resources for Evaluating Alcohol Problems (REAP) DWI/DUI program are changing and will be eliminated completely for multiple offenders. Now they will be evaluated and put into a treatment program.

- They will still continue to do detox but the state has cut all funding to detox programs. They cannot provide free detox anymore) and discharge but will be doing recovery support service and groups
  - With the changes to their detox program they are concerned about what going to happen to this population.
- Farnum Center may be doing medical detox.
- As of July 1<sup>st</sup> they will be providing short term transitional living. They'll be working closely with Angie's.
- The new Serenity Place IOP is for adult men (18 years or older) suffering with addiction. They may eventually do a mixed gender group.

### **Homeless Services Center**

- In May the numbers were at an all-time high. So far in June they are back down where they used to be. .
- They expect, however, to see numbers stay above average through the summer.
- There are higher levels of volunteering done by the guests and other members of the community.
- Hope to have a first class for the ReadingPlus program in July.

### **Committee Reports**

- Resource Development has joined with Data Collection. They will keep doing while preparing for this year's NOFA.
  - Currently they are reviewing last year's NOFA grant and have got some ideas moving forward.

### **Open Floor**

- Families in Transition acquired Manchester Emergency Housing. There was conversation regarding the status of the shelter.
- Do You Know Him Ministries representative that does Breakfast in Park brought to attention of the assembly that they are getting a lot inquires on services in Manchester. The ministry is connecting with the MCoC and Homeless Liaison committee to figure out where to send people for resources.

### **Business for the Next Meeting**

- There will be no general assembly meeting in August. Would like to do something special for September to kickoff fall.

### **Minutes Prepared By**

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