

Community Awareness Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, June 7th 1:00PM-2:00PM

Location

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

Attendees

Brenda Riddell	Levi Kafka	Brian Boyer	Loretta Prescott
Michele Talwani	Nan Comai	Pascale Etienne	Susan Howland

Interactive Public Display on Homelessness

- The Committee will do a test run of the interactive public display on Homelessness at the Serenity Place Dick Simard Golf Event on July 19th at Candia Woods.
- Doing a small scale test run will allow the group to work out bugs and details they have not thought of yet.
- MPTS (cable access TV in Manchester) will be setting up a camera at the golf event July 19. Since Loretta will be running the tournament that day, they will need volunteers to operate the booth.
- Volunteers will need to be there for about an hour and the set up will be taken care of by someone from MPTS.
- Volunteers will need to ask the questions and make sure the camera is on to record responses.
- The questions will be targeted for content, but not intended to make people feel uncomfortable.
- Another important piece of information is that the technology to playback immediately is more work than originally thought.
 - Solution: if members of this committee pre-record answers to the questions we come up with, they could run those back as if they had just been shot on site.

Questions for the Awareness Campaign

- What do you think it feels like to be homeless?
- Do you know where a homeless person can get a free meal or a place to sleep at night in Manchester?
- How are services for homeless families and individuals paid for?
- Does Manchester help homeless people?
- How does a family become homeless?
- If you suddenly did not have a home, what would you do?
- Have you ever helped a homeless person?
- Does anyone count the homeless people in NH or the US?
- When do you think is the worst time of year for a homeless individual?
- What causes homelessness?

Possible Venues to take the Campaign

- The group would like to take the campaign to larger venues after the test run.
 - Glendi Greek Festival in September
 - Cigma 5k, etc.



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