

Steering Committee for Concord's Plan to End Homelessness

Meeting Notes March 2019

Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce 2 pm- 3:30

**Steering Committee Members Present:** Karen Emis-Williams, Rosemary Heard, Claudia Walker, Ruth Perencevich, Pamela Puleo, Lew Feldstein, Tim Sink, Byron Champlin, Kara Wyman(late) **Absent:** Peter Evers,

Additional: Ellen Groh, CCEH; Ellen Fries, CCEH, Tenley Callahan, CCEH

**Minutes** of the November Meeting approved.

**Tenley Callahan** was introduced. She is a member of the CCEH Board, a volunteer with Family Promise, resident of Concord, real estate attorney, and interested in becoming a member of the Steering Committee. Her Letter of Interest and Resume is with the Governance subcommittee.

**Presentation:** Betsey Rhyhart, VP for Population Health at Concord Hospital.

What is Population Health and Health Needs Assessment?

**Population health** re-envisioning – Population health management.

(Betsey's powerpoint will be emailed out after the meeting)

Healthcare System, People, Community, payer = Quadruple Aim

Much fascination with the data! Great discussion.

Beth Wheeler, Foundation for Healthy Communities - contact info?? Burlington Event...

**Review of draft governance document** - will meet in the next week to complete work and make decision on Tenley Callahan. Nicole Schultz-Price and Ron White are no longer on the Steering Committee. Everyone should indicate if they are UNWILLING to continue, and if they have a preference for 1, 2 or 3 more years say so! Otherwise, the Governance Committee will decide for you!

**Updates on Emergency Winter Shelter usage** - 30 - 40 per night on average. Byron asks where guests are coming from? Mostly from the area. Substance use? - yes, people under the influence - it is a low-barrier shelter. Tensions are rising towards the end of the season, as usual. Friendly Kitchen numbers are up much higher than normal as well. Some police calls, but not more than normal.

**Criminal Justice:** Kara reports that a Bail Reform Bill passed in the NH Legislature - it is now difficult to keep people incarcerated pre-trial, even though they need to be kept in for public safety. Also, the Drug Court leaves many people out in a situation of homelessness. Highest risk level people are now out, which means more people homeless will definitely be coming.

Ellen reports a higher number of people going through the Resource Center daily as well.

Current population at jail is lowest in many many years due to these changes. The Bail Reform is good hearted - do not want people stuck in jail only due to lack of funds....

16.67% of inmates report being homeless.

**Very brief discussion:** setting a goal for ending chronic homelessness in Concord.

Built for Zero. Get data, set goals. Ellen G guesses 130 to 150 long term homeless individuals in Concord. Should we get big players and State involved?? Get Governor's Office involved. Need to take bold steps. Group agrees it would be good to take a statewide level approach. A statewide commitment would be very helpful. Who would be the people to get involved?

**SouperFest March 30 at Rundlett Middle School - BE THERE!!!**

**Next Meetings:** The Steering Committee will now be meeting quarterly. The next meeting is **June 18, 2019 from 2 - 3:30pm**. Then it will continue to meet every 3 months, but the third Tuesday of the month is not working. **Next Meetings after June are:** September 10 and December 17.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Groh, Executive Director, Concord Coalition to End Homelessness