

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Ending Homeless Committee  
Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2012  
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Present at the meeting were: Eileen Brady, Carol Furlong, Wendy LeBlanc, Bob Mack, Magaly Rios, Laurie Skibba, Glenny Liranzo, Sylvia Gale, Nicole Linton, Jerry LeClerc, Ray Villeneuve, Kay Golden, Pamela Deres, Kevin O'Meara

B. Mack, Chair, called to order at 9:00AM, Introductions were made by all. Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed as there was no meeting in January. W. LeBlanc made a motion to accept the minutes and C. Furlong seconded the motion to accept the minutes. All were in favor.

Group reviewed the Homeless outreach tools. W. LeBlanc mentions that she is getting calls from homeless clients looking for resources. When she gets email from people depending on their story she will give them a contact person for assistance. Maybe 211 is giving out the wrong information on who the homeless outreach person is. A suggestion was made to forward the email to the COC.

10 year plan reviewed–

**#1 – Utilize funding resources for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing.** The goal has been *accomplished* and this work continues.

**#2- Create an organized strategy of resource acquisition for affordable housing.** W. LeBlanc stated that the Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force helps with rental assistance if they have a 12 month lease, to prevent eviction. E. Brady stated the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter doesn't fund a week's stay, it also needs to be a more long term solution. G. Liranzo stated that at The Front Door makes sure that people can afford the apartment in order to get assistance. A comment was made that there is currently some money to rapidly house people (HPRP). The funding ends in June for two different populations; people that just came out of a mental Health institution the other one is for prevent them into going back to a mental Health institution. There are not many funding sources for other populations. How do we focus on other populations?

**#3- Partner with landlords that are willing to execute short term leases to rapidly house homeless person in apartments rather than shelter units/motel placements.** That is *done*.

**#4- Conduct a public forum to determine how to best address the question of intra-state and inter-state homeless resources, and the question of residential requirements for homeless service provision.** It was discussed that the executive committee will meet with folks from the State and other COCs to discuss merging the various plans across the state regarding homelessness. This partially accomplishes this goal.

**#5- Develop a standardized application process among area providers for housing and/or services to simplify the process for clients and providers.** There is one being used currently. G. Liranzo stated it makes the referral process better if the client comes in to "The Front Door" to first help them fill the form and if other agencies need to connect with the client then the provider simply faxes over that form to the other agency. *Accomplished*.

**#6- Create a NH Trust-** United Way, NH Charitable foundation is doing good. A question was asked if it would be a good idea for us to meet with these two Organizations. The executive committee members are very informed of all the resources.

**#7- Investigate mainstream funding/resources that will provide a full range housing placement services for Victims of Domestic Violence.** This goal has been *completed*. Keystone Hall, The Front Door, Bridges have all expanded.

**#8- Educate and provide support to individuals and businesses to create employment opportunities for homeless persons.** We have an Employment Subcommittee and the annual Project Employment Connect. This goal has been *accomplished*.

We have accomplished about 5 out of 8 goals. The Executive committee will review this. The point and time count took place last week. Not everyone has done it yet. E. Brady explains to our guests what the Point and time count is.

The Tool kit is being worked on with all the updates. B. Mack is getting responses from the different agencies with their changes. Once it's all updated then we will update it on the COC web page.

Meeting adjourned 9:58AM

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