

Continuum General Assembly Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, December 13th, 2012 12:00PM-1:00PM

Location

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

Attendees

Abby Easterly	David Carroll	Heather Aicholtz	Mark Stokes	Cate Sementa
Cathy Kuhn	Dominique Rust	Jennifer Bergeron	Mary Sliney	Monica Zulauf
Casey Krafton	Ed Orlovski	Jocelyne Pinsonneault	Keith Howard	
Craig Chevalier	Elise Annunziata	Katie Simpson	Peter Grigorakakis	
Craig Everett	Greg Schneider	Kyle Beaulieu	Roger Beauchamp	

Minutes for November Approved

MCoC Public Awareness Campaign

- Brenda Riddell included the MCoC in a project she did with her graphic design students at the NH Art Institute.
- Her students were to create a public awareness campaign about homelessness including the MCoC and its members.
- Brenda presented the two best projects to the Continuum.
 - The first project was a coffee cup sleeve.
 - The sleeve showed a picture of a bench in Victory Park with the slogan, “Don’t donate to the cup fund,” as well as the MCoC’s information.
 - We could place these sleeves in local coffee shops to increase awareness.
 - The other project was an iPhone app connecting to the MCoC website.
 - The student designed a home page, as well as several other pages for the app including How You Can Help (volunteers & donations), Available Shelters, etc.
 - She also included maps guiding individuals to the Homeless Services Center, New Horizons, etc.
 - She created posters to hang around town with the MCoC information and the code to download the free application.
 - Brenda’s husband’s job includes designing iPhone apps, and he has volunteered his time to make this project a reality.

Re-Election: Community Awareness Chair

- We still do not have a Chair for the Community Awareness Committee.
- Katie has not received any nominations, nor did anyone self-nominate at the MCoC meeting.
- If anyone is interested in chairing the committee, please contact Katie at vista@mccnh.org.
 - She will continue to send out reminder emails to the Continuum.
- The Committee will continue to meet with Katie and Susan coordinating the meetings for the time being.

HUD 2012 NOFA Selection Process

- All CoCs are required to place projects into two tiers.
- All Tier 1 projects will be funded first, followed by Tier 2 projects, and then any new bonus projects.

- The MCoC Leadership Committee will choose one renewal project to place into Tier 2.
- Leadership will use the following criteria to make this determination:
 - Is the project fulfilling a need that is unmet by other service providers within the community?
 - If this project were not to be funded, to what extent would it result in an increase in people becoming homeless?
 - To what extent does the project's sponsor participate and collaborate in CoC planning and activities?
- The Leadership Committee will meet directly after this meeting to discuss and vote on which project will be placed in to Tier 2.
- Peer Review will rank each project in Tier 1 and place one project into Tier 2.
 - The ranking is new this year.
 - Those ranked in Tier 1 should not lose any funding.
- If all projects take a 3.5% cut across the board the CoC will lose that money forever.
- The project placed in to Tier 2 will not necessarily be cut.
 - It might lose some funding, all funding, or no funding at all.
 - It is unclear what the outcome will be.
- HUD is also asking the CoC to develop a plan on how to reduce the number of transitional housing projects we have.
 - They are pushing for permanent supportive housing programs.
- This is a good reason to be on the Leadership Committee.
 - You will have a greater say in the important decisions we make as a Continuum.
 - There is an opportunity to serve on Leadership through the Community Awareness Chair.

Minutes Prepared By

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