

ME Homeless Veterans Action Committee Monthly Governance Meeting

When: Tuesday November 7, 2017 1-3pm

Location: Mental Health Wing, Lewiston CBOC

Address: 15 Challenger Drive, Lewiston, ME

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Meeting Minutes:

1. Introductions & Agenda Review (10 Minutes)

Attendees:

Vet's Inc.: Alley Smith, Dan Walsh

Volunteers of America: Todd D'iadone, Brian Bouthot

Bread of Life: Eliza Quill

Preble Street: Rob Liscord, James Gagne

VA HCHV/HUD VASH: Susie Whittington, Wendy Thomas-Blais

2. Review and acceptance of October 3, 2017 meeting minutes including September By Name List report (10 Minutes) –

- a. **Motion to accept minutes - Aaron, motion 2nd – Brian. None opposed – minutes accepted**

3. Daniel S Walsh, Regional Manager, Vet's Inc. Connecticut-Report on achieving functional zero and submitting the USICH Benchmark application for ending veteran homelessness. (30 Minutes)

- a. Started with the Governor putting together the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness brought together SSVF, GPD, HUD-VASH etc to create housing committees that met regularly to move vets into housing
- i. Yale Statistics Major worked with Coalition to organize data in a presentable way
- b. Recognition that homelessness would not "end." Goal was to make homelessness, rare, brief, safe and nonrecurring
- c. Started with Coordinated Entry
- i. Broke into 8 Coordinated Access Networks (CAN's) tied into and out from the 211 system (single point of entry).
1. 211 would assign individuals to a geographic CAN and enter into HMIS
2. When a shelter or service provider engages with a vet and enters into HMIS an email goes out to the veteran network to ensure that veteran is connected with services
- ii. Review by name list on a bi-weekly basis to match homeless vets with "beds." Beds defined as a 90 day path to permanent housing.

4. Community NOFA Announcements

- a. Grant and Per Diem & Transition in Place –
- i. Susie can answer questions about the application process
- ii. HVAC can provide letters of support
- b. SSVF

5. Community Planning proposal

- i. Due to new GPD modalities some GPD residents will have to leave GPD by 12/1.

1. Rob presented community plan proposal to connect GPD residents facing TH move-out should be re-assessed for PH intervention from SSVF or HUD-VASH.
 2. Susie supports the community plan and has reviewed with VACO
 3. **Motion to accept community plan (Alley), Motion 2nd (James) – none opposed; motion passes**
6. October By Name List report and Case consultation update.
- a. Super helpful report for non-veteran committee members to understand the work that's being done by HVAC
 - i. Are there ways to clean up the report to make it even more readable for non-veteran committee members
 1. Phil can pull together some dashboards from other communities
 2. How can we use the BNL report in Governance Meetings to dig deep into the numbers and thus drive case consultation for the month
 - a. Ex – 26 chronic (who should be exempted that isn't)
 - b. Good time to bring in non-veteran specific community providers
 3. Statewide Community Landlord Engagement Efforts to end Chronic Veteran Homelessness
 - a. Subcommittee? – MSHA should be at the table – how can we incorporate in the mainehousingsearch.org
 - i. Subcommittee could bring vacancy reports to case consultation
 - ii. Landlord email list with vacancy updates
 - iii. Bring in other RRH/ESG providers
 - iv. **Nominees for subcommittee – Bobby, Wendy, Alley, Brian**
7. Governance & Policy and Procedure. (1 Hour)
- a. Review Coordinated Entry Policy and Procedure and reaffirm commitment
 - i. Case Consultation
 - ii. Interagency Coordination
 1. James, Wendy, Alley to begin development of a CE Training
 2. Next Case consultation to review quick version of CE
 - a. How to refer to another program and what language we should be using
 - b. Review Governance.
 8. Wrap Up and Next Steps
9. CoC BOD Update
- a. MCOC Visioning retreat happening end of November – HVAC is a great model for what MCOC could look like.
 - b. **Motion to send Rob to BOD Retreat (James), motion 2nd (Wendy) None opposed. Motion passes**