

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
October 3, 2018
Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Call to Order 8:00AM

Chairing today is GNCOC vice-chair Gary Hooper.

Introductions were made by all. Mike Apfelberg made a motion to accept the minutes from our September 5th meeting, seconded by Candace G. All were in favor.

Executive Committee: The COC application was submitted. We need to make sure we comply with everything on that application, per HUD regulation. We will be working toward improvements in our system to align with goals in the application. Next month BRIDGES and NH Coalition against Domestic Violence will be presenting to us. Our new website will soon be live. With our planning grant, we are able to hire a GNCOC Coordinator that can help us with many important things that we all don't have time to do. Also discussed the VI-SPDAT and how we can better utilize this tool in conjunction with a by name list. It was discussed that the full GNCOC is not getting the minutes from this committee.

Ending Homelessness committee: B. Mack reported, Coordinated Entry was the focus of last month's meeting. Encouraged those who work with the CE to stay for the following meeting as we will be reviewing the intake form so we call all use it the same way. Sue Mead will be sending out a flyer to all about the benefits of a wraparound service meeting, which can be for a person or a family struggling with a variety of challenges.

Data gathering Committee: T. Lopez stated that this committee did not meet last month. Looking for a new chair to lead this committee.

Employment Committee: T. Lopez stated the committee met last month. Discussion in regards to the minimum wage fight that is currently happening. Discussed the issue with folks going to the DMV to get proof of residency and what they are challenged with. Donna Marceau recently attended a meeting in Concord about this and will be sending everyone information about it. The state of NH is very strict and it was advised if you have any issues to contact Maria directly at the DMV or contact Jen Smith at the Governor's office at 603-271-7676.

Youth Committee: D. Howard reported that the committee did not meet last month. He will be leaving his current job but will be available for technical support or for any questions in regards to the McKinney-Vento Vento act. Will also continue to be part of the GNCOC. Will be working with Nashua High School North and South for a program called My Turn. We wish Doug the very best in his new adventures.

Announcements:

- The Homeless Veteran stand down event at Harbor Homes happened and we had many veterans that came and benefited from this event.

- New Hampshire Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness (NH ICH) meets every 6 months. Recovery Housing and more VASH vouchers are coming.
- Peter Kelleher stated his 4-year term is over working with the National Advisory Committee for Homeless Veterans. This committee is tasked with provide guidance for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on best practices, services and benefits for veterans experiencing homelessness. Was able to see very interesting ways to help individuals facing homelessness. One being a "Mater Leasing" program with mobile home communities, where a person lives in a mobile home and then gets connected with medical care, mental health care etc. This is a great model and it maybe something we can have here one day.
- Harbor Homes Inc has new housing vouchers available. Sharon Brodeur is the housing manager that can be contacted if you have any questions 603-882-3616.
- Alderman T. Lopez, invites us to join him on a community cleaning meeting on Saturday the 6th at the Nashua Public Library at 10AM. There will be training on how to properly handle trash.
- Nashua Listens will be on "The use of public spaces" at the Methodist Church, October 24th 6:30PM-9:00PM.

Meeting Adjourn 8:57AM

Minutes taken by Magaly Rios, Senior Case Manager for the Southern New Hampshire HIV/AIDS Task Force, PSL