

Continuum General Assembly Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, November 21th, 2013 12:00PM-1:00PM

Location

434 Lake Avenue, Manchester, NH 4th floor

Attendees

Cathy Kuhn	David Carroll	Dominique Rust	Elise Annunziata	Emily MacDonald
Erin Kelly	Jacob Hull	Jean Melvin	Jocelyn Pinsonneault	Kyle Beaulieu
Laurel Redden	Mark Stokes	Mark Crandall	Mary Sliney	Natalie Martin
Pamela Brown	Rich Doyle	Stacey Lazzar	Susan Howland	Angela Roberts
Erik Musselman	Charles Perkins			

October minutes approved with one edit: Add Dominique Rust to attendance

At-large Leadership Position Election

- Rich Doyle and Stacy Lazzar are the two nominees for Leadership.
 - No one self-nominated before the vote
- One person from each MCoC member agency voted on behalf of their agency.
 - Eligibility of agency determined by attendance at least one of the last three meetings
- Votes will be counted after the meeting and results sent out that afternoon

Amending By-Laws Concerning Public Policy

- Based on Leadership Committee's recommendation, we moved to amend the bylaws to strike Public Policy from the list of standing committees.
 - Housing Action NH does an excellent job of advocacy
 - We have other partners who examine and advocate for policies
 - We may assemble this committee when it is needed but monthly meetings are not necessary at this time
- We will vote on this at December's meeting

Point In Time Count

- We've begun planning 2014 PIT Count
 - This is a nationwide count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons
 - Mandated by HUD
- This year's HUD guidelines are likely to be the same as last year. If so, this winter's planning process will be easier than previous ones
 - When the NOFA comes out we will know for sure if this year's guidelines are the same
- The State PIT Count Committee will meet Dec. 5th and determine an exact date for the count
 - It will either be Wed. Jan. 22 or Jan. 29 – Must take place in the last 10 days of Jan.
- I will soon be contacting people from housing programs and emergency shelters for the sheltered count
- We are also looking for volunteers for the unsheltered count
- I'll keep everyone up to date as we continue to plan

December Meeting

- December's MCoC meeting will be held on its normal date, Dec. 19th.
- We expect the NOFA to be out by then so meeting in December will be important

City Deadline for ESG Funds

- Elise reported that the deadline to apply for ESG and CDBG funds through the city had just closed the previous day (Wed. 11/20)
- Opportunities for applicants to present your budget proposals and projects to the mayor and aldermen are Dec. 5th and 6th
 - These presentations influence the mayor's budget

Tips for presenters

- Know your numbers – know how much is going toward admin, direct services, etc.
- Bring staff who are knowledgeable about your program's finances
 - Be ready for complex questions, know details
- Presenters have about 3-5 minutes, make efficient use of your time
- Be ready for 'If you didn't get this money, what would you do'?
- If presenting any time before 12:00pm, be there early!
- The city expects a 10% cut
- If anyone has any questions, contact Elise - eannunziata@manchesternh.gov

Healthcare for the Homeless

- Jacob Hull reported that this program is trying to increase their numbers
 - They currently have about 900 clients but are aiming for 1200 by the end of December
- If you have any clients with healthcare needs, refer them to the walk-in clinic at New Horizons
 - This clinic is 8:00am-5:00pm
 - FIT's 122 Market St. can take children Mon. 10-12, Tues. 8-12 Thurs, 1:30-5
- This clinic can function as your primary care provider
- They have flu shots, pneumonia, t-dap, hepatitis A vaccines and TB testing
- They can refer to foot doctors at Dartmouth Hitchcock
- They have limited dental care, but can refer to Poisson Dental Facility at CMC
 - If a client has an acute infection in a tooth, still refer to HCfH for antibiotics

Granite Pathways

- Granite Pathways is located in the carriage house of the Brookside Church
- They have programming for adults with mental illness
- This is an evidence-based method with private funding
 - Currently have 80 active participants
 - 16-22 daily participants
 - Open 9:00-4:00 every day, including holidays
 - The facility fits 35 people
- They focus on self-help and peer support and work opportunities to help participants gain independence, dignity and self confidence
- Most of the operating staff consists of participant volunteers who do everything from staffing the front desk, planning, cooking, and outreach/PR

- To refer clients to this program, they need referral from a licensed practitioner and a confirmed diagnosis
- Many clients of other programs can benefit from Granite Pathways' program and likewise, many people currently in Granite Pathways can benefit from other agencies' services, specifically housing and other healthcare
- Granite Pathways is currently looking for an executive director
- They are also looking for a new location in the next two years
- Many guests from Homeless Services Center have benefitted from Granite Pathways after gaining housing

NOFA Update

- The NOFA has not been released yet
- We are already one week past last year's release date
 - The CoC review was due last Fri. and last year, the NOFA came out three weeks after this was issues
- Grants beginning at the start of 2014, there is a good chance they won't have a cash flow until July
 - HUD reimburses for the time lost, but not until much later
- Until then, have last year's Exhibit 2s 'polished' and updated for this year until further guidance is provided
- Expect significant cuts and there will not be a bonus

Committee Updates – Homeless Liaison

- Homeless Liaison will be conducting the Homeless Needs Assessment this year – held in June
- The city hasn't done one since 2010, the state of NH having done them since
 - Data from last year has not been analyzed yet
- The state's tool was deemed too complicated and long, and we will be using the tool used by Manchester in previous years.
 - This tool is available on the MCoC website
- We are looking for agencies, specifically outreach workers and other staff who clients trust, to help gather this information

The next MCoC General Assembly will be Thursday, December 19th at 12:00

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