

**Southeastern Connecticut
Regional Human Services Coordinating Council**

*A steering committee
of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments*

Draft Minutes

**Friday, October 25, 2019
8:30 AM**

Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
5 Connecticut Avenue, Norwich, CT

Attendees: Dina Sears-Graves, Emma King, Kathleen Stauffer, Nancy Gentes, Joan Wessell, Lee-Ann Gomes, Cathy Zall, Stephenie Guess, Scott Umbel, Laurel Holmes, Jennifer O'Brien, Jeanne Millstein, Jim Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Carly Myers, Jeff Shaw.

1. Call to Order – *Kathleen Stauffer*
2. Welcome and Introductions – *Kathleen Stauffer*
3. The Alliance: The Voice of Community Nonprofits – *Jeff Shaw*

Jeff Shaw gave a presentation on The Alliance, a statewide association focused on public policy, training, an allies program (business discounts, etc.) preferred purchasing, and shared resources for nonprofits. The Alliance is holding a conference on November 6, and an additional advocacy training in New London in January.

Steering committee members discussed that their organizations have a need for leadership training.

Additional events were discussed: a social networking event November 14 at 4 PM at WilliBrew in Willimantic, and a public policy agenda advocacy toolkit event December 10 in New London.

4. Shared Services – *Amanda Kennedy*

United Way 211

Amanda Kennedy recapped information about United Way's 211 system, which Annie Scully had presented at a previous meeting. There was interest in follow-up training for organization staff.

Nov 21 CFECT Workshop- Strategic Frameworks for Nonprofits

Amanda Kennedy distributed flyers for an upcoming event in Norwich, Strategic Frameworks for Nonprofits. This event is aimed at executive directors, senior staff, and board members.

Survey

Amanda Kennedy distributed a draft of a survey to go out to RHSCC members asking specifically what activities agencies might be interested in subcontracting for. The results will be used to facilitate matchmaking between agencies with the ability to provide services to and those who would benefit from subcontracting. The survey asks about activities related to facilities, human resources, finance and administration, PR/communications, and board management.

5. New Business

Representative Joe Courtney is advocating for H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

The Northeast No Freeze shelter is at capacity and looking for an alternative space. The No Freeze shelter in Windham is being evicted, and if another location falls through then the New London Homeless Hospitality Center in New London will be the only shelter in eastern CT. This will be the first year with adequate Point in Time counts in Northeast CT, so providers are not yet sure what the demand will be, but projected 25-45 individuals nightly.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Next Meeting: Jan 17, 2020, 8:30 AM