

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2009
Nashua City Hall Auditorium
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Call to order: 8:07 a.m. by Chair Wendy Furnari

All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.

Homeless Prevention Stimulus Funding Presentation:

Maureen Ryan from HUD presented a power point presentation to explain the new stimulus funding to prevent homelessness. New Hampshire will be receiving 4.6 million and the City of Manchester will receive \$766,545.00.

Four categories of eligible activities include:

Financial Assistance:

Rental Assistance, Security Deposits, Utility Deposits and Payments, Moving Cost Assistance along with Hotel and Motel Vouchers.

Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services:

Includes Case Management Activities, Housing Search and Placement Activities, Legal Services and Credit Repair.

Data Collection and Evaluation:

Eligible costs include Cost of software and licenses, Leasing or purchasing computer equipments, Cost associated with data collection, entry and analysis, Staffing associated with HMIS including training and Costs associated with HUD required research and evaluation of HPRP program.

Administrative Costs:

Pre award administrative activities, Accounting for use of grant funds, preparing reports for submission to HUD, Program audits, Training directly related to the HPRP Program and Grantee and sub grantee staff salaries associated with these activities.

The application which will be due on May 18, 2009 and contracts will need to be executed by September 30, 2009. K. Paquette asked if the assistance would include sex offenders. M. Ryan indicated the plan did not specifically mention sex offenders.

Minutes of March 4, 2009: B. Mack noted a correction on page 2, paragraph 2. J. Leclerc motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. C. Furlong seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Accessing Mainstream Resources Presentation:

Christina Hall from TAC talked about Mainstream Resources, such as Medicaid, Social Security and Food Stamps. HUD wants a sense of how the Continua are doing, so far they have looked at Michigan, Maryland and Kentucky. She reviewed some “best practices” and will send a copy of her power point presentation that we were unable to view at this meeting due to technical difficulties.

Christina explained that TANF has been a relative success story whereas food stamps have had some barriers and obstacles. Certain groups are ineligible for Social Security due to things such as substance abuse. There needs to be work done to break down the challenges between individuals, providers and at the system levels.

A new software tool is being used in hospitals and jails to speed up benefits for individuals. She also discussed the SOAR program that trains homeless providers to help clients access Social Security benefits.

TANF recipients have lost benefits while transitioning to employment. A new change will allow individuals to transition into employment for 6 months and not have any effect on their benefits.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Keystone Hall.