

Leadership Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, September 12th, 2013, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Location

Bridge Café, 1117 Elm Street, Manchester

Attendees

Cathy Kuhn

David Carroll

Erik Wirkkala

Susan Howland

Mary Sliney

Project Homeless Connect

- Susan believes we should not do Project Homeless Connect this year.
 - Services were not being sought or utilized.
 - Many participants came only for free items.
 - Some were not homeless.
 - The amount of paid hours put into planning and staffing were also not worth the outcome.
- David agreed about the problems with P.H.C.

- Instead, we could do quarterly focus events at the Homeless Services Center.
 - These would be themed events, focusing on one area, with presenters, resources, services and opportunities for private consultations.
 - E.g. domestic violence, substance use, veterans, flu shots etc.
 - We could also have a day for families to reconnect if one or multiple members have lost touch due to homelessness or other housing stability issues.
 - Keep in mind, Services Center cannot accommodate families with children, maybe on a weekend or at another facility, ie Lake Ave.
 - It might be good P.R. to address the issue of substance abuse with one of these events, as P.H.C. was good P.R., if nothing else.
 - Mary pointed out that quarterly events make sense, as project homeless connect should be a year-round goal.
 - These events could include surveys for participants asking about their needs, and/or needed or missing resources.
 - Concord already has a survey like this.
 - At Homeless Liaison, we will address the specifics of this survey as well as the areas of focus for these events.
 - Announce the changes to P.H.C. at September General Assembly.

Granite Leaders Program

- Cathy, of NH Coalition to End Homelessness, said they have many excellent applicants for their Granite Leaders leadership-training program.
- Bank of America is helping sponsor this project.

Open Leadership Positions

- There are now two open positions in Leadership.
 - There is one existing position as well as an opening for chair of Public Policy.
- Susan would like Sharron Drake to fill the first position.
 - We need someone in Leadership with experience dealing with substance abuse.
 - She will just need to attend a few meetings before being eligible.
- Someone from Housing Action NH should fill the Public Policy chair.
 - They already attend meetings.
 - Cathy will ask during a conference call 9/25.
- The openings will be announced during the September General Assembly, voting to take place in October.

Peer Review, Score Sheet and Project Rankings

- Because of Sequestration, we are expecting a 7-10% cut from the CoC budget this year.
- We need to change the way we score and rank projects coming up for renewal.
 - Peer Review's previous method was too subjective.
- Mark Stokes participated on a state-wide peer review planning committee. Using HUD guidelines, this group created a tool with criteria to score and rank projects, based on APRs.
- Erik reviewed the data on APRs and scored projects accordingly.
 - He passed out the revised score sheet and new rankings.
 - Rankings did not change drastically, some projects shuffled. Liberty House saw an improvement due to Keith's increased CoC participation and increased employment among participants.
 - Non-housing projects like SSO and HMIS are very difficult to score, however.
 - A few APRs were missing data.
- Leadership approved the new scoring method, will present to Data Collection then, finally, to a meeting of funded agencies (to be scheduled).
- Susan and Erik (or future VISTAs) will likely be scoring/ranking projects, as we are not funded through this grant and therefore, the most objective.

The next Leadership meeting will be Thursday, 10/10/13 at the Bridge Café.

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