

**GRANITE STATE FUTURE**  
**EQUITY AND ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

January 14, 2014 Meeting Summary  
*Local Government Center, Concord, NH*  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**Members in attendance:**

MaryLou Beaver, Family Assistance Advisory Council  
Victoria Davis, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission  
Bill Guinther, NH Housing Finance Authority  
Bruce Mallory, Carsey Institute UNH  
Shayna Sylvia, Strafford Regional Planning Commission  
Michele Holt-Shannon, NH Listens

Bruce facilitated the meeting and distributed copies of the “Draft GSF Statewide Strategies for the Partner Organizations, Agencies, and RPC.” This was provided by Jennifer Cysz from the November 4, 2013 gathering of all Technical Advisory Subcommittees (TASC). The meeting participants reviewed the list and then discussed which items seemed to stand out as especially relevant from the stand point of the Equity and Engagement Subcommittee.

After much discussion from all participants, the following was determined to be a final conclusion for points to be delivered:

- I. Comprehensive Planning – Key for the basis of equity by providing well-thought out communities. This might include dense downtowns and village areas to provide affordable housing, walkable communities to access services, and public transit where available. The “Equity and Engagement Checklist” developed by the Subcommittee in December 2012 provides a guide to communities to insure that all their residents are represented in planning for the future of the community.
- II. Information Needs and Sharing – The planning process must be visible and accessible. It is important to find the right mix of information distribution so it is not overwhelming but available to all citizens in a comprehensive format. There should be an outreach component to make sure the information is reaching all populations.
- III. Focus on Common Needs and the Common Good – This would include economic development including transportation, professional training, public education, and youth engagement and retention.

Bruce stated that this would be the final meeting of the Subcommittee.

**Public comment/questions:** There were no public attendees, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Submitted by,  
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