

## Ending Homeless Committee

**April 3, 2013**

Present in meeting were: Eileen Brady, Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Sally Newhall, Laurie Skibba, Lianne Bower, Pamela Deres, Kevin O'Meara, Moe Daniels, Hilary Keating, Ellen Fisher, Cindy Moher, Kimberly Houghton

Minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. W. LeBlanc made a motion to accept the minutes followed by S. Newhall that seconded. Motion passed.

Ending Homeless Plan action steps: Plan was originally developed approximately 10-13 years ago. HUD now gives us goals that we report on annually in our NOFA application. The group talked about the differences between our ending homeless goals and HUD's goal. Talked about the Super NOFA and how the COC gets that funding. NOFA funded agencies and some other community programs report into HMIS which tracks the data for each of HUD's goals. B. Mack stressed how important it is to meet our goals and continue to move forward with them. We are currently on target with our goals. Marguerite's Place has very good outcome regarding moving people into PH. It is harder to track Keystone Hall clients moving into PH because some just leave the program and providers don't know where they go.

Employment is a big part of our plan. T. Lopez from the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter is the employment specialist and runs the Employment subcommittee that holds a job Fair once a year. W. LeBlanc explained how the NOFA works and how important it is for providers to come to the COC, so that it can benefit all of our clients.

Reviewed our plan and action steps and discussed that this is an ongoing plan more so than a 10 year plan. Our baseline is 306 homeless people and the following year we are hoping to reduce this by 50. In 3 years, our goal is to have only 50 homeless individuals. We have a total of 41 accomplishments on our list of community accomplishments towards ending homelessness. We had zero homeless people living with HIV/AIDS in Nashua in 2012, which is due to collaboration between the Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force, the City of Nashua and Harbor Homes to get the HOPWA grant for long term subsidies. This is one good example of providers working together to improve services for our clients.

We need more money from the state to help those individuals who have mental illness and suffer from substance use disorder. The numbers of people with these problems are increasing more and more. The state cut funding for services for these populations. We are always looking for grants and efficiencies to help the homeless.

Group discussed the changes regarding the layout of the action steps in the 10 year plan. In the progress box we will be including bullets and color codes. The bullets will show what we have done with progress. Color code will translate into the following: Red meaning this needs more work, yellow meaning we are getting there and green meaning it's completed. The group will brain storm for the next meeting regarding what to add in the progress Column.

Announcements:

People are encouraged to use the Wrap around service committee.

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