

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Wednesday, March 4, 2015
Nashua City Hall, Nashua, NH**

Abigail called the meeting to order for announcements and introductions. Reviewed minutes – make change to add who did minutes.

Wendy LeBlanc –looking into requirements for Hearth guidelines.

Ending Homelessness

Bob Mack – Nashua Coordinated Access number is 844-800-9911. Coordinated Access cont'd – email group to identify client needs as appropriate.

Homeless Connect a big success! Focus needs to be on service rather than bulky items due to lack of storage at the local shelters.

Community Relations

There were 9 families identified as being in need – trying to link people to services from shelter.

COC reallocation of application for funding approved.

QAP – financing housing funds to be utilized.

Behavioral kick-off event was a success. Raised 219k for Ending Homeless.

Data Gathering Committee

Preliminary PIT is done. Next project for data gathering – Abigail Alicea/Miles Pendry.

Employment Committee

Employment committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 3/30 – Tom

Housing First

Laurel of Housing First reports that the Olga rental bill did not pass 13-2. She also said the minimum wage hearing doesn't look good and may not pass.

She stated that Melissa Hatfield of the BHHS has a new procedure for shelters. They need to contact Melissa if there's a bed available and will be held for 2 weeks. If the program has a waiting list, they need to notify Melissa.

Grants are available in rural area and the primary contact is Karen Demar 603-223-6045.

Shelter Directors Meeting

Olga Cruz reported that there are 2 transitional housing apartments available.

Andi Reed-Lenane– TAC Credit program has 3 housing units available that come with utility allowance. They are 1 & 2 bedroom units through Nashua Housing Authority. The units are at Park View and are

first floor units with rent priced between \$849-889 per month. Income needs to be 30-33% FMR and Section 8 is ok. Contact Andi at NHAANDI@yahoo.com

HUD new 5 yr Consolidated Plan – need input for goals and priorities for HUD funded programs.

Need mayor to sign statement consistent of consolidated plan, so we all need to speak up.

Tom reports that computer lab is open at Soup Kitchen Monday thru Friday.

Sue – First Aid Mental Health Substance Abuse – contact Greater Nashua Mental Health.

Work Ready programs has jobs for ages 18+ (not f/t students). Contact Donna Marceau, WRNH Program Director at 603-82-6923 x1560 or email her at dmarceau@ccsnh.edu

Next GNCOC in April will have 2 presentations. Miles will speak regarding the PIT and there will be Dental presentation from Harbor Homes.

Minutes by Angela Roberts, SSVF.