

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Board Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2016

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Ana Pancine, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

In attendance were Ana Pancine, Wendy LeBlanc, Alexandra Hamel, Kevin O’Meara, Barbara Alves, Dawn Reams, Pam Small and Marcy Doyle

Ana let us know that she had received messages from several members stating that they would not be able to attend today’s meeting.

The group reviewed the minutes from the May 13, 2016 meeting. Kevin made a motion to approve them which was seconded by Alex. All were in favor, with four abstentions.

July Meeting:

The group agreed to not hold a July BOD meeting due to vacations and conflicts. Also, not much pressing in July. Ana will send an email to all BOD members letting them know there will be no meeting.

September Presentation:

Ana has been in touch with Beverly Doolan and Patty Crooker at Nashua DPHS to discuss them presenting on “My Health, My Care” and also discussed the group’s idea about having other community health providers such as Lamprey, Harbor Care, GNMHC, Dental Connection also present. Patty offered to take the lead in contacting those other providers to provide a collaborative presentation in September.

Letter to Representatives:

Ana confirmed that all members had positive feedback to the email with the letter for our Congresswomen regarding the loss of PH programs in our COC application and the group agreed she should sign the letters and get them sent out ASAP.

HUD Appeal:

Ana talked about a scoring sheet that was sent out to COCs who had projects cut. She said that it didn’t provide any information about why the programs were cut, they just indicated that we scored low on some sections but didn’t say why. Ana had Harbor Homes’ grant writer, Vanessa Talasazan, look at it as well as Scott Slattery, Housing Director, and they both agreed there was no concrete information provided.

There was a regional meeting via conference call that was scheduled to let folks know why they were cut. Ana attended and was still not able to get any concrete answers. They did offer information for those

who would like to submit an appeal and she will be working on the appeal this afternoon with Vanessa, if this group is amenable. We agreed she should go ahead.

Some additional discussion took place about a number of other HUD funded programs that people have heard are also being cut.

This led to a discussion about match dollars and how the PH programs are really a financial burden to run. If not for the Ending Homelessness Fund, Harbor Homes would not be able to reach the required match.

Website:

Keven shared that he has had some discussion with Ari from Boswell and he plans to meet with him on Monday to talk more about how a new COC website could integrate with HMIS. This led to discussion regarding the website committee and what the charge of the committee is, an informational website (and if so, targeting who? Consumers, providers, community members?), or a portal for client access. There seem to be varying ideas on what should be done with this. The group felt it was important to get the website up first, and then down the road, perhaps add these data collecting and client access features. It also was mentioned that Kevin should be doing this work with a committee, as opposed to it being a one-man project, and then the committee could hash out these ideas, instead of the BOD.

Other Issues:

Pam asked if she were officially a member of the BOD now. Wendy explained that the formal elections take place in October, so technically she is not a voting member yet but her input and participation is greatly appreciated. Ana will be sure and have us create a slate of officers in September to be voted on at the October GNCOC meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.

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