

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Ending Homelessness Committee(EHC)

May 1, 2019

Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Present in meeting:

Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Ashley Gauthier, Tom Lopez, Lloyd Curtis, Lianne Bower, Melissa Johnstone, Kristy Besada, Mandy Reagan, Donald Pare, Rachel Duffy, Mike Apfelberg, Bette Gioffre, Scott Wellman, Susan Mead, Amy Wilson, Sandra Pratt, Paul Chervenank, Jennifer Boudrieau, Taylor Smith, Peter Kelleher, Maureen Margo

Call to order 9:02am

Bob Mack called meeting to order at 9:02 am. Introductions were made by all. Bob pulled up the minutes for us all to see on the screens. Reviewed the minutes from our March meeting. Mike motioned to accept the minutes second by Mandy. All in favor.

Bob asked the committee who would be interested in being a backup person for this committee since Rick R use to be the person and since Lloyd just stared his position at the Rescue Mission we do not want to ask him. Mike A, from United way happily volunteered to be the backup person in case Bob cannot attend this meeting.

Agency updates:

- BRIDGEs continues to be under construction and it should be completed by June.
- The Rescue Mission can take in up to 40 men and are currently receiving many calls from out of town.
- Conversation in regards to people from out of town because they come here seeking services but we do not have the resources. We have people here in Nashua who are currently homeless and other people from out of town are now taking the Nashua resident spots in the shelters. It was mentioned that New Horizons seems to be no longer taking in people from outside of Manchester.
- Wendy shared that Safe Stations data show that 50% of people using the Safe Station program are not from Nashua or Manchester yet they are getting the help here. There are only 2 safe stations. Clearly people are going to go were the resources are. 211's data shows that 20% of their calls were for Homelessness.
- Juana is not sure what is currently available at Nashua Soup Kitchen, because she has not been in the office yet. She informed us that for shelter space NSKS has 8 women beds, up to 5 units for families, and 14 beds for men. NSKS is

remodeling the new building and they are in the planning process. This is a long-term project. Many changes are coming from the State and the implementation is starting now. Intakes are done by Juana in her office. You must call Juana and leave voicemails. Providers can call Juana directly at 889-7770 but for homeless people looking for shelter they need to call CE.

- Safety planning is very important when there are no resources to give the CE callers that are homeless and we know that is the hardest part of our jobs, when we do not have any resources for the caller.
- Bob will be seeking coordination of a meeting with different leaders of the CE workers. There could be another training to have our CE process better.
- Wendy reported that SNHTF has two HIV positive clients that have housing vouchers however cannot find housing due to their criminal background or landlord reference. This is not an uncommon issue in our community.

Transitional: Marguerite's Place has a total of 10 apartments that are at full capacity. In about 4 months they may have some openings. Taking applications to be placed on the waiting list.

No update from Norwell Home.

Permanent support Housing: Heather was not present but Mandy reported she is working on the "By Name" list. Next month she can talk about the VISPDAT. GNMHC is missing out because they do not have access to HMIS. If their clients call 211 then they will be placed into the HMIS data base because 211 enters all callers into HMIS.

Rapid Re Housing- Front Door has some funding. Has many applicants. She is slowly getting to them. Has been very busy. There are resources available for Veterans for RRH per Mandy.

Announcements:

- Robert W- NH informed us that Mainstream housing program will be available soon.
- National Webinar will be next week. Susan M. will be presenting. Will be talking about Mental Illness and housing issues.
- Mike A, on Mother's Day, United Way will deliver flowers to homeless woman at TH programs in our community.
- We are excited to see present the new Nashua School District Homeless Liaison.

Meeting adjourned 10:00AM