

## GNCOC Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2015

Present: Ana Pancine, Barbara Alves, Baleigh Crooker (for Abigail Alicea), Kevin O'Meara, Alex Hamel, Wendy LeBlanc, Bob Mack, Peter Kelleher

Meeting began at 10:05 with introductions.

Minutes were reviewed from May meeting and approved with a few edits. Minute taking strategies were discussed.

Employment Connect logo has been approved and Ana has sent approval to committee chair, Tom Lopez.

Concerns about attendance at this meeting were addressed. Many folks missing today had notified Ana or other members that they couldn't be here.

Election of officers was discussed. Ana will send an email to the GNCOC in July letting folks know that elections will take place in October so if anyone is interested in being Chair, Vice-Chair or Clerk, they should let Ana know by the end of August so Board can request a bio statement and prepare ballots. At the August BOD meeting we will finalize staggered terms and who will be presented for a slate of Board members at the October meeting for an approval vote from the full GNCOC.

Discussion re: Coordinated Access and the challenges with clients discharged from other programs. Peter suggested that the PATH worker should be included in the CA email loop so if someone is identified as homeless and mentally ill, perhaps she could provide some outreach. The same could happen if it a veteran (SSVF) or someone with HIV/AIDS (Task Force) or addiction challenges (Keystone).

Brief discussion took place about the Bridge program and Peter indicated that there will be a meeting within the next two weeks with the State and the Disability Rights Center to try to open up requirements for persons with mental illness for this program, hopefully making the eligibility criteria less rigid.

Ana indicated that the HIC and PIT were successfully submitted to HUD and she registered us for the upcoming COC application, despite a glitch where HUD removed her from their email distribution list. This glitch has been resolved. Ana stated that the renewal amount for all current programs is \$1,846,344. Planning dollars in the amount of \$55,390 are available to apply for, although we have been unsuccessful in the past. Low scores on past applications are likely why we didn't get planning dollars and our lowest score is due to incomplete HMIS participation from all housing providers in the GNCOC. There will be Tier 1 and 2 again but we don't know yet how much will have to be "shaved off". Application has not been released yet. Ana is working with Bob to get the ranking committee established in advance, and to review ranking sheets for possible revisions.

We will plan to meet in July (7/10) but if the COC application has not yet been released, Ana will notify us that we will cancel this summer meeting.

September presentations could include Maureen Ryan unless she can make August and Peter will talk to the gentleman from the US Interagency Council on Homelessness to see if he might be able to come. If not, Bob suggested a review of employment programs, and/or if there have been changes to the Bridge program, a short presentation about that.

Peter asked the Board's approval for his ongoing activities towards working with the VA to declare an end to veteran homeless in the GNCOC by August or September. There will be an outreach event in July to cover GNCOC geography to find any remaining unsheltered veterans. Ad in the telegraph notifying the public of this initiative. All at the meeting gave approval for moving forward and Peter asks for any ideas or suggestions to be sent to him. Hoping to be able to declare an end to chronic homeless by sometime next year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10AM

Minutes submitted by Wendy LeBlanc, Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force