

Leadership Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, May 9th, 2013, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Location

Bridge Café, 1117 Elm Street, Manchester

Attendees

Cathy Kuhn

Elise Annunziata

Dave Carroll

Katie Simpson

Mary Sliney

Susan Howland

Dominique Rust

April Minutes Accepted

Coordinated Intake/Assessment Updates

- The Leadership Committee needs to develop a Coordinated Assessment Taskforce.
 - Marian Severest, Health Care for the Homeless, would like to be included.
 - The Taskforce should also include members from the following:
 - Southern New Hampshire Services (Greg Schnieder), Families in Transition (Cathy Kuhn, Mark Stokes), The Way Home (Dianne Pitts), Child and Family Services (Ed Orłowski), Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester (Dave Carroll), HMIS (as needed), Manchester Homeless Services Center (Susan will represent them for now), 211 (as needed – Heather Aicholtz), New Horizons (Kevin Kintner).
 - Katie will send out an email inviting everyone to join the Taskforce.
 - She will include a first meeting date.

Chronically Homeless Definition

- HUD is changing the chronically homeless definition.
 - Previously, to be considered chronically homeless an individual or family would have to have been homeless for 1 year or 4 times in 3 years.
 - The change would make it so the 4 times in 3 years would need to add up to 1 year total.
 - Katie will draft a comment to submit to HUD on behalf of the MCoC.
 - She will include the following:
 - The change is very restrictive and does not reflect reality.
 - It would be difficult for providers to track down this data.
 - Instead of choosing a random number to define chronically homeless, HUD should give CoCs the flexibility to establish a pattern that can be considered chronic.
 - She will send the comment out to Leadership to approve before forwarding it to the rest of the MCoC.

Committee Goals

- Leadership will provide the tools for the CoC to be a unified active voice.
 - Ex: commenting to HUD
- They will review membership and participation and fill the gaps in service providers by reaching out to potential members.
 - Ex: homeless or formally homeless, hospitals, prisons, business owners, etc.
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- They will focus on what is missing in the CoC – what we have, what is working, and what is not among HUD-funded agencies.
- Provide support to the Peer Review Committee and check with them about their needs.
 - We could send out a Survey Monkey to gather feedback from Peer Review.

General Discussion

- Craig Everett has left Helping Hands and the Leadership Committee now has an open seat.
 - We need to have another election to fill that position.
- Leadership needs to reach out to last year's Peer Review now and make sure they are willing to return this year.
 - The next NOFA may be out in July.
 - We need to look over the scoring criteria and make any necessary changes.
 - Mark, Susan, and Bill could get together and review the criteria.

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