

Homeless Liaison Committee: Homeless Representatives Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday, January 10th, 2013 11:00AM-12:00PM

Location

Homeless Services Center, 140 Central Street, Manchester, NH

Women's Health

- There is great health care available to those in Manchester without insurance.
 - Caseworkers at New Horizons are very helpful with connecting individuals to these services.
- The Mobile Community Health Team is paying for pap tests and mammograms for homeless women.
- The flu and colds are spread easily among the homeless.
 - One suggestion to help individuals stay healthy is providing masks.
 - These could be used especially when sleeping closely next to one another at the shelter.

Gaps in the System

- When individuals begin receiving an income, they are no longer able to use certain services.
 - This prevents them from saving their money, and causes them to slip back into homelessness.

Newly Homeless

- New Horizons helps those who are new to homelessness connect to the resources they need.
 - Medical care, housing, food, etc.
- The Homeless Services Center is also incredibly welcoming.
 - The staff and volunteers there are very accommodating.
 - If an individual is in a domestic violence situation, they will work with them to honor a restraining order and help to keep them safe.
 - They also help to connect the homeless to the services they need.
 - Job search, mental health, mail delivery, etc.

Campsites

- Very few women stay at the campsites.
 - It is too dangerous for them.
 - The men harass them and make threats.

Other Concerns

- There are very few places or services for married couples without children.
- On the weekends in Manchester there is nowhere to use the restroom.
 - They have to steal rolls of toilet paper and feminine products.
- Transportation in Manchester continues to be a large problem.
- There is nowhere to store personal belongs.
 - They have to take their bags with them to appointments and on interviews.

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