

Leadership Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, March 14th, 2013, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Location

Bridge Café, 1117 Elm Street, Manchester

Attendees

Cathy Kuhn	Dominique Rust	Katie Simpson	Susan Howland
Dave Carroll	Elise Annunziata	Mary Sliney	

February Minutes Accepted

Point-in-Time Count Update

- We are still waiting for the Commissioner to sign off on the Point-in-Time Count data.
 - The numbers increased overall throughout the state.

Public Policy Update

- Keith from CFS is willing to help the Public Policy Committee.
 - He is unable to make the March meeting, but he may be at the April one.
- Dave has contacted Jen Devo.
 - She is going to give him a contact for the NH Hospital.

Changing National Priorities: NAEH Conference

- The National Alliance to End Homelessness is driving the changes HUD is making.
- The MCoC needs to have a new centralized intake system.
 - This could be by region or state.
 - We will work with 211 on this.
- Maureen Ryan created a committee including all 3 CoCs.
 - They are looking at what other Continuums are doing throughout the country.
 - Cathy Kuhn, Susan Howland, and Heather Aicholtz (from 211) are on this committee.
- Homeless services are being heavily criticized for not using/targeting resources effectively.
 - They believe we are not assessing the needs of our clients thoroughly enough.
- There is a huge focus on Rapid Rehousing.
 - They want to move Transitional Housing to Rapid Rehousing and have very little Permanent Supportive Housing.
 - RRH would include very light services.
 - It mostly focuses on housing the clients.
- There is very little pushback from providers about these changes.
 - It is too late to make changes.
 - People are just trying to make things work with these new limitations.

Centralized Intake

- It would be more like a centralized assessment with clients than an intake.
 - The assessment would be a shorter process.
 - They want us to find out how to help clients short-term.
- Granite State Children's Alliance has a centralized intake model.

- They help children who are witnesses or victims of sexual abuse and crimes.
- They bring all the providers to one place.
 - Providers sit behind mirrored glass and observe the child being assessed.
 - One person speaks with the child, and the others communicate to that person using a microphone and earpiece.
 - Could this model help us develop a centralized assessment?
- St. Patrick’s Center in St. Louis has an in depth intake process.
 - Dominique will gather more information on this process.
- Manchester Homeless Services Center could be a part of the centralized assessment.
- Elder Group presents client cases to a group who then weighs in on what the client needs.
 - This is a good model to follow.
- Should this be regional or statewide? And how do we divide up the intake system?
 - 211 is a natural for the initial intake because they are statewide.

NOFA: Project Scoring

- The next NOFA might come sooner than expected.
- The BoSCoC is putting together a subcommittee to review the scoring process used during last year’s NOFA.
- The MCoC should meet and discuss the scoring criteria as well.
 - The subcommittee could consist of Peer Review Committee members along with NOFA-funded agency representatives.
 - Perhaps we could develop a manual for Peer Review.
 - Should we use the same criteria as last year? Completely new criteria?
 - It is difficult to compare and score projects that are completely different from each other.
- When the BoSCoC releases information on these meetings, Katie will pass the information along to the CoC.

Impact of Sequestration on Homeless Services

- We are looking at the potential for a 5% cut in homeless funding.
 - There is advocacy around this, so there may be a last minute save.
- HUD has sent out a letter to all governors.
 - They are projecting a \$5 million cut statewide.
 - CBG and Home or Section 8 may take the biggest part of the hit.
 - They are trying to protect those we are currently serving versus funding any new projects.
- The mayor’s budget will remain the same until we have more knowledge on what the cuts will be.
- Housing Action NH has a Housing Workgroup meeting tomorrow morning.
 - Someone from a D.C. policy and budget committee will be attending.
- We should try to get a story in the newspaper or local media about the impact locally.

VISTA Position

- The position might be pulled by the state level.
- Cathy and Mark are redesigning the position to focus on centralized intake/assessment instead of the secretarial duties (such as minutes, agendas, etc.).
- If we do get funded for another year, FIT may not be able to fund it.
- The new VISTA may also not be able to start until November.
 - This will leave a gap between VISTAs from July to November.



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