

# Continuum General Assembly Minutes

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## Date and Time

Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 12:00PM-1:00PM

## Location

Federal Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, HUD Conference Room, 275 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH

## Attendees

|                 |                  |                   |                 |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Bill Sullivan   | Dominique Rust   | Jennifer Bergeron | Mark Stokes     |
| Cate Sementa    | Elise Annunziata | Katie Simpson     | Monica Zulauf   |
| Craig Chevalier | Heather Aicholtz | Keith Howard      | Roger Beauchamp |
| Craig Everett   | Jay Mattia       | Kevin Kintner     | Michael Wolfe   |
| Jonathan Verity |                  |                   |                 |

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## January Minutes Approved

### DCYF Adolescent Program

- Jonathan Verity presented on the DCYF Adolescent Program.
- The Adolescent Program works with youth who have aged out of foster care.
- They give participants the Young Adult Resource Guide.
  - The guide provides them with information on housing, resources, employment, education, etc.
  - If your organization would like a copy of the guide it is available on the DHHS website under Teens, Adolescent Program.
- Aftercare services and criteria:
  - These services are for youth 18-21.
    - Though they have continued to help youth up to 23 in the past.
  - Those eligible have either aged out of the system or been placed in guardianship after the age of 16.
  - Clients are provided with ongoing case management.
  - They may receive Medicaid until they're 19.
  - Foster homes will often rent a room to the youth at a discounted price.
  - Those clients forgoing college must be actively searching for a job.
    - They are given a small stipend.
      - Most use it on a security deposit, medication, bus ticket, etc.
  - Those choosing to continue with a post-secondary education (which includes career training) may be offered a tuition voucher.
    - The \$5,000/year voucher is available to 20 NH youth attending state colleges or universities.
    - Clients can reapply each year.
    - They are also able to use the voucher in out-of-state colleges or universities.
- Those not eligible for the Adolescent Program should still contact Jonathan.
  - He can still help them with budgeting, housing, etc.

### **Community Awareness Chair**

- Monica Zulauf of the YWCA is interested in the Chair position.
  - She will meet with Katie to learn more about the position.

### **General Discussion**

- The Mayor’s Task Force on Homelessness met this morning.
  - They spoke about the fact that it is not just service providers dealing with the issues of homelessness.
    - Those in education, infrastructure, business, etc. are also dealing with it.
  - There needs to be more of a focus on how we can generate new revenue.
    - Versus claiming we couldn’t provide services because we didn’t get the funding.
  - There needs to be a united voice from the MCoC – not just individual service providers.
- Southern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission is holding a survey on fair housing.
  - Elise passed out copies of the survey link.

### **Committee Updates**

- Leadership Committee:
  - We are still waiting on the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count numbers.
    - They should be released sometime in March.
- Data Collection Committee:
  - They are working on completing the PIT and HIC.
    - All of Manchester’s data has been de-duplicated.
    - The numbers have to be approved by the governor’s council before being released.
    - Once again, the homeless in Manchester is vastly underrepresented by the PIT.

### **Minutes Prepared By**

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