

Ending Homelessness Committee

October 7, 2015 Nashua City Hall

Present in meeting were; Bob Mack, Don Pare, Ashley Taylor, Robert Mottola, Pamela Small, Kevin O'Meara, Angela Roberts, Cherri Fulton, Doug Howard, Magaly Rios, Chris Gartland, Olga Cruz, Lianne Bower

Welcomed D. Howard to the committee as a homeless outreach worker for the Nashua Public schools. Introductions were made by all. Reviewed minutes from last meeting. A. Alicea made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by C. Fulton. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Coordinated Access:

Discussed Intake Form process. B. Mack stated that when a client comes to the city welfare office looking for shelter staff sits down with the client and fills out the 2 page CA intake form with the client, then it gets uploaded into the computer to the CA email action group. We are getting a lot better at communicating with each other. It was noted that all veterans looking for assistance should be referred to the SSVF program.

The Greater Nashua Continuum of Care website needs to be re done so it can be more user friendly. It's a matter of time to go over the website with the right people. K. O'Meara was identified to work on this task with HHI staff.

Employment Connect was a success this year. Now we are moving forward to the Project Homeless Connect (PHC) event. This event will be held at 45 High St. Welcoming Light institute. Many different resources at 45 High St. Such as Harbor Care clinic. The clinic will be open for 48 hours but we need more folks to utilize it. We will be doing this event at the same day the state will be doing their annual Point in Time count. We don't yet have a date as this date is chosen by the statewide committee. We will have a date for some time in January. PIT is typically completed in the last week of January.

PHC Planning Committee will be reconvening sometime in the near future. Participants welcome. Stay tuned for email for the first planning meeting.

Discussed homeless outreach. Greater Nashua Mental Health Center has its own outreach worker (PATH – Susan Mead). The State of NH no longer has a Homeless Outreach worker as it did not get funded. Discussed resources for "street outreach." Could consider Nashua Community College and River College student resources for street outreach for the PHC. This could help the event be a better success.

A suggestion was made to have each organization/shelter present on their organization/programs at EHC meeting. There are so many different requirements for each different organization/shelter as well as turnover of staff at various agencies, this could help streamline referrals.

Announcements:

HHI's Mainstream Housing program will be opening up the waitlist. Last time they opened the list was in 2008. They had about 200 people sign up over a two-day period.

Mable St Shelter will be having a male bed available. There is an intake process that takes some time for placement. The person must come to the shelter, will get a screening, and if the room is ready the person can come in. They track everyone that calls.

Family Promise and the Soup Kitchen and Shelter have a waiting list.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00am.

Minutes taken by Magaly Rios, Case Manager Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force.