

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care

Wednesday January 3, 2018

Nashua City Hall 3rd Floor Auditorium

Mandy Reagan is chairing today's meeting without Heather Nelson. Introductions were made by all. Minutes from December's meeting were reviewed. Barbara Alves made a motion to approve the minutes Candace Gebhart seconded it. The motion passed without objection.

Board of Directors: Met last month and discussed having Pearl Marketing do our GNCOC website. Everything was approved with accounts payable last week. We also talked about having a new outreach worker and we will invite Susan Mead that currently does outreach for Greater Nashua Mental Health to work with the new person on how she currently outreaches and discuss strategies.

Ending Homelessness: We are learning about the different Raid Re-housing (RRH) programs.. The programs that are funded at several agencies in Nashua all can assist up to nine families, although some can house more, depending on the budget. Case management services are provided as well.

Employment Committee: Donna reported that the Employment committee is discussing Employment Connect. It will be held in May this year. It will be held at the Nashua Public Library. The Gate City Bike Co-Op has been very resourceful for many of our client that are getting employed and the program is helping clients get to their jobs.

Data Gathering: T. Lopez reported that the committee will be meeting January 9th at 9:00AM at The Partnership for Successful Living 77 Northeaster BLVD. We will be talking about the Point in Time count (PIT). It is very important that we each do the PIT. This is when we count the homeless individuals in the community, which is required to receive HUD funding for the COC. This coincides with Project Homeless Connect on January 24th. Even if you do not see your client that day but you know that you have that client homeless please included that person so it can be counted. Everything will be de-duplicated so folks will not be counted twice.

Miles Pendry sent out an email to all in regards to the Housing Inventory Chart, which shows all housing programs in our community and is also required by HUD. . Please take a look at that if you have not done so already to update any housing programs. Miles will also soon be sending out the PIT spreadsheets and instructions.

Youth Committee: Doug Howard reported that he is working with a statewide committee on youth homelessness. They are focusing on identifying resources for homeless youth as well as new strategies for this population. Their next meeting will be January 10th at 9am at the Sununu Youth Services Center in Manchester. Thanked everyone from the GNCOC that came to the Ending Homelessness Fund event that focused on this topic..

Announcements:

- Bob Mack reminded everyone that Project Homeless Connect will be on January 24th at the Welcoming Light Institute, 45 High St. Starts at 11am ends at 2:30pm. Agencies who would like to participate must register. Agencies are welcome to give out handouts but little items such as batteries or gift cards no big items. The goal is to get folks connected to resources.

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- Job Core is having their graduation on January 24th. Folks can register ages 16-24.
- Mike Apffelberg reported that the City of Nashua Community Grant is now open (Formerly Review and Comment). The deadline is January 19th. There is new process involved so, please take some time to look over it. One of the biggest changes is that they will no longer be having face-to face interviews, they will be scoring the applications strictly on what is written in the application.
- W. LeBlanc informed us that Syringe Services will be starting in February 1, 2018 On January 22nd we will be training people/agencies that want to be involved. Please let Wendy know if you or your agencies want to help with this new program.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50AM