

## **Cold Weather Collaborative**

**Notes: 3/12/2018**

### **In Attendance:**

Stephanie Manuel (DSD – Homeless Student Liaison), Christina Helfrick (DSD Social worker), Mike Wills (Donegal Presbyterian Church), Barbara Basile (Milanof-Schock Library), Glenn Musser (MJ Car Ministry), Lorita Valente (Luther Care for Kids), David Forwood (CBC Marietta), Grace Lyham (UPENN/LGH), Nicole Marrow (UPENN/LGH), Suzette McCarty (Faith Homes), Chris Chavez (One Main Financial), Jen Koppel (Coalition to End Homelessness), Paul O’Neal (First Presbyterian Church), Lisa Heilner (Rep Dave Hickernell’s Office), Scott Albert (Mount Joy District Justice), Miriam Locklair (Mount Joy Food Bank), Pat Vogel (East Donegal/Conoy Food Bank), Megan Clark (LGH), Jen Mummau (LGH), Jamie Widener (Columbia Life Network), Nikki Arnold (Proclamation Church), Earl Dehmey (Florin Church of Brethren), Cassandra Stewart (CBC), Judy Raub (Kiwanis), Scott Albert (Judge), Barbara Basil (library), Kelly Snell (DSD Social work intern), and Ron Melleby (DSD- School Board Member).

### **1. Rachel Stebbins:** Welcome and Introductions

### **2. Mike Wills:** Why we are here today?

- We are here to define our reason for being and our objectives. There seems to be general agreement that we want a more effective way to provide helping services here in Donegal. We need input from all constituents to sharpen our focus without losing key ideas.
- How exactly do we do that? Today’s meeting will involve a lot of give and take, and we need your honest involvement.
- Key questions include: Why are we here? What do we need to be educated on? How do we communicate effectively?
- We were tempted to begin work on a more formal vision, but believe we need to include you in that effort. We agree we want to focus on long lasting change, filling service gaps while refraining from duplicating existing services.
- A smaller group of us met since our January 30 meeting to begin planning how we proceed. Today’s meeting is the result. The group agreed our goals should align with the United Way’s Bold Goals, which include:

**By 2025:**

1. 100% of our children will enter kindergarten ready to learn.
2. 100% of students and adults will have post-secondary credentials.
3. Decrease individuals and families living in poverty by 50%.
4. 100% of individuals, children, and families will have a medical home.

**3. Jenn Koppel: Facilitation of Dialogue**

- What do you think is the end goal of this initiative?
  - What are some words that you think of?
    - Sustainability, cooperative, accessible – to who?, efficient, proactive, understanding poverty, compassion fatigue, relative resources, outcomes/impact, non-duplicative, more relational, long-term change, empowerment, self-sufficiency, holistic health (physical/behavioral), financial literacy, local resources, group/community networking, success stories (The Factory Ministries), work with municipalities, active listening, 24/7 and 365 day access.
- Advocacy
  - Connecting the community through engagement with local municipalities and the state representative's office.
- Who is the client?
  - Donegal, each other (for brainstorming), families and individuals, and inter-generational families.
- What comes along with poverty?
  - Homelessness, illness, transportation, food insecurity, isolation, bad habits, lack of motivation, stigma, lack of awareness of external resources/connectivity, addictions.

- Who needs to be here?
  - mental health providers, affordable housing, school districts, county assistance office, CCIS, child care programs, Mount Joy Chamber, Donegal Ministerium, Donegal civic organizations, Community Action Partnership (CAP), bordering HUBS, health care providers, community members, veteran organizations, police, EMS/ambulance, local newspapers, church bulletins, property management, financial institutions, realtors
- How do we engage those who are invited but are not here?
  - Personal engagement/outreach
  - Engage with other boards in the community
  - Talking about the work we are doing
- Long-term change
  - Economic Status, generational poverty, change of habits, stand on own, power of education, heart change, drug free community
  - All systemic changes – we can't necessarily change this by tomorrow or in 6 months.
  - Must hold ourselves accountable as a community to achieve these changes.
  - Walking Alongside – not using “pass offs” from one person to another
  - Engage in follow up and navigation supports instead of programs that often have various eligibility requirements.
- Coordinated Entry
  - Case worthy – Software that allows various providers to communicate effectively through an encrypted database.
- Affordable housing markets
  - 75% of households are cost-burdened in Lancaster County
  - We are not going to build our way out of the lack of affordable and habitable housing. What do we even consider to be 'affordable housing'?

- Repurposing buildings for affordable housing instead of other projects, transitional housing, engaging with landlords, housing first.
- Start of a mission
  - Focusing on coordinated entry, walking alongside others, community connection, and advocacy efforts.

### **Education – what we need to understand**

- Eviction, poverty (simulation), compassion fatigue, resources (relevant or not), safety net, homelessness, active listening, motivational interviewing, toxic charity/accountability, stigma, emerging/Evidenced-based practice, housing stock-segregated (sec 8), Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), thriving wage, family structure(s),
- Cliff effect: As you make more money, people living in poverty have to reach a certain wage to outweigh the loss of certain benefits.
- Collective impact: common agenda, shared vision, mutually reinforcing activities, shared data, continuous communication
- Combat myths regarding poverty, homelessness, housing, health etc.
- The systems change, and education will afford us the ability to navigate through those changes
- Government has a role, but not always in that moment when we most need it. People will still need SNAP and Medical Assistance, but we do know that food stamps mostly go to kids, elderly and disabled. So how can we redistribute resources from food stamps to a local foodbank or church pantry?

### **Means**

- Navigation, coordinated entry, case worthy

### **Wrap up**

- Don't be discouraged by the number of people participating, you will bring people on as you move forward. There will always be naysayers, but we can't

think about that. If people come along with us, that is great. Others may just sit back and watch and that is also ok.

- Flyers can be sent out or food can be offered to help engage and motivate more people to come.
- The original resource list will continue to grow and change over time. Updating the website and Facebook page are great for getting information out as well.
- Done using Cold Weather Collaborative and will start using Donegal HUB from this point on.

### **Action Steps**

- Bridges out of poverty trainings (2 separate trainings)
  - ½ day and a 2-hour evening training
  - Estimate about 100 people may attend
  - Could use a church (Florin, Trinity, CBC)
  - Could also use a school building
  - Gathering Place

#### **4. Stephanie Manuel: Regular Meeting Schedules**

- We will begin meeting on the first Monday of every month and will send out emails with those meeting details. If you find people who are interested in participating, please email their contact information to **[Donegalhub@gmail.com](mailto:Donegalhub@gmail.com)** so we can add them to our contact list.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Milanof-Schock Library. Bridges Out of Poverty trainings will most likely be in early to mid-May. Emails will be sent out once specific dates and times are determined for those trainings.