

Steering Committee for Concord's Plan to End Homelessness
Meeting Notes- May 15, 2018
Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce

Steering Committee Members Present: Karen Emis-Williams, Rosemary Heard, Ruth Perencevich, Pamela Puleo, Tim Sink
Additional: Ellen Groh, Maggie Fogarty, Ellen Fries (notetaker) from CCEH

Call to Order: EG called to order at 2:05 pm

Updates: Winter Shelter Ribbon-Cutting Wednesday May 23, 2018, 5pm - 6:30 pm (remarks at 5:45)
Will have Steering nametags to ID people, separate from CCEH Board.

NH HFA will apply for new 811 funding and prioritize folks from institutions or homelessness, with a disability. Not necessarily chronic homelessness, just homeless and disability. Funds would flow through NHHFA. Work with service providers. Offered to an individual, who must then find an apartment. CCEH would need to know in advance to plan for caseworker, budget, etc. If coming thru mental health system, would come with caseworker from Riverbend. Other services available to follow the person - needs working out.

Camps cleared out in Concord – this happens every spring. Andy LaBrie offered ideas of a designated campground, or churches offering a shed for people during summer. Something to think about? These responses carry most of the same issues and expenses of opening a shelter. Ultimately, need more housing.

Evictions article from Rosemary. Numbers in Manchester way higher than in article. 1200 in one month in Manchester recently. Rosemary will invite attorney Brian Shaughnessy to speak about this and the eviction process.

Healthcare - Rosemary and Pamela went to forum hosted by the Carsey School. One presentation of a Hospital that invested in purchase of motels by another group for housing. Came back 7x in reduced healthcare costs. Lots of supports. Working well for many. Karen shared a story of something similar that worked for a person in Nashua. Maybe we should try it in Concord! Join with CATCH, Concord Hospital, Riverbend...

Nowhere for State Hospital patients to be discharged. Biggest problem at ER is behavioral health.

Veteran Services through Easter Seals, including finding homes - Hospital interested in partnering with them.

The State pushing to declare "effective end" (similar to "functional zero") to Veteran Homelessness. A lot was invested in this, and it works! Rate of permanently housing homeless vets must be higher than the rate of vets becoming homelessness. Lends credence to the fact that this works.

Pamela: Medical Records will be available for research on medical costs of chronically homeless clients “before and after” they’ve obtained permanent housing. We need someone to work on this research with Hospital.

Review/discussion of updated Executive summary and matrix of priorities under the Plan

Updates from SA, Family Promise, FIT have been added in (see Ellen's latest update) No info forthcoming from CH+R or CAP.

Other State info may need to be added on Rapid Rehousing - CAP?

All agreed that the updates look great! Byron/Tim find out best timing for presentation to City Council. We will ask for

- July 9 or August 13? Rosemary and Tim will present.
- Ellen will ask Byron to ask Tom Aspell about getting it on the Agenda for July or August.

\$30,000 now in actual City Budget for Shelter annually.

Next steps on refreshed Plan Priorities: need to set timelines, what we want to accomplish when - go back to our copy with timeline, due dates, status lines for the work of the Committee (not same as City copy) - Accountability Document for our own use. Goals vs. Accomplishments

How/when to present to City Council

Next Steps:

Create more defined governance/structure for Steering Committee, make it official. Officers, nominating process, term limits, etc:

- Have a process for removal of members who have not been present for x number of meetings
- Byron, Claudia, Pam, Rosemary will work on this: Rosemary will send out agenda to small group.
- Sub-group will present proposal at **July** meeting.

CCEH would like to have an official seat on Steering Committee. Also the City *does* have a permanent seat (Welfare) but not written down.

City appoints members, but this Steering Committee presents suggestions to City Council/Mayor.

For person with lived experience of homelessness- person named Jason at Sulloway and Hollis does, but he is also sought after by many boards.

Next Meeting: June 19 2PM Rosemary will ask Brian Shaughnessy to present about evictions