

### Ending Homeless Committee minutes of the October 3, 2012 meeting

Present in meeting were: Eileen Brady, Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Jerry Leclerc, Bob Mack, Laurie Skibba, Ray Villeneuve, Sandie Leavitt, Pamela Deres, Laurel Redden, Kim Robinson. Gale Sylvia, Sally Newhall, Donald Pare, Justin Zboyouski, Moe Daniels

B. Mack, Chair called the meeting to order 9:00AM. Introductions were made by all, minutes of the September 5<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. J. Leclerc made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by E. Brady and all voted in favor.

**Project Employment Connect:** M. Rios reported that Project Employment Connect went really well this year. We had 81 participants compared to last year's number of 37 participants. More females than males attended, about 7 reported to be homeless, some getting SSI/SSDI. We had 6 employers register to the event and 5 of them showed up. 10 supportive services providers registered and 9 showed up.

**Project Homeless Connect:** B. Mack reminded everyone that the Project Homeless Connect event will be on December 4, 2012 from 11:30AM to 3:00PM at 45 High St in Welcoming Light. Save the date flyer and a registration form has been sent via email to the GNCOC mailing list.

**Community Relations:** M. Daniels and B. Mack met with Principle David Ryan from Nashua High School North regarding marketing. M. Daniels stated she spoke with the principle and PR team at the school, advocating for the school to engage the students to work on and learn about the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care. The students will be working on creating a new COC logo, website, and a tag line. The students will have a time period of a month to come up with everything.

After everything is done it would be great to go to the Nashua Telegraph so they can write a story on it. A video on YouTube and twitter can also be beneficial for more people to know about us.

**Winter Shelter meeting** was done with many shelter managers. They are getting ready for the winter overflow that will most likely happen this year. They could not locate Carlos from the Mission to attend this meeting. He runs the Mission Men's shelter (wet shelter). Someone stated that in the Mission, for the most part, there is always room for men. There is a higher need for family and women's shelters. S. Newhall will be approaching the faith community to see what they can do to help, possibly a dry over night shelter for families/women. S. Gale suggested for S. Newhall to approach the Concord winter shelter since they have successfully run a winter shelter for many years now. E. Brady reported that the UU church was going to have a winter program for the homeless but since we did not have much of a winter last year people tent outside all winter long.

K. Robinson stated that in Massachusetts 211, if the person doesn't have a MA ID, then they cannot get help no matter how long they have been living in Massachusetts. That may happen in NH. A suggestion was made that the legislative branch should know this is not acceptable. We need to prevent people/families from dying in the winter outside. A problem that we may face if we approach our legislator branch is that they may consider doing the same thing MA does.

**Announcements:**

- L. Skibba reported that there will be a fundraiser to benefit the Anne-Marie House on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 8am at Holman Stadium. She will be sending this event flyer to the GNCOC mailing list
- R. Villeneuve stated that the Stand down happened on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September and it was a successful event. There were many happy Veterans.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00AM.

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