

## **Greater Nashua Continuum of Care**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015**

**Nashua City Hall, Nashua, NH**

Abigail called the meeting to order for announcements and introductions. Reviewed minutes and amended the previous minutes of March 4, 2015 for approval as follows:

Andi – specified that there is not 3 housing units available but a 2 bedroom unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in Nashua

Wendy – reported that she did not look into requirements for Hearth guidelines but rather Conflict of Interest policy.

Bob Mack motioned to approve minutes and it was seconded by Peter Kelleher.

### **Presentation**

Miles Pendry discussed details of the 2015 PIT Count. He reports that the total number of people reported increased and the total number of homeless decreased. There was a total number of unsheltered individuals was 383.

Dr. Senat provided an excellent presentation of the dental clinic services offered by Harbor Care Health Wellness Clinic (HCHWC). He explained that the dental clinic is available for patients of the HCHWC only and that they are trying to keep it an internal source by providing a one stop shop for patients.

The clinic has a dental hygienist twice monthly and they perform extractions, crowns, and fillings, etc. He reported that there have been 230 patients and 100 extractions. The dental services have increased patient care of the HCHWC and are receiving great feedback from the clients who report how appreciative they are of the services provided by the clinic.

Harbor Care provides NP, PCP, Substance Abuse providers, and dental. Dr. Senat states that there is value in keeping patients in better care at one place. He said that it's very exciting to see the clinic expanding and growing.

### **Announcements**

Nicole Frizella and Robert Matolla from the Veterans Administration (VA) did a mini-presentation about the Gap analysis and explained how they moved from a narrative approach to data analysis approach. Data from each COC collected and the GNCOG was 77 which went down by 8. The number of veterans entering homelessness from Dec. 2014- Jan. 2015 is 3.25.

According to the chart (pg 3 of 3), Rob explained the planning scenario calculations building up from the 2014 PIT Count to interventions needed to achieve Permanent Housing for all Veterans who are estimated to be homeless between 2014 and 2015. The chart revealed that 77 Veterans were homeless at the beginning of 2014, 173 Veterans are estimated to enter homelessness in

each year from 2014-2015, and the total number of veterans who will be homeless between Jan. 2014 and Dec. 2015 is 423.

This is a VA projection from a period of 2 years. Transitional housing will end as homelessness ends. There was an identified gap in PH placements (2014-2015) totaling 168 that needs to be attacked.

Rob spoke about the future of SSVF and said the VA will host a big meeting to discuss future direction of the program. He said that it will shift to focus on families not veteran individuals.

Bob spoke about National Health Week 2015 and provided flyers for everyone.

Andi reported that she received many calls from qualified applicants and has now established a waiting list.

Candace Gebhart of NHLA announced Fair Housing Seminar in April and provided flyers.

Donna Marceau of Nashua Community College is offering trainings regarding job search, customer service and time management skills.

### **Employment Committee**

Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter meeting at 2:00 on April 14, 2015

Andrea is assisting customers of the Market Place and reports that open enrollment is 2/15. She said that anyone can apply anytime and that it has been extended.

Motion to Adjourn by Abigail Alicea

Notes by Angela Roberts, GNCOC Secretary