

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care

Board Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2016

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Ana Pancine, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

In attendance were Ana Pancine, Wendy LeBlanc, Alexandra Hamel, Kevin O'Meara, Bob Mack, Tom Lopez, Maryse Wirbal and Abigail Alicea.

Ana let us know that she had received messages from several members stating that they would not be able to attend today's meeting.

The group reviewed the minutes from the April 15, 2016 meeting. Bob made a motion to approve them which was seconded by Abigail. All were in favor, with three abstentions.

Presentations:

Ana let us know that FIT is all set to present in June. Pam has indicated that Circles is all set for June as well but Ana will confirm with them as well.

Bob had suggested for September's presentation to have Nashua's DPHCS present an overview of "My Health, My Care". Maryse asked if it could be expanded to include Harbor Care Health and Wellness, Lamprey, Dental Connection and GNMHC. Ana will talk to Beverly Doolan to determine what is involved and how long their presentation will take. If it makes sense, she will then work with the other groups to see if they can attend.

Ana shared that she had been approached by St Patrick's asking for an opportunity to present. The group thought that could fit into a larger presentation by the Financial Assistance Network (FAN). Kevin suggested using the Training Institute at Welcoming Light to film folks talking about their programs and these clips could be added to our new website. Maryse stated that the consultant working with the Front Door Agency on their strategic plan, Bob Faw, has volunteered to facilitate a discussion at the COC meeting to help us figure out what all the programs are that are available in our community, sort of like a COC strategic plan. The group agrees this would be great and that we should plan for it during our November meeting, which should be extended to 2 hours. Bob (Mack) and Maryse will get together with Bob Faw to plan this. Ana will let St Patrick's know about this opportunity to share what they do, at this larger meeting.

GNCOC Award:

Ana reviewed the Tier 2 awards and reiterated that PH 15 and PH16 were cut. This totals 8 units for chronically homeless individuals. Ana has not received any explanation from HUD despite several inquiries. She did get approval from HUD to move the folks from these program to other PH programs as openings occur, without making the client move or change anything on their end.

Additional discussion took place regarding the ranking process, how we may want to reconsider ranking HMIS in Tier 2 next year. It was also noted that no other NH COCs got cut.

Tom, Ana and Sylvia Gale have drafted a letter to our Federal delegates, letting them know of the 8 unit cut and asking for them to work towards having the programs reinstated. Tom will send the final draft to the BOD for any suggested edits.

Ana said that the COC application registration has been completed. She received the GIW today and will get that back to them by the deadline of May 26, 2016.

Youth:

Bob has a meeting with Betty Hood of the Youth Council next week to begin discussing youth issues as they relate to homelessness and the COC. Maryse asked about Child and Family Services and Tom stated that the Boy's and Girl's Club had tried to open a youth drop in center with little success and maybe they would still be interested. Bob said that his goal is to try to find folks serving youth already that would be interested in running with this as he doesn't intend to Chair another committee.

Website:

Kevin said that no meeting has taken place yet but he has been communicating with Melissa at Marguerite's Place and she believes that they could potentially get United Way funding to pay for some associated costs.

Other Issues:

Maryse asked if folks had any thoughts about the Circles program model and their decision to launch another non-profit in Nashua. Most folks weren't really familiar with the program and some discussion took place around this. We hope to learn more at next month's COC meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

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