

# Homeless Liaison Committee Minutes

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## Date and Time

Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 10:00AM-11:00AM

## Location

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

## Attendees

Abby Easterly	Dave Carroll	Jake Hull	Pascale Etienne
Bill Sullivan	Izet Hamidovic	Kevin Kintner	

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Minutes Approved for May

## MCoC Elections: Homeless Liaison Chair

- Because of the restructuring of the MCoC with the bylaws the committee needs to have more representation from different agencies.
- With that in mind Izet, chair of the Homeless Liaison Committee will not remain as chair when the General Assembly does elections in October.
- The current chair believes that Dave would be an excellent replacement
- The committee will nominate Dave as chair in Oct.

## Open floor

- Do You Know Him Ministries a group that gives food in the park on the weekend has brought up that they are running into crises situations that their volunteers don't how to handle.
- Members of the committee suggested:
  - Designating captains of a volunteer group that have the training to deal with these situations.
  - Have the captain go to a Crisis Prevention and Intervention (CPI) training. They offer training sessions at the state.
  - They also suggested that the ministry needs to figure out what can and can't do because the culture of whom they serve is growing.
  - Members stressed putting up and boundaries and explaining what you can and can't do but how consumers can connect themselves to other resources.

## Panhandling Update

- Dave will ask the general assembly meeting if they have any ideas on how to better deal with panhandling.

## Homeless Services Center (HSC): News/Updates

- The committee would like to see more agencies represented at the Center. There isn't enough representation.
- Chris Emerson (manager at the HSC) has leads and is reaching out to agencies.
  - The best way to committee feels they can support Chris's efforts is to ask him how I can best support your efforts in the agencies you are talking to.
- The substance abuse collaborative is trying different approaches to getting people linked services
- Goodwill is having success talking to people about job skills
- Smell might be a deterrent for agencies to go there.



- The committee would like to invite Chris, Geoff Smith an AmeriCorps VISTA or Willard another VISTA at the center as representation at committee.
- The committee is considering moving the committee meetings to the HSC to aid efforts to involve HSC staff.

### **Other Business**

- Brought up the idea that the housing agencies should have a meeting to find out about the kinds of housing other agencies provide and so there are no vacancies

### **Wrap up and Business for Next Meeting**

- The committee would like to look at membership and see who we are missing refuge, youth and veteran communities.
- The committee would also like to continue the conversation of coping with the growing number numbers of homeless.

### **Minutes Prepared By**

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