

Concord Plan to End Homelessness  
Steering Notes  
October 17, 2017  
Chamber of Commerce

**Attendance:** Maggie Fogarty, Karen Emis-Williams, Ellen Groh, Byron Champlin, Ruth Perencevich, Ellen Fries, Rosemary Heard, Tim Sink, Steve Duprey, Kara Wyman, Claudia Walker, Ron White, Lew Feldstein

Absent: Peter Evers, Pamela Puleo Nicole Schultz-Price

**Facilitating:** Amy Lockwood, Full Circle Consulting

The purpose of the meeting was to identify fresh strategies under each goal area in the Plan to End Homelessness. The group brainstormed strategies in small groups. Results of the brainstorm sessions follow.

**Goal 1**

- Winter shelter – operate successfully
- Increase rental assistance and caseworker funding
- Create a by-name list of chronically homeless people with the State
- Remove the term “precariously housed –” too hard to define
- Add term “wraparound services”
- Create incentives for private landlords to house CCEH clients (carrot rather than stick)
- Work to achieve Functional Zero
- Empower CCEH formally to implement the plan

**Goal 2**

- Create partnerships with landlords for existing units – vouchers, supports (focus is to create more opportunities within the existing housing stock rather than developing more units)
- Research new models for low-cost housing (for instance tiny houses)
- City take leadership – invite/ incentivize developers

**Goal 3**

- Identify homelessness cost impacts to the community
- Hold town meetings, forums, and write articles to help people believe homelessness is a solvable problem
- Quantify impact of state institutional discharges – make case for priority for vouchers and other resources
- Get more precise about data – cost benefit- strategic, focused (use Carsey and other skilled data people in NH)
- Evaluate costs and benefits of Housing First program in Concord

**Goal 4**

- ID more new stakeholders – insurance, prisons, etc.
- Add Concord Housing, BHHS, education system, prison system, and state hospital system representation on the Steering Committee

**Governance Changes we Need**

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- Differentiate CCEH and the plan clearly
- Note potential for differing priorities – CCEH and the plan
- What else can the city do to support the SC? Staff support?
- Should the SC Executive Committee reactivate? If so, what should focus be?
- Would officers/ leadership team help?

**Next Steps**

- Amy will summarize the notes/ strategies
- Rosemary will develop a matrix for the strategies as a tool for prioritization
- The Steering Committee will meet to prioritize strategies including developing realistic timelines, personnel and other resources needed. A focus will need to be whether to include a laundry list of possible strategies (as in the current plan document) or focus on what's most important and feasible, and make the plan clear that those areas are the strategies that will be undertaken