

# Homeless Liaison Committee Minutes

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## Date and Time

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 11:00AM-12:00PM

## Location

Homeless Services Center, 140 Central Street, Manchester, NH

## Attendees

Bill Sullivan	Erik Wirkkala	Jacob Hull	Jake King	Kaitlyn Norden
Kevin Kintner	Natalie Martin			

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## March's Minutes Approved

### Outreach Update

- Dave and Jacob have changed their outreach schedules and are now going out to camps on Thursdays.
- There are still numerous tents along the river, some have been there through the winter and some are new
  - They expect to go out more regularly now that the weather is warmer
  - Kevin noted that he has noticed a large camp under the Amoskeag Bridge
    - Jacob and Dave are aware of the site, and suspect they know who the individual living there is, though they haven't directly met that person there
- There is a new initiative in the city to discourage pan handling and camping

### Do You Know Him? Ministries

- Weekend breakfasts will no longer be held at the Salvation Army
  - Breakfast schedules began to conflict with existing programs for children at the Salvation Army
  - They cannot serve food in any local parks as compliance with local regulations and ordinances presents financial and logistical barriers
- As of the weekend of 4/19, they will try cooking food at the Salvation Army and serving it at the 1269 Café
  - They are still looking for a large space with a commercial kitchen for the future

### Youth Outreach Update

- No one from CFS was able to attend the meeting
- Kaitlyn said that she has heard from CFS outreach staff that a number of youth (18-24) are expected out of prison soon

### New Horizons Update

- In response to the news about youth leaving prison, Kevin reported that New Horizons have received several young men from Granite House in Derry
  - They have been asked to leave this substance abuse recovery facility for breaking terms

### Homeless Needs Assessment

- We will begin discussion on the Needs Assessment next month or possibly via e-mail, as Dave wasn't able to attend the meeting

### **Homeless Services Center Update**

- The Center has been quiet lately, as the weather improves
- They have had high numbers for lunch, however
- Additionally, new intakes have been high too, despite the low overall numbers

### **The Way Home Update**

- Natalie reported that The Way Home's CoC program, Steps to Success Rapid Re-Housing, is looking for clients
- Clients may be families or individuals, must be literally homeless, and must have some form of income
- The program involves regular case management and a small amount of rental assistance, approximately \$100/month
  - Contact Natalie Martin ([natalie@thewayhomenh.org](mailto:natalie@thewayhomenh.org)) for more information or to refer clients

### **Other**

- Bill reported the Day of Hope went very well
- They gave makeovers at 1269 Café, distributed clothing at the Center and served two seatings of Easter Dinners and gave out over 500 personal care items
- Natalie asked Bill why these events are always for individual adults and not families
  - Bill explained that events are put on by volunteers from six different churches
  - Unfortunately, they aren't able to do background checks, ask for IDs, etc. so for safety reasons, they have to limit many events to adults
- Manchester does not have a Social Security rep-payee
- There are as many of 50 people who could probably benefit from a local SS rep-payee service
- The Manchester Clergy Association is training volunteers to help clients navigate city welfare, DHHS and other agencies to obtain services and benefits

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

### **Minutes Prepared By**

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