

## **Committee for Concord's Plan to End Homelessness**

Draft Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

2:00 pm Chamber of Commerce

Present: Haggerty, Schlosser, Whitney-Gill, Moulton, Jantzen, Emmis-Williams, Madden, Nafshi, Champlin, Sink, Perencevich, Palmeri, Guy,  
Guests: Toth, Turcotte, Rafferty, McNamara, Battistelli, Wolcott, Petrin

Minutes from December 2024 were approved.

Laura Simoes has resigned from the committee due to scheduling difficulties.

Rosanne reported that she and others are working on a cold weather emergency plan – intending to create specified system to implement. Staffing and funding has been challenging. They are looking at what works elsewhere. Friendly Kitchen has been providing warming space de facto but other options need to be put in place. The Winter Shelter and Resource Center also provide warming space during bad weather. The faith community may be helpful providing volunteers if training is available. Next steps; Build volunteer pool, seek additional funding, solidify activation standard with communication plan.

Data Review – Client demographics have been distributed – homeless folks in Merrimack County, new entries as well as recent exits. Current number of actively homeless persons is 384 in Merrimack County. The New/Exit numbers do not balance. We need to use a single source of data; County numbers are probably the most accurate. Current trends - Increase in numbers.

Healthcare networks have been working together to share information – Laconia model – may work on a larger scale.

Fundraising for project management role – looking at CDFA capacity building grant, \$75K per year for two years. Steering committee members are asked to support the CDFA application. Jim will create some bullet points for the letters, addressed to CDFA. Copies of letters sent to applicant. Homeless Research Institute Workforce Innovations Grant could provide a \$37K grant. Charitable Foundation is also a potential funder. Also, Concord Rotary and faith communities.

Concord is reviewing City funded social service grants and assessing effectiveness. Concord Human Services provides hotel rooms for shelter overflow. The costs are very high to do this.

Veteran homeless – currently six individuals, down from 12.

Communications – Karen suggested committee members provide info to their city councilors to share info.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Sink, Chamber of Commerce.