

## Ending Homeless Committee

*April 2, 2014 Nashua City Hall*

Present at meeting were: Eileen Brady, Wendy LeBlanc, Bob Mack, Magaly Rios, Abigail Alicea, Cate Sementa, Richard Rutter, Denise Green, Hilary Keating, Stephanie Roy, Desiree Pelleiter, Pam Brown, Laurel Redden, Nicole Ligor, Kimberly Robinson

Call to order 9:10am. Introductions were made by all. Minutes from our March meeting were reviewed. A. Alicea made a motion to accept the minutes which was second by R. Rutter. All voted in favor.

R. Rutter asked about how to become a member of the Homeless Shelter directors committee as he is a shelter director. A suggestion was made for him to contact Juana from the Soup Kitchen and Shelter.

Point in Time Count (PIT) is very important and has much value that all ties to our goals to end homelessness. With this year's numbers so far we have 15 unsheltered and 80 homeless individuals. HUD does not recognize those who are staying in a hotel/motel or doubling up. These numbers are not yet finalized as we need confirmation that none of these are duplicated. M. Pendry will have the number finalized by the end of the month. If anyone has any questions about the PIT they are welcome to call him.

L. Redden stated that the new state lawsuit will help with additional housing in our community. The Housing Bridge subsidy just needs the approval from the senate. P. Brown reported that additional revenue 7 Mill back to DHHS passed the house. We currently have many resources available but with a centralized intake it can solve many different problems.

When the PIT was first submitted P. Kelleher sent an email for everyone stating that if anyone in their program has any unsheltered send them his way. Not one client came in. The rescue mission clients are encouraged to get connected to agencies but many don't want the services. A suggestion was made to have providers meet those clients that don't want to get connected. The problem is we don't have affordable Permanent Housing available. St Haven house is the only one in the state and there are only a few apartments there. The refugee population is growing larger and larger they get assistance for the first 8 months and then they are on their own they are at risk for homelessness.

The Cotton Mill apartments are currently taking applications and some of those units will be subsidized. They are currently taking applications right now. The place is located on Franklyn St.

N. Ligor a community outreach worker for Well Sense Health Plan talked about Well Sense, its' the only managed care plan that is a nonprofit. They help children, mothers and disabled individuals. Its main location is in Manchester however she is willing to connect with local agencies and do a presentation on Well Sense Health if people are interested. W. LeBlanc explains that all 3 managed care have been very hard to work with for those with medication that require specialty care pharmacy. People have to do mail order medication so people have to be home to get the medication; it's also a problem for those individuals that live with someone that know their status. People are going without medications. The other concern is that provider rates are dropping the safety net programs are not stepping.

Announcements:

HEARTS will have two respite beds in June 1<sup>st</sup>. Not connected with the any local hospitals. This is more for client of the HEARTS program. People need to apply for it and be able to take their own medications.

Harbor Care Clinic will have 13 respite beds available at the end of the summer.

*Minutes taken by Magaly Rios, Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force*