

Present: Jonathan Farrell, Marcy Esbjerg, Margaret Bozik, Stephen Marshall, Emily Higgins, Erin Ahearn, Diana Carminati, Dave Przepioski, Jan Demers
Excused: Jane Helmstetter

Minutes

Next Steps on the 5 year Plan – Looking at the 3 year focus

Us

- 1. Enhance the ability of the Alliance to provide or collect outcome and compliance monitoring data on programs recommended for funding by the Alliance (shared us/ outside help) using the HUD monitoring tool kit - **June**
- 2. Evaluate and expand current efforts to engage individuals with lived experience **Debrief +/-▲ Mid June**
- Minutes to go out to everyone on the Chittenden Google Group
- Register the domain name to the Chittenden Homeless Alliance – to create an internal communication network and to integrate and coordinate the work of the Standing Committees and Steering Committee
- Conduct outreach to additional community partners ←
- Bring in some outside facilitation
- Inventory and build agreements around data sharing with and without the HMIS/Coordinated Entry

Outside help

- 1. Organizational development - **September** ←
- Draft data-based information about housing and explore ways the Alliance could use and share data – What is the need and what do we need to do to end homelessness? There needs to be a conversation with the Steering Committee. We need a systems tool to measure. **June Steering Committee**
- Engage in organizational development activities to strengthen relationships among the Steering Committee and key community partners
- Use the RBA Framework to identify and track developmental measures for the Alliance. Ask Amy for assistance – **August meeting**
- Finalize 3 – 5 year strategic plan that includes ways the Alliance could respond to emergency issues – **December**

On hold and review

- ✓ **Finalize system map – gaps and priorities – Identify who is doing what - Strategic Planning in May, 17th for the Strategic Planning – Keith Brunner VWC, Jane Van Buren, United Way**
- ✓ **Create an experience map**

Goal to Complete the Strategic Plan by December Meeting – this will need to go to the Steering Committee

Mission Statement: Revisited. Jane and Stephen worked on this between meetings. A revision of our mission statement will require a Charter change. Work has been done on a statewide mission statement in the past

shepherded by Kesha Ram and the Vermont Poverty Council. Of note: Rhode Island Homeless Coalition has an exceptional website.

Gift from Stephen

Guiding Principles for the Strategic Plan **Vision and Mission**

Vision

We envision a peaceful, prosperous community, which presumes that when the community supports its members to achieve well-being, its members will support the well-being of the community

Mission

Our mission is to end the causes of homelessness, reducing homelessness to “functional-zero.” and to advocate for changes in the law and institutional practice which help us accomplish these ends.

We seek to ensure:

- ✓ That for every person who wishes to be housed there is housing that is affordable,
- ✓ That those who lose their housing are restored to housing as quickly as possible,
- ✓ That for every person who is unhoused, there is a smooth transition from homelessness to having a home;
- ✓ That those who remain outdoors are safe in the places they find to live,
- ✓ And that services are provided, while they are still needed, with compassion and respect for those in need, and their unique circumstances, in a timely and effective manner.

Or

Our mission, as a caring community collaborative, is to end homelessness. We seek:

- ✓ To ensure that for every person who wishes to be housed, there is housing, and it is affordable,
- ✓ To ensure that those who lose their housing are restored to housing as quickly as possible,
- ✓ To ensure a safe and smooth transition from being unhoused to be housed,
- ✓ To ensure that those who remain unhoused are safe in the places they find to live,
- ✓ To ensure that services which facilitate safe and secure occupancy, shall be provided with compassion and respect for those in need, in a timely and effective manner.
- ✓ To advocate for changes in the law and in practices, which will help us achieve our mission

Common Agenda

Homelessness in Chittenden County will be rare and brief. All people who are experiencing homelessness who want housing become stably and safely housed and there is an open door for those who currently do want housing.

Action items

- Diana and David will secure a facilitator to assist with a finalized systems map (gaps and priorities)

Agenda items for May

- ✓ Finalize system map – gaps and priorities – Identify who is doing what - **Strategic Planning May, 17th for the Strategic Planning – Keith Brunner VWC, Jane Van Buren, United Way**
- ✓ Create an experience map

Future Agenda Items:

June:

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- Evaluate and expand current efforts to engage individuals with lived experience **Debrief +/- ▲**

August:

- Use the RBA Framework to identify and track developmental measures for the Alliance. Ask Amy for assistance

December:

- Finalize 3 – 5 year strategic plan that includes ways the Alliance could respond to emergency issues

Meeting Schedules:

Strategic planning - 3rd Wednesday of the month (3:00) May 17, 2017

Coordinated Entry – 4th Wednesday (8:30)

Steering Committee – 1st Thursday of the month (9:00)