

# Homeless Liaison Committee Minutes

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## Date and Time

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 11:00AM-12:00PM

## Location

Homeless Services Center, 140 Central Street, Manchester, NH

## Attendees

Beth Grady	Robert Mottola	Kevin Kintner	Dave Carroll	Cheryl Hunt
Doug Howard	Erik Wirkkala	Jake King		

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## January's Minutes Approved

## Outreach Update

- Dave reported that he and Jacob Hull of CMC's Health Care for the Homeless are conducting outreach canvassing approximately once per week
- They are essentially encountering the same individuals living outside
  - There was a question about the percentages of veterans they are encountering during these outreach sessions
    - Dave estimated that between 8%-12% of the people they encounter are veterans, and they inform the VA of these individuals
  - Beth requested a list of PATH workers from Dave

## Youth Outreach Update

- Doug from CFS reported that there are not a lot of youth remaining outside through the Winter, many of them have found shelter or are incarcerated
- In response to Beth's question, Doug indicated that CFS' age range is from 12-22 years of age, so veterans could potentially access CFS' services and the VA may refer clients to them if needed
  - CFS has a drop-in center at 99 Hanover St.
  - This facility includes showers, laundry, case management, etc.
- Doug or other CFS outreach workers occasionally accompany Dave and Jacob on outreach trips and encounter the same few young homeless individuals
- Jake King indicated that a few young people in CFS' age range access the Center regularly, as well

## VA Updates

- VA outreach is very busy currently
  - They are getting a lot of hotline calls
  - They know of over 100 homeless veterans in NH, particularly in Manchester, Concord and North Conway
- Robert wants VA outreach workers to accompany Dave and Jacob on outreach trips regularly, both the regular, general trips and occasionally trips targets to find and assist specific individuals

### **Homeless Services Center Update**

- Other agencies are dropping in and holding office hours at the Center more often
- They are hoping to create their own, internal database of guests
- Jake is hoping to begin a partnership with another local service provider to provide/assist in providing programming and services to Center guests for the future
- The Center has a new and improved [Facebook page](#) where they share success stories and educate the public about issues facing homeless persons locally and nationally

### **New Horizons**

- Kevin is presenting at MCoC General Assembly on 2/20/14 to address and clarify New Horizons' rules and policies
- Beth requested a copy of New Horizons' rules
- Cheryl from Angie's said that the Half Moon Sober Festival is taking place this year on Memorial Day weekend at the 4H grounds in New Boston
  - They are hoping agencies could sponsor tickets (\$50 for 3 days of music and camping) for clients/program participants who are committed to sobriety

### **Other**

- The VA is partnering with Roger Murphy, veteran outreach from NH Employment
- He has been holding office hours at the Center Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Homeless Liaison Committee is leading the 2014 Homeless Needs Assessment
  - The survey will be administered in June and planning will likely begin in April

**The next Homeless Liaison Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2014**

### **Minutes Prepared By**

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