

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2014  
Harbor Homes Inc., 45 High Street

Ana Pancine, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:45am.

Present at the meeting were:

Ana Pancine, Harbor Homes  
Barbara Alves, Marguerite's Place and MP Housing  
Wendy LeBlanc, HIV Task Force  
Dawn Reams, Bridges  
Kevin O'Meara, Veterans FIRST

Abigail Alicea, Greater Nashua Mental Health Center  
Bob Mack, Nashua City Welfare  
Peter Kelleher, Partnership for Successful Living  
Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter

Minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes with one minor correction; Barbara seconded. Minutes were approved.

### **HEARTH IMPLEMENTATION**

Ana indicated that due to a heavy workload, she has not been able to meet with Abigail yet to develop a plan for creating new policies. This is on her radar and she will be working with Abigail to get this accomplished.

### **COORDINATED ASSESSMENT**

Ana shared that an email had been received from HUD asking for an update on our CA process. The spreadsheet was returned indicating that we are working on the process but lack capacity for planning, in hopes they may make some resources available to us. There was some discussion regarding planning dollars and why the GNCO did not receive any whereas we believe MCOC and BOSCO did. Wendy indicated it was due to scoring and that we did not score high enough on our entire application to receive the planning dollars.

Bob gave an update on last week's Ending Homelessness Committee meeting and how it functioned as a "wrap-around" group, brainstorming on some specific client situations and how to move those folks forward. The goal is to use this meeting as an ongoing forum to share resources and troubleshoot difficult cases.

We reviewed the draft that Bob wrote about the CA process and has a discussion about logistics and how it may all play out.

Some discussion took place regarding length of stay at shelters. Dawn indicated that their transitional housing program has helped folks move through the shelter faster and shared the components of Bridges' program that helps clients get into an apartment and then subsidizes their rent for up to two years, with the subsidy slowly decreasing to build self-sufficiency.

### **POINT IN TIME**

Peter said that he spoke with Maureen Ryan and suggested that as an addition to the PIT spreadsheet, an additional form be created to ask chronically homeless folks if they would like to also provide their contact info so that programs have a way to contact them if a housing opportunity presented itself. He shared that of the 81 CH identified on the last PIT, approximately 25 cannot be located or identified and Harbor Homes has housing available to these folks if they want it. By adding the contact info, those identified as CH this year would have a better shot at being housed if we know where to find them. Kevin indicated that it would be very important to clearly explain why we are asking individuals for this info as many are hesitant to share info if they don't understand exactly how it may benefit them.

## **OTHER**

Wendy asked Ana about the person who had volunteered to take on the role of Clerk for the GNCOC. Ana said she would follow up with her.

Lisa asked Peter if he had received correspondence from what they thought was a defunct Interagency Council on Homelessness. Peter indicated that he didn't believe he would be participating although Bob said he had been invited and will likely attend when they determine their meeting date.

Lisa shared the details for clients to access Christmas food boxes from NSKS.

## **UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION**

It was decided that the Coordinated Assessment program should be presented so that the entire COC knows how it will work and what the process will be.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Minutes prepared by Wendy LeBlanc of Southern New Hampshire HIV/AIDS Task Force.