

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Executive Committee Meeting
June 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:35am by Chair, Wendy LeBlanc.

Present at the meeting were Bob Mack, Wendy LeBlanc, Mariellen Durso, Lisa Christie, Bob Mack, Barbara Alves, Peter Kelleher, Scott Costa and Beth Todgham.

B. Mack motioned to accept the May meeting minutes; seconded by S. Costa and the motion carried unanimously.

Topics of Discussion

United Way – Membership on Executive Committee

Paul Hebert, United Way president had expressed an interest in serving on the Executive Committee, but has a conflict with the meeting time. He would like to send a representative in his place. Group discussed who an appropriate representative might be and decided that it is a single person who attends on a regular basis and someone with the authority to carry information gained at the Executive Committee meetings back to UW for possible action. Executive Committee discussed idea that the UW representative could/might be a member of the UW Board of Directors which could be a positive in terms of increasing interest in issue of homelessness on the part of the business community. Bob Mack is a member of the UW board; he will talk to Paul to see who he had in mind and report back.

Data Gathering Committee

The way the Data Gathering Committee currently works was discussed. Committee leadership receives requests, etc. from Donna but in fact, the person most logical to act on those requests is Miles. Group discussed if there might be a more efficient way for this committee to function. It was noted that HMIS is being updated in the near future. Peter also indicated that there will be a number of changes in the amount and types of data that will be required by the Federal Government in the near future; his suggestion was that we wait until these changes materialize before making any changes to the Data Gathering Committee. Recruitment of a chair for the committee who would coordinate these efforts will be discussed at that time as well. Group also decided that we should find out how other Data Gathering Committees function for ideas.

COC Check Up/Action Plan

A subcommittee of Bob, Beth, Wendy and Peter has met to go over the COC Check Up and develop an action plan based on that document. Wendy is to submit this plan by Friday of this week; doing so will qualify the GNCOC for future technical assistance. Document created by the group mirrored the Federal Strategic plan goals with an emphasis on 1) Prevent and End Veterans' homelessness in five years; 2) Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness in five years; and 3) Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth and children. Several additions/changes were suggested for the document. Wendy will make these changes before submitting the final document to HUD.

Data/Committee Use

Group continued the discussion of an evolution, which would merge the Ending Homelessness Committee with the Wrap Around Committee – the result being a better sharing of information, and resources so that those serving the homeless population were better aware of the resources available to them and therefore could provide real resources for real people. A number of faith-based organizations are showing an interest in the

issue; they need to understand how the community works together so they can be productive members of the process. It was noted that as Rapid Rehousing becomes more of a priority, agencies would need to share more information with one another to move individuals/families through the process more efficiently. Data collected through HMIS will help in the identification of individuals in need of assistance – but will need to be available more in real time so that action can be taken more quickly. Will also need to gather information on where the referrals are coming from and what issues have brought individuals to the shelter in order to address assess the situation and develop solutions. The re-focusing of the committee was discussed at the May Ending Homeless Committee meeting; the discussion will continue when the group re-convenes in August – and discussed at the August GNCOC general meeting on August 1.

There is no Executive Committee meeting in July. Next Executive Committee meeting will be Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at Harbor Homes beginning at 8:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.