

Steering Committee
Concord's Plan to End Homelessness
Meeting October 20, 2015
2 pm- 4 p m
Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce
49 South Main Street, Concord

Minutes
APPROVED

Call to Order: Ellen Groh called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM

Attendance: Jackie Whatmough, Tim Sink, Lew Feldstein, Bill Davis, Ruth Perencevich, Claudia Walker, j st.hilaire, Pam Puleo, Byron Champlin, Ron White,

Facilitating: Ellen Groh, CCEH ED

Visitors: Ellen Fries, CCEH Board, Notetaker; Maggie Fogarty CCEH Board

Absent: Steve Duprey, Peter Evers, Robert Hirschfeld, Nicole Schultz-Price

Discussion and Action Items:

1. Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2015 Meeting: Motion made, duly seconded and approved with no discussion.
2. Discuss Winter Response

Publicity regarding response:

How to present to community - all for the big picture.

Bring McKenna House numbers into the discussion. Some need a different approach than Housing First.

(McKenna only 10% towards goal. Planning Board meeting tomorrow night - could be difficult as well.)

Present a report, tell the story, at City Council Meeting in December with data, etc.? Gentleman (Steve Upton) who is very concerned may try to speak. Good if we could do it in **November**. Settle what the drop-in situation is going to be. Perception that if there is no shelter there is nothing being done. Change this, educate the public on what we are doing, trying to do.

- where can people sit up to stay warm as a last resort? National Guard? Hospital, McDonalds, DD, who manages them? Former shelter staff? Their historical experience might recreate something very similar former shelters.
- Different from shelters - just a place to sit up. (warming center)
- Warming Bus?
- Open Hands?

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- What would it take to partner with Open Hands? Have it be as needed - on call.

- Collective impact approach - bring in partners.
- Protective Custody? PD bring in for "cause", a police contact, best interest to bring in. Minimum hold period, must be sober to be released.
- As needed - triage team would decide on the situation.
- Last option is 211 -
- have RC open 24/7? one room, 2 volunteers, chairs. Reopen at 8:PM?
- FK will not be open during the day this winter.
- West Street Ward House?
- DECEMBER Council Meeting - present.
- Write to County Commissioners and ask if they have any small building that could be used - get them to be more engaged.
- Also ask State -is there space for SMALL warming center.
- We need to inform them of options for running it. Seek out managers/volunteers who are on board with this model? Who run it?
- Put MY Turn in paper in November?
- See if any of those housed in last 9 months would talk of their experience with reporters?
- Christian Aftercare group (post release) have building in Manchester...talk with them?

Ron White - Retire from Corrections Dec.24 - go to Director of NH Association of Counties

Next Meeting December 15, 2:00 PM at the Chamber of Commerce

Adjourned: