

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care

Nashua City Hall, August 2, 2017

Chair Ana Pancine called the meeting to order at 8:05AM. All made introductions.

Minutes from the June 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed. One typing correction was noted. Mike Apfelberg motioned to approve with correction, Barbara Alves seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Presentations:

HUD COC Application:

Ana spent the first half of the meeting reviewing the application process, which is currently open. There is a hired consultant who is responsible for putting the application together. Exhibit One talks about the GNCOC and the community and the consultant (Toni) is speaking to key GNCOC members to gather information on various topics, such as youth homelessness, etc..

Ana went on to explain the process utilized for ranking the renewal projects and how this is now being done strictly by scores based on data from Annual Progress Reports (APR). She spoke briefly about the ranking tiers and how projects may be re-allocated if not performing well. Letters of intent for renewal projects were received on time. No projects will be re-allocated this year. Ana also reviewed the email she sent yesterday letting GNCOC members know about the opportunity to apply for the bonus project in the amount of \$108,875. Letters of intent for the bonus project are due by August 4, 2017. Deadline for Exhibit Two (individual project applications) is September 15, 2017 so the whole thing can be submitted to HUD by the September 28, 2017 deadline.

Ana reviewed the spreadsheet for projects with dollar amounts and categories and explained that there are some requirements regarding matching cash and leveraging.

Heather Nelson from Harbor Homes then provided a chart and explanation of each of the Harbor Homes funded programs, how many units, populations served and number of bedrooms.

Jill O'Neill shared information about her experience working at the Greater Nashua Mental Health Center and let us know she has taken on the role vacated by Abigail Alicea as housing director. She reviewed the entire GNMHC's housing program, including the units provided with COC funds. She is hopeful to find community support for her in her new role. She also let us know that she has room for 3 more individuals with severe and persistent mental illness through her State grant.

Akshat (AK) Gadgil spoke about Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and their role in serving all three NH COCs. They are currently working on data collection for APRs and are happy to help with the HMIS portion of the COC application as needed. He also reminded folks that there is an HMIS training on October 16, 2017.

Granite Leaders Program:

Cathy Kuhn from NH Coalition to End Homelessness spoke to us about their Granite Leaders program, an opportunity for homeless or formerly homeless persons to build leadership skills and to help them bridge gaps between homeless folks and groups like the COC. It is a six-month program to help build confidence and skills. The next (free) group will run from November to April and they are looking for participants. She handed out flyers and asked the group to help spread the word and encourage people to apply. All info can be found at www.nhceh.org.

Announcements:

Donna from Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter announced that backpacks will be distributed 8/21-8/24. Anyone who is not a current NSKS client can sign up for a back pack until 8/14. Current clients will be all set.

Don Pare introduced John from Put Nashua on Bikes and they talked about their event coming up on Saturday, 8/5/17 at St Patrick's from 9-3 where they will be fixing bikes. He spoke about buying bike helmets with his own income and Sylvia Gale mentioned he could try the bike safety/prevention program at DHMC in Lebanon as they give away free bike helmets.

2-1-1 cards were distributed in case anyone needs more.

CASA has a position open for a manager in their Manchester office. Info is available on the NH non-profits website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02AM.

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