

Ending Homeless Committee

October 5, 2016- Nashua City Hall

Present at the meeting were; Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Doug Howard, Olga Cruz, Abigail Alicea, Lianne Bower, Hilary Keating, Sandra Delosa, Donald Pare, Laurie Goodman, Cherrie Fulton, Courtney Marrs, Kim Adie, Chelsea Guill, Chelsea Jennings, Tom Lopez, Melissa Johnstone

Call to order at 9:00am. Introductions were made by all. The group reviewed minutes from September 7, 2016. C. Fulton made a motion to accept the minutes W. LeBlanc seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Coordinated Entry (CE) - Shared the different CE contacts statewide that Melissa Hatfield provided to us. Reviewed it with the group. If you are out and forget our CE 800# you can always call 211 and they will give it to you.

Agency Capacity is very important for CE workers to know about. Some CE workers call the local shelters first thing in the morning to see what they have for capacity. The thing to note is that when you have a client call asking for shelter and you tell them to go to a certain place but then the client fails to go until the end of the day and then that spot has already been taken. The local shelters will not hold on to a bed for anyone. It is a first come, first served basis. Maple St. Shelter will call CE to inform them of their capacity but keep in mind the capacity changes very frequently.

- Nashua Soup Kitchen has 6 male beds available. One small family unit coming up soon. Transitional Housing is still available for a single parent with children. The household must have income.
- The Front Door Agency has rapid rehousing available.

Wrap around services are always available for folks not moving out of the shelters.

D. Howard talked about a program called *Youth Count* and he plans to work with schools to implement this in Nashua this year. Similar to our Point-In-Time count, but for homeless youth only. Several different cities have done the program in the past although each implemented it a little bit differently.

Announcements:

Employment Connect was a huge success this year. We had about 60 people come and 15 different employers.

The Veteran Stand-down was also a success. Many were helped and connected to resources.

Don't miss a free community Education Forum on October 6th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at the Welcoming Light Inc. 45 High St. the topic will be on Substance Misuse.

Minutes taken by Magaly Rios, Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force-PSL