

Ending Homeless Committee

February 6, 2013

Present in meeting were: Eileen Brady, Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Laurie Skibba, Germano Martins, Kathy Paquette, Kimberly Robinson, Ray Villeneuve, Lianne Bower, Glenny Liranzo, Pamela Deres, Hilary Keating, Sally Newhall, Ed Bowman, Miles Pendry. Moe Daniels, Tanya Tujillo

The minutes of the January 2, 2013 were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by W. LeBlanc, which was seconded by S. Newhall. Approved unanimously

Point in Time count- M. Pendry reported that the final numbers are being put together. He is still waiting for some agencies to submit. Harbor Care clinic was not open for the PIT this year.

Warming Center/Family Emergency Shelter- Discussion took place regarding the need for emergency shelter and Harbor Homes' offer to let a family stay overnight in the Maple St Shelter office if there was an after-hours emergency. S. Newhall stated that the McDonalds on West Hollis St. will not kick people out. The church community bought gift certificates to give out to homeless people so they can have a warm place to hang out for a while.

Discussion was had regarding homeless people putting their children in danger by being homeless and unsheltered. For example, living in a car maybe not be the safest environment for a child. Clarification was made that as long as the child is with the parent and they have food, they can even live in a tent if they choose too.

Community Relations- M. Daniels reported that here is a draft of our new COC logo that the Nashua High School North students have been working on. An example of the draft was shown to the committee. In two weeks they will meet again to review the final logo. After the logo is completed then the students will work on our COC website. We need a website that is more engaging. B. Mack stated that it's nice that the Nashua High students are willing to help do this. We have tried many times to have colleges help but they never did.

Wrap around service – We will have one this Friday. This is when small groups of providers meet with a client that keeps having problems regarding homelessness. We reach out to key provider regarding the situation like Employment provider, Shelter provider, Welfare officer. We encourage people to use this as it can be very helpful.

Brief Discussion took place regarding the Rapid Re-Housing- Emergency Solution grant coming soon.

Christina Presenti from BRIDGES talked to group about their Transitional Housing opportunity. They work with the Front Door agency to provide TH to families. Currently have 3 two bedroom apartments. This program is for people to stay in for no longer then 2 years. For a person to qualify for this TH they

must be over the age of 18, in an abusive situation and immigrants are accepted. Referrals are made by phone. Have many applications and the families selected are those in the worst situation. Looking for more housing within the budget to help more people.

Announcements:

~G. Martins urged people to keep an eye on the State House bill. DHHS is always looking for ways to cut down.

~Next meeting will be at City Hall.

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