

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Nashua City Hall, December 7, 2016

Chair Ana Pancine called the meeting to order at 8:05AM. Introductions were made by all.

The minutes of the November 2, 2016 minutes were reviewed. Several corrections noted. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Bob Mack and Rick Rutter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Board: There was no meeting in November.

Special Discussion- New England Initiative

Laurel Redden from Housing Action NH shared with the group that she has been working with New England Housing Network, a group of organizations representing COCs in other NE states who have put together a paper to send to HUD, outlining concerns with the annual COC application process. They group is looking for a formal sign-on from other COCs in NE for presentation to HUD. The group would like to form an advisory committee to review the points on the paper with HUD, in hopes of streamlining the annual application. Laurel distributed copies of the paper and Ana will also email it to the GNCOC email list. Laurel told us that the other two NH COCs have already signed on. Bob Mack gave an overview of some of the challenges we face every year with the COC application and summarized the application process. Bob then made a motion that the GNCOC vote to sign on to the New England Housing Initiative's paper to HUD. Michael Reinke seconded. All were in favor. Laurel will communicate our vote to the folks that need to know.

Employment Committee- Tom Lopez reviewed the Employment Connect event and then presented awards to employers that participated in the event, as well as those employers who are making a difference in our community by making employment accessible. The first award was presented to the greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce for helping to recruit businesses for Project Employment Connect. The other three awards were given to Shaws of Nashua, Excell Mobile Distributors and Sears of Nashua.

Presentation: Nashua Regional Planning Commission

Jen Czysz and Carrie Schena spoke to us about the Assessment of Fair Housing that is currently being conducted by the City of Nashua for the region. They distributed a PowerPoint printed presentation showing various maps with data points such as areas where there are homes to purchase, homes to rent, areas of poverty, higher rent burden, etc...

The document also included the impediments to fair housing that were identified in 2010 and they asked COC members to find out what progress has been made and if there are any additional challenges to be identified. Various members of the COC made comments in regards to the challenges they see in our area. Jen also distributed a paper survey and a link to the online

version for providers to fill out by the end of December, for them to include in their final report. There is also a survey for residents and said she would send that link to Ana to forward so we can ask our clients to respond as well.

Ending Homelessness- Tabled to January meeting

Community Relations- Tabled to January meeting

Data Gathering- Tabled to January meeting

Other Groups: Tabled to January meeting

Announcements:

Ana asked all to send her announcements via email and she will consolidate them and send them out to everyone tomorrow since we are short on time.

Peter Kelleher shared with the group that he has resubmitted paperwork to the Federal government in regards to achieving Functional Zero for homeless veterans in our community, as there are virtually no unsheltered homeless veterans.

Mike Apfelberg reminded everyone to please keep their information updated with NH 211 as it is difficult for them to give proper referrals if they don't have accurate info.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58AM.

Minutes taken by Wendy LeBlanc, Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force-PSL