

Continuum General Assembly Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, December 19th, 2013 12:00PM-1:00PM

Location

434 Lake Avenue, Manchester, NH 4th floor

Attendees

Charles Perkins	David Carroll	Dominique Rust	Ed Orlowski	Elise Annunziata
Erik Mussleman	Kaitlyn Norden	Keith Howard	Kyle Beaulieu	Mark Stokes
Mary Sliney	Rich Doyle	Roger Beauchamp	Stacey Lazzar	Susan Howland
Jake King				

November Minutes Approved

NOFA

- The NOFA requires CoCs to include several items in their Governance Charters, bylaws, in our case, that we do not yet have. These include policies and procedures addressing the following:
 - Written agendas for meetings
 - This is easy, we can add a sentence below Meetings
 - Coordinated Assessment System
 - We must demonstrate that we will adopt a universal intake form and coordinate with 211
 - Coordinated Assessment meetings will continue after the NOFA submitted
 - Every agency in the city, not just CoC funded agencies, must participate in this system
 - Monitoring ESG Outcomes
 - Elise and Susan currently assist with technical assistance for ESG reports
 - We need to create a new system for doing this that is more Continuum and CIP based
 - We will begin to work on this new method and add language in the bylaws to address this
 - Written standards for administering assistance
 - HUD provides plenty of guidance outlining their requirements for how CoCs prioritize people for housing and assistance and otherwise provide assistance
 - We will use HUD guidance and MCoC goals to develop these standards
 - Elise said we should also develop standards for tracking rates of lengths of homeless episodes and recidivism

Point in Time Count

- The date for the PIT is Wed. January 29.
 - Overnight unsheltered count will be overnight 28th through the morning of the 29th.
- Kyle and I are holding a webinar at 1:00p.m. on Wed. January 8th and encourage anyone participating to watch.
 - Register [here](#)
- There are a number of important changes this year that we will explain in the webinar
- Let Kyle Beaulieu or Erik Wirkkala know if anyone has any questions in the meantime

Reallocation Funds Available

- SNHS is choosing not to reapply for CoC funds for their SSO project
- Agencies can apply for the \$36,547 formerly used by SNHS, but this project will very likely be placed in Tier 2, and will unlikely be awarded funds
 - If you do want to try for these funds, applications are due by Friday, January 3rd
 - Agencies can only apply for RRH for 100% families or PSH for Chronically Homeless persons if they are applying for these funds
 - They would also have to apply for exactly \$36,547
 - See Mark Stokes with any questions
- Peer Review will be meeting as in the past to rank renewal projects for the NOFA
- Each agency will have about 5 minutes to explain to Peer Review any extenuating circumstances resulting in low scoring performance measures
- Peer Review will meet during the week of January 6th

Amendment to the Bylaws

- Last month we moved to strike Public Policy from the list of standing committees in the MCoC Bylaws.
- Mary Sliney moved to vote on this
 - Kyle Beaulieu seconded that motion
- The MCoC unanimously voted to remove Public Policy from Standing Committees

Affordable Care Act Application Assistance

- The NOFA gives CoCs points for connecting clients with new healthcare options under the ACA
- We will hear presentations from several agencies providing assistance to clients seeking help with applying/signing up for new exchanges
- I distributed some informational pamphlets about ACA application assistance options for the meantime

2013 State of Homelessness

- Kyle announced that the NH Coalition to End Homelessness' report, [The State of Homelessness in New Hampshire 2013](#) has been released.

City Action Plan

- Elise stated that the city is working on their FY2015 action for HUD
- They are holding two hearings open to the public to hear input on how to spend CDBG and CIP funds
 - 1/22 at MCRC, 434 Lake Ave.
 - 1/23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- This is a federal program that uses a lot of public input and the city encourages people to come speak about the city's needs
- Elise encouraged people to say they are representing the MCoC when they attend these meeting
- Let Elise know if you have any more questions about this



The next MCoC General Assembly meeting will be Thursday, January 16th at 12:00 p.m. 434 Lake Ave. 4th floor

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