

Public Policy Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Tuesday, November 13th, 2012 9:00AM-10:00AM

Location

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

Attendees

Kyle Beaulieu	Katie Simpson	Jay Mattia
Jocelyne Pinsonneault	Heidi Toler	Dave Carroll

October Minutes Accepted

Hospital/Prison Discharge: News/Updates

- There is a new person in charge of volunteers at the Hillsborough Co. Dept. of Corrections.
 - Jocelyne is going to get his contact information and reach out to him about involvement with the committee.
 - We would like to connect with inmates prior to being released and provide them with information about services in Manchester (shelter, food, etc.).
- The committee needs representatives from local hospitals to become involved.
 - Katie will reach out to MCoC contacts at the Elliot and the Catholic Medical Center and invite them to participate in Public Policy.

Committee Goals

- HUD will award points to CoCs that assist in discharge efforts in foster care, health care, mental health, and corrections (p. 32 of the NOFA).
 - Dave can report on mental health discharge updates/changes/issues.
- The committee could possibly pick up where the Jail Discharge Outreach Program (JDOP) left off.
 - Katie will search the MCoC files for information on the program.

Committee Membership

- We need to increase membership of the committee.
 - Katie will send out an invite to the rest of the Continuum to join committees.
 - We could post membership invites on Facebook, Twitter, and the MCoC website.
 - When sending out meeting reminders, Katie will include a short summary of the next meeting's agenda.
 - The committee will reach out to others and invite them to join the January meeting.
 - Public Policy Committee will meet next on Dec. 18th from 9:00-10:00am to strategize an agenda for the January meeting.

Minutes Prepared By

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