

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care

Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2017

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In attendance were Ana Pancine, Wendy LeBlanc, Alexandra Hamel, Bob Mack, Dawn Reams, Tom Lopez, Maryse Wirbal, Pam Small, Abigail Alicea and Michael Reinke. Peter Kelleher joined us near the end of the meeting.

Minutes were reviewed from the January 13, 2017 meeting. Maryse motioned to accept the minutes, with Bob seconding. All were in favor.

March Presentations:

Ana reminded us that she will be away for the March 1 GNCOC meeting and will likely be away for the March 10th Board meeting. Tom has agreed to Chair both meetings.

Because we are unsure if preliminary PIT data will be available for March 1, nor the overview from the program inventory exercise done in January, the group decided to have the whole meeting focus on the Partnership for Successful Living, not just any new programs, as originally planned. Wendy will work with Peter and the PSL Leadership to prepare this presentation.

Wendy reminded folks that she is still accepting money towards the retirement gift she purchased for Eileen Brady. The presentation to Eileen will also take place at the March GNCOC meeting.

Data Gathering:

Ana indicated that she has spoken with Peter about the need for him to help develop a data committee. He is currently working on some internal staff changes and once those positions are stabilized, this should begin.

Planning Funds:

Maryse was discussing the need for training on running reports in HMIS. Ana suggested that maybe planning funds could be used to pay for such a training. This led to a discussion of what the planning grant can be used for. Ana said it was written very broadly, with the general idea to be for planning and managing Coordinated Entry. It was stated that the GNCOC Board should be the ones with oversight on this grant and how the funds should be used. The group agreed and asked that there be an agenda item moving forward in regards to plans on spending these funds. Ana will send the application that was submitted to HUD to the Board so we can all see what we said it would be used for. The amount granted was \$54,438, but Harbor Homes has not yet received a contract so the funds are not yet available.

Youth Homelessness:

Ana reviewed the email she received from Lynne Morrow at HUD, asking for information about our current initiatives/committees regarding youth homelessness. We had a lengthy discussion about how

to answer all the questions and Wendy offered to write something up for Ana to send to HUD later today, before she leaves on vacation. See Attachment #1 for the summary of the discussion and the info to be sent to HUD.

Other:

Brief discussion on the Governor's budget that was released yesterday and how it might impact the City budget. No one had many details yet.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

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

Attachment 1

1. Is there an initiative/committee in your area?

We are in the process of formalizing a youth homelessness subcommittee. At our January COC meeting, we had a consultant work with us to identify all community resources and gaps in services. Unaccompanied youth was identified as a gap. We feel confident that youth 18 and over are served through all the community homeless service providers, as well as homeless youth that are part of a family unit, but we are lacking specific resources for unaccompanied youth under 18. Shelter space specific to 18-24 years is also an area where we could improve.

We have had an initiative regarding youth homelessness in the Nashua community for just over a year, with a homeless student liaison working in partnership with the Nashua school district and Harbor Homes, our COC lead entity. He has done a tremendous job of identifying homeless youth, making sure they have all the resources they need to complete school and to obtain shelter ASAP. He has done a great job of educating COC members and other community providers about the issues and rights of homeless youth, including accessing education, an area where we had previously not had a lot of expertise or provider representation. Additionally, within the last year and a half, we have added staff from the Nashua School District onto our COC Board.

2. How would agencies and/or homeless youth access it?

Currently, we are operating a Coordinated Entry (CE) phone line, and have had some homeless youth connect with services through this method. The homeless student liaison is part of the CE team, so all youth homeless issues are managed by him at this time. NH 2-1-1, a referral service through the United Way, also has our CE contact info and provides referrals if they are the first contact.

3. Who is the contact person/agency?

This is still to be determined, but our Board is putting a plan in place to form this committee and assign these roles very soon.

4. Names of agencies that are members of the committee?

Although not yet formed, agencies we anticipate being involved would include the Nashua School District, Boys and Girls Club, Police Athletic League, Nashua Children's Home, My Turn, Job Corps and the Youth Council, as well as agencies currently providing shelter, such as Harbor Homes and Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter.