

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
March 7, 2018
Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

M. Regan and H. Nelson chaired meeting today. Explained the layout for new committee members. Introductions made by all. M. Apfelber made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, second by Heather Nelson. All approved

Executive Meeting: Working on the planning grant. Website getting worked on with Pearl marketing. The website is coming out great! User friendly and mobile friendly getting more photos added to it. Looking for someone from the committee to run the Facebook account.

Ending Homelessness: Working on the coordinated Entry and 211's impact on the process. 211 sends out information to the EH action group to help house the individual/families. Discussion in regards to redirecting agencies, when they have a homeless person in their office to call the homeless hotline 1-844-800-9111. Discussed some information brought back in regards to Rapid Re-Housing such as best practices from their state presentation. Some discussion on the Credit union loan programs and what we have for assistance for folks in Nashua such as Salvation Army and Catholic Charities. Also spoke about a housing navigator and how beneficial it would be to have one here, however we know funding is always a challenge. Meeting today directly after this meeting. Welcomed anyone who wants to stay for it.

Data gathering: Meeting the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM in the conference room at 100 West Pearl St. Working on housing inventory/Point in Time Count (*PIT*) Will be meeting with the GNCOC Board to discuss bylaw process on the Housing inventory and the PIT. We have yet to have final numbers from the PIT as we are waiting for some organizations to get back to Miles. Email has been sent to those organizations we are waiting on. It is very important that you respond to that email if you have received it.

Employment Committee: Meeting next Tuesday at 2:30 PM at the Nashua Public Library. We have created an Employment Connect Steering committee whose focus is Employment Connect. The Adult Learning Center is having a 2-day job Fair a day after ours. Looking for \$25.00 donations from GNCOC organizations to help us with payment for our Coordinator Yashira Vega who has been organizing this event very well for the past several years. Last month we had Job Corp. talk about their program for youth. This month we will be focusing on gender equality within employment. T. Lopez will send the theme of the meeting to the full GNCOC.

Youth Committee: Meeting at the Sununu Center in Manchester. Came up with a mission statement. Application grant coming out soon. There are 350 students who qualify for McKinney Vento services.

Announcements/Discussion:

- SSVF program has changed their eligibility and can now serve veterans who have completed their basic training.

-T. Lopez reported as Ward 4 Alderman, CDC opioid crisis nationally in 2016 went up by 30 % in Nashua it did not. Great job Nashua Safe Stations as this is helping making a difference.

- Kristy Front Door Agency will be doing a 7- Week Free Financial Literacy Program. New location in Nashua Main Street United Methodist Church. Spaces are limited and free child care is available. Flyer was handed out to all.

- Mike A, Neighborhood Works now has an office in Nashua in the United Way facility. Training is available for those who are interested.

- United Way has a Radio program where you can talk about your agency or about a specific program of your agency. A good way to let others in our community know what your agency is up to. Please see Mike after meeting if you are interested in booking a day as he has the schedule book today.

-With the pending snow storm to come today, Department of Health and Human Services emergency respond team is ready to respond to any upcoming state emergency that may occur. Ready NH is a good resource. If any shelter loses power it's very important when you call the electricity company that you specify you are a shelter so they will prioritize you.

-The City of Nashua itself has no shelters. Coordinated Entry in the answer where folks can go to for help. Coordinated Entry Collects the data and filters out the available shelters/programs available for that person/family. 211 is not updated in real time so it's not helpful to assist people finding warming shelters.

- Syringe Services Alliance of the Nashua Area (SSANA) started February 1st and assisted 37 clients in one month. 1, 000 syringes were distributed, two individuals entered treatment. Revive Recovery has been very helpful in assisting this new program. If folks are working with anyone who discloses their need of syringe services, please refer them to Revive or call 978-743-9636 and leave a voice mail for a call back. Not required to exchange in order to have access. W. LeBlanc will email flyer with information to the full GNCOC.

-Mobile Crisis located at 12 Amherst St. has 4 crisis apartments available where folks can stay for a short time while addressing their crisis. Those have been at capacity since January 29th. Have 24/7 crisis counselor. Have peer support available and case management available up to 30 days.

-Balance of State COC is meeting on Tuesday. Shelter directors are meeting from 1-3. FY 2018 NOFA discussion, Kristi from the State said to expect the NOFA announcement in May.

-Bike Co-Op program thanked the Nashua Soup Kitchen for coming to St. Patrick's every Monday with clients that can benefit from a bike. A fundraiser will be held on Friday to help with collecting bikes, bike locks, hamlets and repair equipment.

- The Salvation Army have a recovery program for 13-16-year-old and age group 18-35-year-old are welcome to come. Smoke free environment.

Minutes taken by Magaly Rios, Case Manager southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force-PS