

## **Greater Nashua Continuum of Care (GNCOC)**

*December 5, 2018*

Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Call to Order 8:00AM

Chairing today is Mandy Reagan who explained to everyone the meeting layout. This month is reporting out of the various subcommittees. Introductions were made by all. Wendy L. motioned to approve the minutes from November 7, 2018, seconded by Peter K. All were in favor.

**Executive Committee:** We are working on the structure of this committee, and the future of the GNCOC meetings. We are looking at gaps as related to our COC application to HUD and how we might take action on necessary items. Our new GNCOC Coordinator, Ashley, is assisting us since we are able to hire her through our planning grant. The website is being worked on and it should be live by the end of this week. Keep an eye out for the link as it will be sent to everyone.

**Ending Homelessness Committee:** Discussion about our Coordinated Entry (CE) Hotline. Working on making it a better process for everyone. Identified the agencies who are currently answering the phones. The CE email loop is working and is very active. We reviewed the capacity of the current shelters. The next meeting will take place directly after this one at 9AM today.

**Data Gathering Committee:** Jill O. Neil has stepped up to be the be the interim chair. She will be looking for members to join the committee. In this committee we will be discussing many things such as Who are we serving? Are we meeting people's needs? We can also review trends and patterns. We will be reporting to the GNCOC on the different things such as the Point in Time Count (PIT) also we will look at the different grantees of the GNCOC to see how their programs are doing.

**Employment Committee:** We are currently working on the Employment Connect Job Fair that will be taking place in May 2019. Primarily, this committee talks about current events related to employment in our community. This committee is helpful for providers who help people get jobs. If you are interested in joining this committee, please let Tom Lopez know. We also have a Gmail account that you can email the committee directly about any questions.

**Youth Homelessness Committee:** This committee currently has no chair as the past chair was the Nashua School District homeless liaison that no longer is working for the Nashua School district. The committee is actively looking for members to join. The focus of this committee is to end Youth homelessness. The State-wide youth homelessness committee meets regularly.

### **Announcements:**

- Donna from the Nashua Soup Kitchen informed us that the winter coats will not be given out at the church any more but at the Soup Kitchen and Shelter. They are looking for donated coats and will be collecting until March 2019.
- The Nashua Transit is looking for feedback on the Route 8 Service changes, the route that will provide transportation to DHHS and to DCYF. A public hearing will be held on

December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at the NTS Administration Building. Flyers are available to all. Kristi Gillette also wants to remind everyone that there is a Route 11 bus that provides transportation to different organizations in the community every 20 minutes. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to her.

- NH Legal Assistance is available to help those who may be negatively impacted by the new Medicaid work requirements.
- United Way wants to remind everyone December is a great month to look at your information in 211 to make sure it's on their correctly. In June, they will hold another Over the Edge event and they are looking for 3 or 4 more participants. Lastly, the radio show is now broadcasting to Manchester. This is a radio show where you can come in and talk about your organization or an upcoming event you are working on. Currently booking into April 2019. Let Mike A. know if you have any questions about any of these events.
- NH Medicaid is doing presentations talking about the new work requirements. They are held in different locations around the community.
- Gate City Bike Coop wants to thank everyone for all the referrals this past year. Through this program we have been able to give out over 600 bikes! St. Patrick's church is no longer available, so we are looking for new space. The winter hours are going to be changing and they will no longer be open on Mondays. Please contact Bike Coop if you have anyone who needs a bike as they will make it work.
- Rosemary from the Salvation Army let everyone know that the Holiday gift signups are over, however if you have a family who really needs help please reach out. In some rare occasions they have been able to help.

Meeting Adjourned 8:48AM