

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Ending Homeless Committee

Minutes of June 1, 2011

Present at the meeting were: Eileen Brady, Magaly Rios, Candace Gebhart, Jerry LeClerc, Bob Mack, Kathy Paquette, Lori Wilshire, Roger Beauchamp, Laurie Skibba, Ray Villeneuve, Kevin O'Meara

Call to order by Chair Bob Mack

Minutes from May 4th meeting were reviewed. J. LeClerc made a motion to accept the minutes, C. Gebhart second the motion. All were in favor.

Update on Project Employment Connect

J. LeClerc stated that a meeting will be held to see who we've contacted. Currently we are trying to find different resources before the event. It's better to have the client prepared before the event. St. Joseph Hospital is looking to open a thrift shop this year. We are looking to gather more data this year.

C. Gebhart requested a list to give the Chamber of Commerce of people looking for employment who have good skills (with the client's permission). B. Mack added we can do it one or two ways. The Chamber can also contact us & tell us what type of work do they need and we can let the clients know. E. Brady added we need to be careful who needs the job done. J. LeClerc the different jobs will come from the Chamber members it will be safe.

B. Mack reinforced to the Chamber that these people really want to work. We are happy the Chamber is willing to help. J. LeClerc stated that the registration forms will be reviewed & changed, also this year will be a resource guide for clients that Magaly is working on, in case client don't leave the event with jobs they would at least have resources of where they can go for help in finding employment. We need to continue to build good relations with other agencies.

Direction of Ending Homeless Committee

B. Mack reviewed the 8 steps. We want to reduce the numbers of beds in shelter not because of funding but because it's no longer needed.

How do we work with other states? K. Paquette is seeing many people from other States coming here with many big issues, going to different providers trying to get what they want. B. Mack added the Wrap around Services is a great because that way the client sees that there are many different providers that are willing to help & it's all the same information that the client is getting from other providers.

B. Mack talked about some goals moving forward and we need to update our plan. Next meeting we will look at the wheel of responsibilities.

R. Villeneuve stated that the Area Interfaith Group is trying to expand. They have done many different grants. Community Relations will be presenting to the Area Interfaith Group.

It take a community to work together to end homelessness!

No further business meeting adjourned at 9:40am

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