

## Ending Homeless Committee

*October 1, 2014*

Present were: Eileen Brady, Sandra Delsosa, Sylvia Gale, Susan Howland, Hilary Keating, Sandie Leavitt, Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Donald Pare, Stephanie Roy, Rick Rutter, Jason Smith, Tony Paradiso

Introductions were made by all. G. Silva made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by W. LeBlanc. All approved.

The GNCOC meeting this morning was very nice. Good to know the Nashua School District now has representation at the GNCOC. HUD wants us to have as many community members participate in the GNCOC as possible.

B. Mack shared with the committee that he will be meeting with some agencies that are interested in being the lead agencies for the coordinated assessment. The names of those agencies are not being shared at this time.

More conversation took place about the coordinated assessment and the challenges faced. The VI SPDAT (Vulnerability Index and Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool) may be used but may be tweaked to fit families as well.

**Employment Connect** went very good this year. 11 individuals were hired. A big thank you to Sandy and Don for coordinating the use of the church.

**Project Homeless connect** has not met yet with the planning committee. We may be moving the date from December to January. That way it's after the holidays, coordinates with the point in time count and companies will be hiring the folks that went back to school after the holidays. We are looking at hosting the event on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, the day of the PIT. We can ask to do it at St. Patrick's church or we can do it at the Welcoming light room as the Healthcare for the homeless clinic is at the same location.

We currently have no homeless outreach worker in Nashua. We are seeing homeless people walking around town asking for money, although it is believed that most panhandlers are not homeless. Once we have a coordinated intake this will help many people in the streets to get connected. For now we can let folks know about 211. The homeless hot line is open 24/7 as well as the Domestic Violence hotline.

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