

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Ending Homelessness Committee
Minutes of the 9/1/10 Meeting

Present at the meeting were: Lianne Bower, Eileen Brady, Candace C. Gebhart, Jessica Karwatske, Joan Koliss, Wendy LeBlanc, Jerry Leclerc, Bob Mack, Katherine Merrill, Laura Nault, Kathryn Paquette, Magaly Rios, Janet Roy, Dennis Roy, Raymond Villeneuve

Call to Order 9:05am by Chair Eileen Brady

All present were introduced and newcomers welcomed. Reviewed minutes from August 2010 meeting. J. Leclerc made a motion to accept the minutes as written. C. Gebhart seconded the motion and motion carried.

E. Brady said she went to a Fair Housing meeting on 8/31/10 and there was a small turnout. W. LeBlanc said she has not witnessed much housing discrimination, but K. Paquette said she sees it often because she works for the Fair Housing Project through NH Legal Assistance. E. Brady stated that many folks don't know their rights and many smaller Landlords don't know either.

J. Koliss said she has been encountering many clients who have appointments for assistance, but the Landlord is unwilling to wait for the outcome of the appointments. C. Gebhart noted that there is no law stating that a LL needs to wait.

The tenant must be proactive in communicating with LL regarding seeking help. Some LLs are refusing rental vouchers from City Welfare and/or not filling out paperwork given to them by City Welfare.

Project Employment Connect

PEC will be held on 9/16/10 from 10am-2pm at Harbor Homes. The committee is still looking for employers to sign up. Jerry is having email problems, so if anyone reaches out to employers, please do not have them contact Jerry.

Project Homeless connect

PHC planning meeting will be held on 9/20/10 at Harbor Homes. At this time, a date has not yet been set for the event. E. Brady expressed concern that last year, many participants appeared to already have housing, which shifts the focus of the event.

Announcements

B. Mack noted that the Homeless Toolkit needs to be updated. C. Gebhart mentioned that she has an intern for the Fall who will be available to update agency information. The map is also not very user-friendly, and will need to be updated or eliminated. Once that is done, the EHC can review it and provide input.

J. and D. Roy stated that Fresh Start is going well; the requests have been shifting, and there were a lot of requests in June.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00am

Minutes prepared by Jessica Karwatske, NPCC