

Homeless Liaison Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Tuesday, May 14th, 2012 11:00AM-12:00PM

Location

Homeless Services Center, 140 Central Street, Manchester, NH

Attendees

Jay Mattia	Jocelyne Pinsonneault	Jennifer Comeau	Kevin Kintner	Jake Hull
Dave Carroll	Bill Sullivan	Natalie Martin	Chris Emerson	Abby Easterly

Outreach Updates

- There has been the typical spring time increase in outdoor campsites.
 - The outreach teams have been scheduling regular times to visit these camps, and continue to assess where new camps are located.
- Do You Know Him Ministries is trying to negotiate with city officials to find an outdoor location for the weekend breakfasts.
 - They are currently still indoors at The Salvation Army.
- The city seems to be moving forward with a plan to install meters in the downtown area to give the public an opportunity to make donations to homeless service agencies, rather than giving money to panhandlers.

Youth Outreach

- The Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee will be presenting the results of the recent Youth Homelessness Summit meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30pm.

Homeless Representatives Meeting

- The committee spent time developing several questions for the upcoming Focus group with homeless families.
 - Natalie and Dave will attend the meeting at The Way Home on Wednesday, May 15th.

General Discussion

- The group briefly discussed an older issue that continues to be raised by homeless individuals: the lack of bathroom facilities on weekends, especially Sundays.
 - People have apparently been able to use the bathrooms in Market Basket, but this may be causing friction with the store management.
 - Should we bring this issue up at a General Assembly meeting?

Minutes Prepared By

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