

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Ending Homelessness Committee (EHC)

March 6, 2019

Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Present in meeting were:

Bob Mack, Mike Apfelberg, Wendy LeBlanc, Kristy Besada, Tom Lopez, Amy Wilson, Mandy Reagan, Magaly Rios, Scott Wellman, Susan Mead, Paul Chervenak, Ashley Gauthier, Lianne Bower, Melissa Johnstone, Peter Kelleher, Heather Nelson, Donald Pare, Bette Gioffre, Kristi Schott, Cliff Bideau, Sandra Pratt, Jessica Mitchell, Jessica Lorento, Pam Wellman, Maureen Margo

Bob M. called the meeting to order at 9:06AM. Introductions were made by all. Paul, one of the CE workers, was in attendance. Discussed the proper way to fill out the CE intake form. He is now clear we are not to check off all 3 boxes as the referral. The CE workers are to find the resource and call that individual back with it.

Reviewed minutes from our February 6th meeting. Mike A motioned to accept the minutes second by Mandy R. All in favor.

Coordinated Entry (CE) & Support Services: HUD wants us to have a HUB or a warming Center where people can go and get resources to housing 24 hours a day with some housing navigators would be ideal. Discussion in regards to the different places that can be a HUB, such as the local churches, Welfare office, or having a community discussion at the Nashua Public library to discuss the need and to see what they can do to assist. Once we have CE operating more smoothly we can advertise it to the public more. Pam will look for more information on the Isiah 58 program to see how they can assist us with this.

We will be appealing HUD's decision to not fund "A Place to Live" PH as it was not funded in the FY 2018 COC competition even though we scored high.

Shelter/updates:

Maple St Shelter is going through transition to a Housing First model and there is no space. NSKS has accepted some referrals to openings in their Kinsley St. Shelter. Bridges is closed for renovations until June. Clients have been transitioned to alternative resources.

Transitional Housing:

Family Promise has a waiting list for people to get on.

Rapid Rehousing:

The Marshall St. units are still being worked on even though they were supposed to be ready for March 1st. We have many clients waiting to move into those units. It's a new building so it needs to pass all types of different codes. Clients have already put in their 30 - day notice to move from their current apartment so, we have those landlords calling us asking us when are these clients going to move out.

Wrap around services are available and are currently under-utilized. Bob will be working with Pam to revamp this service.

Announcements:

- Southern NH Services has run out of funds for RRH.
- Mandy informed us that there will be a Veteran Rapid Re housing training tomorrow. Let her know if you want additional information.
- Peter K let everyone know that if you are working with any homeless veteran from the Plymouth area please let him know.
- Don P from Bike Co-Op is still looking for space. Currently, they have a small temporary space with no heat. People are continuing to benefit from this bike program and Don is asking any organizations in the inner city area who have space available to please let him know.
- The Nashua School District is making some progress on getting a Homeless liaison
- Pam W will be coming back to our next meeting with information on the Isiah 58 program. As this a program that helps homeless families.

Meeting Adjourned 10:05