

Ending Homeless Committee

Meeting minutes of November 7, 2012

Present in meeting were: Eileen Brady, Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Jerry Leclerc, Laurie Skibba, Glenn Liranzo, Denise Green, Donald Pare, Sandie Leavitt, Pamela Deres, Hilary Keating, Bob Mack, Sue M, Laurel Redder, Cate Sementa, Kevin Fox, Stacie Laughton, Patricia Green

Call to order at 9:00AM. Introductions made by all. Minutes of our October meeting were reviewed W. LeBlanc made a motion to approve the minutes the motion was seconded by D. Green. All were in favor.

Project Homeless connect will be on December 4 from 11:30AM to 3:00PM at 45 High St. Welcoming Light. Many agencies have registered. Bob will be sending out registrations forms via email for those who have not registered yet.

Community Relations met with Nashua High School North regarding the COC project they are working on. It's off to a really good start. The Students have come up with a new COC logo, and tag line. One of the logos was a picture of helping hands in the back ground. We will be inviting the students to a COC meeting so they can have a better idea of our process and mission.

Wrap around meeting has held last month with a shelter provider and two clients with different challenges. The shelter provider sent an email with the situation. In a week we were able to have a meeting with some providers to help with the concerns. Each meeting lasted about 30 minutes long. One of the clients got employed maybe because of this wrap around meeting.

P. Green from SNMC is seeing an increase in homeless people coming into the hospital. Came to this meeting to make a connection with providers to have a better understanding of what resources are available for them. Many come after hours. B. Mack suggested calling the homeless hotline. For new hospital staff they are required to have a tour of the local homeless shelters.

S. Leavitt met with the Concord Shelter to have a better idea how they run. The church is considering having two to three families at a time in the church after regular business hours for the next day to go out and find resources. A new shelter will open in Rockingham County.

There is no new women's shelter in Nashua. There was someone trying to do one with good intentions but it didn't work out. Norwell home will have an opening in their TH program. The new Veteran's program will be added to our accomplishments.

G. Liranzo stated that The Front door Agency is still very busy like last month. They are booked for the month of November for the Security deposit program. They are willing to work with local homeless shelters if clients are in need of Sec. Deposit. You can call her direct line for assistance 886-2866. C. Sementa stated that the VA program also helps with deposit for veterans. They also help with short term assistance and it take about 48 business hours for the landlord to get the check. W. LeBlanc stated that the Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force also helps with security deposit for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Warming Center: Currently there is no warming center here in Nashua. People choose to go to church over the weekend or go to the mall to keep warm during the winter days. Manchester has a day shelter for people. Manchester was able to have this day shelter because they got money to do this. The real need is not a day drop in center but a Night drop in Center. Having a good visible location would be good. M. Daniels will be doing some preliminary research into funding, staffing and location for this to happen in Nashua.

There being no further discussion Meeting adjourned..

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