

Public Policy Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Tuesday, August 13th, 2013 9:00AM-10:00AM

Location

The Way Home, 214 Spruce Street, Manchester, NH 03103

Attendees

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| David Carroll | Kyle Beaulieu |
| Erik Wirkkala | Christiane Wolski |
| Jocelyne Pinsonneault | |

June Minutes Approved

Valley St. Jail

- The committee had wanted, and still wants, to work more closely with the Hillsborough County Correctional Facility on Valley St., specifically regarding discharge policies.
- Marc Cusson is our contact there.
 - His contact info is missing since last meeting.

I found this contact info for the Hillsborough County DOC, I could not find Marc's info in their directory, however.

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CFS

- Jen Comeau is leaving her position.
- Mark Crandall will be taking over and leaving an open position in outreach.

Angie's House

- Welcome, Christiane Wolski, the new director of New Horizon's Angie's House.
 - Her goals include enforcing rules more consistently
 - Completing renovations to the kitchen area.

Mental Health Services

- Long wait times have been reported in ERs for mental health services. This has gotten attention from the press and the mayor.
- Social workers are working to improve discharge policies at hospitals.

BHHS and DOE

- BHHS did not invite the state DOE back to their annual 2013 Conference on Homelessness.

Medicaid Expansion

- The governor and state legislature is putting together a committee to study Medicaid expansion in the state. This will be a long process, as the committee is not even formed yet, and will take a long time to review the policy.

Coalition to End Homelessness

- Granite Leaders program will teach and build leadership skills among currently and formerly homeless individuals in the city.
- From November through March, they will hold monthly 3-4 hour training sessions to build leadership, advocacy skills.
 - There is a \$200.00 stipend awarded upon completion of this program.
 - Transportation to and from sessions is also reimbursed.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 17th from 9:00 – 10:00 at The Way Home

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