

Ending Homeless Committee

Minutes of the January 2nd 2013 meeting

Present in meeting were: Eileen Brady, Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Jerry Leclerc, Laurie Skibba, Kathy Paquette, Glenn Liranzo, Donald Pare, Sandie Leavitt, Kevin O'Meara, Bob Mack, Sally Newhall, Heather Aicholtz, Laurel Redden, Lisa Cox

Call to order 9:00AM and introduction was made by all. Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed as we had no meeting in December. W. LeBlanc made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by J. Leclerc. All were in favor.

Project Homeless Connect Event: Had about 74 household that benefited from this event. The majority of them were men, 18 children were represented. Many of the people that came to this event were living in a rooming house or living in the streets. Next year we will make sure we have bags for this event so people can put their giveaways in them. Several State representatives came and they really enjoyed hearing from the people. K. Robinson went to the Manchester P.H.C event and they had volunteers help each individual walk to each table. Many of the volunteers were from the United Way and some were homeless people/peers. Will look into how many people attended the Manchester event and find out how many volunteers attended.

Community Relations will be meeting on the 23rd at the Merrimack Town Hall at 9:00AM. They are currently working on COC marketing with the Nashua High School North.

The Wrap around committee benefits many who have challenging cases. Good to have for those clients that are not moving out of homelessness. The last wrap around service had 3 participants. Two out of 3 gained employment. Contact B. Mack to schedule a meeting. A meeting can be put together usually within one to two weeks. Question was asked what if we put a wrap around meeting together and the client doesn't show up? In that case the Case workers can brain storm and talk about the situation for resources to get the client out of homelessness.

Rapid Re-Housing – The Front Door Agency and Bridges housed 3 families at the Norwell Home. G. Liranzo will have someone from the Front door come and talk about the Norwell Home.

Winter Shelter- Homeless shelters are full. Claremont NH has shelter openings for both men and women. S. Newhall has been meeting with the Area Interfaith Council regarding winter shelter for families for after business hours. A concern came up about bedbugs so no longer going to have an over night family stay at local churches. Another concern was do we really need an after hour family shelter. 211 stated that if it's after hours and they have money will place people in hotels. A suggestion was made that a warming center is highly needed here. Currently have 5 local churches that are willing to provide Emergency Shelter funding to 211.

Discussion took place regarding those clients that have not obeyed shelter rules or those who would rather have a hotel then stay in a shelter and that those kicked out of programs still need to be housed. If people are really desperate and truly need a place to stay for the night they will take anything available. S. Newhall will talk to the Manchester warming center to see how they came about doing it.

Meeting adjourned 10:00AM.

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