

# Continuum General Assembly Minutes

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## Date and Time

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 12:00PM-1:00PM

## Location

Manchester Community Resource Center, 434 Lake Ave.

## Attendees

Richard Doyle	Danni Baultemeier	Beth Alves	Laurel Redden	Bill Sullivan	Stacy Lazzar
Mark Crandall	Roger Beauchamp	Erin Kelly	Zoe Eldridge	Dick Webster	Ana Pancine
Monica Zulauf	Elise Annunziata	Candace Cappio	Gebhart	Angela Roberts	Kyle Beaulieu
Keith Howard	Mary Sliney	Mark Stokes	Cathy Kuhn	Susan Howland	Erik Wirkkala
Dominique Rust					

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### Two Open Leadership Positions

- We have not received any nominations to fill either Leadership position yet.
  - Rich Doyle, Exec. Director of Helping Hands volunteered to run for the at-large position.
  - Laurel Redden requested more info from MCoC bylaws concerning the other Public Policy Chair position.
  - We need to discuss the future of Public Policy - it may be more appropriate as an ad-hoc committee or sub-committee of Leadership.
  - Leadership will discuss this issue before the next General Assembly.

### Coordinated Assessment

- The MCoC, through a taskforce, is currently developing a coordinated assessment system for the city of Manchester.
- This HUD-mandated initiative is intended to help us better coordinate our efforts to assess the needs of drop-in or call-in clients and to make the diversion/referral process more efficient and appropriate to their individual needs.
- All agencies in the MCoC are expected to participate in this new assessment/referral process.
  - Anyone may attend our taskforce meetings as well, the next one still TBD.
- A draft of our initial assessment tool was passed around although it has not been vetted by the taskforce yet.
  - The MCoC will be kept up to date on the status of this project as we move forward.

### Community Awareness

- Monica presented Community Awareness' plan to begin a poster campaign highlighting five homeless subpopulations.
  - Families, DV Survivors, Veterans, Youth, Chronically Homeless
- We will create a series of five posters each with a picture of a person and a few sentences including a bio and statistics about the greater subpopulation as a whole.
- We hope to have the materials donated and do the work ourselves.
- This project is expected to be completed by the holidays.
  - We will have an opening, likely at YWCA, and posters will travel the city for 12 months, hosted by businesses and other public buildings e.g. library, etc.

- The concern was raised that this may encourage giving to panhandlers.
  - We could include another piece at the bottom about ‘How to Help’, and link to contact info for agencies serving each population (FIT, CFS, Liberty House, YWCA, etc.)

### **Government Shutdown**

- How have agencies felt and dealt with the government shutdown?
  - There has been some difficulty getting people into programs as they cannot get S.S. cards.
  - Many VISTAS did not get paid as scheduled with CNCS being furloughed. (Luckily, FIT and NHCC did not have this problem)
  - While this shutdown was mostly an annoyance, a shutdown of longer duration could seriously hinder our efforts.
  - Sen. Shaheen, for one, has expressed hope that politicians have learned their lesson and this will not happen again.
- The real issue is overall funding levels remaining low since the sequester.
  - Sen. Shaheen’s office is looking for stories about how this has affected agencies and those we serve.
    - Granite Leaders is ideal for training people to advocate in circumstances such as these.
  - Because of the shutdown, the NOFA process has been delayed and will likely run into the Holidays again.
  - We are expecting a 7-10% cut in funding levels this year.

### **Other Updates**

- YWCA looks forward to Missy’s Run/Walk for children escaping DV situations as well as Susan B. Anthony Dinner, 10/22.

### **New Location**

- **By a vote of 19:0 with one abstaining, we decided to hold all further MCoC General Assembly meetings at the Manchester Community Resource Center, 434 Lake Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> floor.**
- Lynn Morrow will be notified of this move shortly.

**The Next MCoC General Assembly will be Thursday, November 21 from 12:00-1:00 at MCRC 434 Lake Avenue**

**Minutes Prepared by Erik Wirkkala, MCoC VISTA**