

Continuum General Assembly Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, September 20th, 2012 12:00PM-1:00PM

Location

Federal Building, 3rd Floor, HUD Conference Room, 275 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH

Attendees

Jennifer Bergeron	Jocelyne	Ed Orłowski	Kevin Kintner	Susan Howland
Dave Carroll	Pinsonneault	Jacob Hull	Jennifer Comeau	Charlie Sherman
Dominique Rust	Katie Simpson	Teresa Lombardi	Mary Sliney	Roger Beauchamp
Doreen Brown	Dick Webster	Jay Mattia	Matt Leahy	Mark Robillard
Elise Annunziata	Kyle Beaulieu	Cathy Kuhn	Stacey Lazzar	
Heather Aicholtz	Craig Everett	Casey Krafton	Maureen Beauregard	
	Mark Stokes	Craig Chevalier	Bill Sullivan	

Minutes for July Approved

Peer Review Committee Chair – Amend the Bylaws

- The Task Force discussed that the Peer Review Committee Chair should not be an elected position as a variety of situations could arise where a conflict of interest would exist with who nominates, who becomes nominated, who votes, and who is eventually elected to that position.
- As the bylaws call for the election of the Peer Review Committee Chair, the Task Force is proposing an amendment to the Bylaws that would remove the Peer Review Committee Chair as an electable position.
- Amendment is accepted by the Continuum.

Elections

- Nominations are now being accepted for Chair positions and Leadership Committee positions.
- Elections will be held at the October General Assembly meeting on October 18th.
- All nominations will be private, and nominees will have the opportunity to decline the nomination prior to the election.
- One representative from each member organization will be able to vote.
- Only one representative from each member organization will be able to serve as a Chair or Leadership Committee member.
- Write-in nominations will be accepted through October 11th.
- Self-nominations will be accepted the day of elections and may be written-in on the ballot.

Data Collection and Resource Development Committees Updates

- Discussed registration for the NOFA, and proposes to the Continuum that Families in Transition remain the Collaborative Applicant.
 - Proposal accepted by the Continuum.

Community Awareness Committee Updates

- Reminder that Project Homeless Connect is December 6th at St. Joseph's.
 - In need of strong volunteers to help set up during the day of December 5th.

Manchester Emergency Housing Updates

- Over \$30,000 of donations and volunteer time went into the makeover.

On-the-Job Training Program (OJT): Mark Robillard

- The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is an education and training program, intended to be customer-focused, to help Americans access the tools they need to manage their careers through information and high quality services, and to help U.S. companies find highly skilled workers.
- National Emergency Grants (NEGs) temporarily expand the service capacity of the Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Worker training and employment programs at the state and local levels by providing funding assistance in response to large, unexpected economic events which cause significant job losses.
- If an employer decides to work with WIA or OJT they are reimbursed up to 50% of the wages.
 - There is a 6 month maximum training period for the employee.
 - There is a minimum pay rate of \$10/hr.
 - The trainee is a full time/benefit eligible employee.
- To be eligible as a WIA trainee you must be 18-years-old, unemployed and in need of services to find employment, OR employed and in need of services to maintain or obtain employment to become self-sufficient.
 - Low income and public assistance customer receive priority.
- To be NEG OJT eligible you must be a dislocated worker, have been laid off since 1/1/08, and be in prolonged unemployment (18 weeks or more).
- To be eligible as an OJT employers you must be from a private for-profit or non-profit business.
 - These cannot be seasonal positions.
 - There is the expectation that the position will turn into permanent employment for the trainee.
 - The company must have been at their current location for at least 120 days.
 - OJT will not displace employed workers.
- For more information on these programs contact, Mark Robillard, WIA Job Placement Coordinator, Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc., 47 Manchester Street, Manchester, NH 03101, (603) 647-5480 ext. 11, mrobillard@snhs.org.

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