

# Social Policy Committee Minutes

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## Date and Time

Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 9:00AM-10:00AM

## Location

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

## Attendees

Dianne Pitts                      Katie Simpson  
Jocelyne Pinsonneault        Heidi Toler

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## Homeless and Housing Policy Updates

- HUD is getting stricter on the definition of homeless.
  - Stricter rules about doubling-up and evictions.
- They are also cracking down on eligibility for transitional housing
  - Those released from the hospital must find transitional housing within five days of being discharged or they are no longer eligible.
  - If individuals have enough income to rent they can no longer be helped with transitional housing.
- Dianne will bring the document with HUD's homeless definition to the next Social Policy meeting.

## Elections

- Elections will be held at the October General Assembly meeting.
  - Jocelyne has expressed interest in being the new Social Policy Chair.
  - The committee would still meet at The Way Home.

## Committee Recruitment

- Committee needs to recruit other members from the Continuum.
- Jocelyne will reach out to David Carroll about bridging the gap between the Social Policy and Homeless Liaison Committees.

## Thresholds

- Hillsborough Dept. of Corrections is very grateful for and happy with the program.
- The new group of participants started this month.
- There are not very many programs made available to inmates to help them make the transition out of prison.
- There needs to be a program that provides the inmates with the tools they need to succeed after their incarceration.
  - They need help finding places to live, jobs, food stamps, support groups, etc.

## Minutes Prepared By

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