

# Leadership Committee Minutes

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## Date and Time

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 3:00pm-4:00pm

## Location

Bridge Café, 1117 Elm Street, Manchester

## Attendees

Cathy Kuhn	Elise Annunziata	Jocelyne Pinsonneault	Katie Simpson
Mary Sliney	Susan Howland		

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## March Minutes Accepted

- Edit “CDGB” on minutes.

## Coordinated Intake/Assessment Updates

- There is a meeting next Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am-12:00pm, in the HUD conference room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) of the Federal Building, 275 Chestnut Street.
- The state meeting on coordinated assessment was held recently.
  - Cathy, Susan, and Heather were in attendance.
- Initial intake will be with 211 and then funnel down regionally.
- HUD may eventually have us use a percentage of NOFA funding on centralized assessment.
- The region in which we will be responsible for only covers the city of Manchester.

## VISTA Position

- Cathy and Mark created a new VAD for the MCoC VISTA position.
  - Katie brought copies and passed them out to the committee.
- If we are unable to recruit a new VISTA by mid-May we may not be able to hire someone until November.
- The new VAD focuses on developing the centralized intake/assessment system and HUD policies.
  - They will coordinate a test run of the coordinated intake system.
    - Plan the event, recruit volunteers, etc.
- The VISTA will also coordinate local technical assistance.
  - This could include webinars, website information, etc.
    - He/she could set up public webinar viewings.
- They will also develop a policies and procedures manual.
- The VISTA will be responsible for reviewing and expanding MCoC organization membership.
  - This includes membership participation, keeping track of attendance, outreach to those not attending meetings, and recruitment of new members.

## HEARTH Act

- The definition of “chronically homeless” is changing.
  - Currently it is someone (or a family) who has been homeless for 1 year or 4 times in 3 years.
    - The part changing is the 4 times in 3 years.
      - The 4 times will now have to add up to 1 year total.
        - This will be difficult to document and prevents us from helping some people with chronic needs.
  - HUD is still accepting comments.

- Organizations should comment individually, and we should comment as a Continuum.

### **General Discussion**

- We have a new Community Awareness Committee Chair, Monica Zulauf, YWCA.
- The Union Leader is planning a follow-up story on panhandling.
  - The police are going to do a canvas of the neighborhood, asking business owner's to share their concerns.
    - They will be handing out information cards.
  - If the media approaches Susan, she will stick with our original stance that we do not support panhandling.
    - She will recommend that those approached give panhandlers service information, not money.

### **Minutes Prepared By**

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