

Continuum General Assembly Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, October 18th, 2012 12:00PM-1:00PM

Location

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

Attendees

Cathy Kuhn	David Carroll	Jay Mattia	Kevin Kintner	Maureen Beauregard
Casey Krafton	Ed Orłowski	Jennifer Bergeron	Kyle Beaulieu	Roger Beauchamp
Craig Chevalier	Elise Annunziata	Jennifer Comeau	Mark Stokes	Susan Howland
Craig Everett	Heather Aicholtz	Katie Simpson	Mary Sliney	Jocelyne Pinsonneault

Minutes for September Approved

Comments for CoC Interim Rule

- Housing Action New Hampshire organized a response to the CoC Interim Regs that were released.
 - The comments they made addressed issues affecting our organizations.
- They have asked the MCoC to sign on in support of these comments.
 - The more that sign on in support, the better.
 - If other agencies are interested in signing on, contact Cathy Kuhn.
- Should the MCoC sign on in support of these comments?
 - The General Assembly voted – Accepted.

Elections

- Is it a conflict of interest for Elise (working for the city) to be elected to the Leadership Committee?
 - Instead, should there be an appointed position for a city representative?
 - The consensus is that Elise should be able to be elected.
 - Once Leadership meets they can discuss appointed positions further and develop requirements for the future.
- A ballot was passed to one representative from each member organization present to vote.
- Once the votes have been counted, the Coordinator will contact those individuals elected, and once they have all accepted their positions the Continuum will be informed.

Committee Reports

- Data Collection shared the monthly Data Quality Reports.
 - We are meeting both the CoC Goal (74%) and the HUD Goal (65%) in % of Homeless Persons Moving From Transitional to Permanent Housing (Actual: 75%).
 - We are meeting both the CoC Goal (77%) and the HUD Goal (77%) in % of Homeless Persons Staying in Permanent Housing More Than 6 Months (Actual: 85.42%).
 - We are meeting the HUD Goal (20%) for % of Homeless Persons Employed at Exit (Actual: 20.42%), and are below the CoC Goal (26%).
- Community Awareness is continuing to work with Brenda Riddell's graphic design class at the NH Institute of Art on a public awareness campaign for the MCoC.

General Discussion

- Manchester Emergency Housing: An agreement was finally reached with City Welfare and the City.

- The agreement was that Families in Transition will have 3 slots, City Welfare will have 3 slots, and there will be 1 rolling slot.
 - This way if a client is asked to leave by City Welfare they can be placed in the rolling slot for 30 days while they find alternative housing.
 - The mayor helped significantly in reaching this agreement.
- Clients will also no longer be forced to go to the Welcome Home Center, though this will still remain an option for them.
- Families in Transition’s Board has created a Task Force, and within two years they will have a new shelter for families with children.
- Families in Transition’s 2nd Street Family Mills property is having problems with the homeless camps living in that area.
 - They are affecting OutFITters business and the safety of the children in daycare.
 - Needles and waste are being left around the building and near where the daycare children are playing.
 - Items are being stolen off OutFITters dock.
- Helping Hands and The Homeless Services Center are seeing more vandalism.
- Overflow at New Horizons this winter will be taken to the Homeless Services Center.
 - Details of this still need to be worked out.

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