

Continuum General Assembly Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, January 16th, 2014 12:00PM-1:00PM

Location

434 Lake Avenue, Manchester, NH 4th floor

Attendees

Barbara Costa	Beth Alves	Charles Perkins	Dick Webster	Ed Orłowski
Erin Kelly	Jacob Hull	Kaitlyn Norden	Keith Howard	Kevin Kintner
Kyle Beaulieu	Laurel Redden	Lauren Paradis	Mark Stokes	Marianne Savarese
Mary Sliney	Natalie Martin	Rich Doyle	Jean Melvin	Mike Austin
Robert Mottola	Ralph DeVitto	Cheryl Hunt	Jean Jacques	

Introductions

December Minutes Approved

Bylaw Amendments

- The NOFA requires CoCs to include several items in CoC governance documents which we needed to add
- Susan read the proposed language to be added to our MCoC Bylaws
- These address:
 - Coordinated Assessment System
 - Distribution of meeting minutes and agendas
 - ESG monitoring
- We will present a Coordinated Assessment tool to be voted on in February
 - There will likely be a three month pilot period starting in March to test this tool
- Mark Stokes asked that we change the line in the ESG Monitoring amendment to read, “MCoC will provide technical assistance support . . .”
 - Change accepted
- Ed Orłowski made the motion to accept these amendments
 - Mary Sliney seconded this motion
- The General Assembly unanimously voted to accept these changes (22:0)

Peer Review

- HUD’s grant process required us to score and rank our 19 CoC-funded projects
- Leadership Committee placed renewal projects or placed reallocated funds from renewal projects into Tier 1 and Tier 2, with Tier 1 being safe for renewal and Tier 2 funds representing an anticipated \$64,168 (5%) cut to the CoC program
- Peer Review Committee met and ranked these projects, including new grant applications for the reallocated Tier 2 funds
 - Documentation of this process is available on the MCoC website
- Mary Sliney thanked all the agencies who applied for new Tier 2 projects as well as the Peer Review Committee members

ACA Assistance Presentations

- Marianne Savarese introduced these programs
- All federally funded (DHHS) community health facilities received grants to help with the rollout of the Affordable Care Act, including the programs we are hearing about today
 - We have not yet expanded Medicaid in NH
 - If it were to expand, people without disability whose incomes are at or below 138% of the poverty level would be eligible
- The Healthcare for the Homeless program though CMC is helping enroll people in new healthcare exchanges through Healthcare.gov
 - This website is difficult to navigate and the new policies are complicated so they assist anyone interested with this process
 - People do not need to be homeless
 - People do not need to be HCH/CMC patients already
 - They have successfully enrolled about ten people so far and are hiring new Outreach Enrollment Specialists to continue enrolling new clients
- Jean Jacques passed out information about this program
 - Applicants must have an e-mail address
 - Assisters must be trained and certified
 - Info for refugees was included
- Barbara Costa from the Manchester Community Health Center is a Patient Navigator
 - She conducts outreach and education services and classes throughout Manchester and Nashua for any group interested in information about ACA enrollment
 - She then refers people back to four certified Application Assisters at the Health Center and elsewhere
 - There are assisters who speak Nepali, Portuguese, Spanish and Arabic
 - MCHC has successfully enrolled over 200 people thus far
- Is this information available on 2-1-1?
 - No one was sure
 - (I was unable to find these services on 2-1-1 NH's website)
 - Information about these services will be distributed throughout the MCoC and agencies are encouraged to connect any eligible clients with these programs
- Medicaid Changes
 - NH Medicaid has changed to a managed care program
 - Three private, for profit companies now manage Medicaid insurance for the state, each with individual perks and drawbacks
 - Consumers will have to choose among these three providers
 - These new providers are more aggressive about decertifying consumers, so people receiving Medicaid must reapply each year
 - Decertification notices come via mail
 - Authorized representatives can receive these notifications on behalf of clients

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Committee Updates

- Community Awareness
 - We are working on a PR poster campaign profiling five individuals representing five homeless subpopulations (Families, Veterans, Youth, DV Victims and CH)
 - We will be reaching out to five agencies who serve each of these populations in the near future in order to find willing participants to be interviewed and photographed for this project
 - Question: What are our copyright policies? Who will retain ownership rights to these photos?
 - We haven't specifically discussed these policies but we will have photo release forms and will assure participants they have final say over the use of these posters
- Granite Leaders
 - Kyle Beaulieu reported The NH Coalition to End Homelessness' Granite Leaders Program is going well and encourages agencies to keep clients in mind for future sessions
- NH Legislative Cycle
 - Mary Sliney pointed out that the NH legislative cycle has begun for the year
 - Laurel Redden invited MCoC members to their Housing Matters Workgroup, let her know if you are interested in attending
 - They are currently working to support a bill to protect DV victims and people receiving Section 8 in existing non-discrimination laws

The next MCoC General Assembly meeting will be Thursday, February 20th at 12:00 p.m. 434 Lake Ave. 4th floor

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