

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
April 4, 2018
Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Mandy Reagan and Heather Nelson chaired the meeting today. Introductions were made by all. Mike Apfelberg made a motion to accept the minutes from March 7, 2018 as amended, seconded by Wendy LeBlanc. All were in favor.

Mandy welcomed Mayor Donchess to the meeting. The Mayor introduced Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development for the City of Nashua. Tim presented a Power Point with some data on housing in Nashua and talked about some upcoming multifamily apartments that are being developed in the city. His Power Point will be sent to the full committee.

Mandy talked about the success we have had in ending Veteran homelessness in Nashua and how that model may be able to be replicated for other populations such as youth. Melissa Hatfield from the NH Bureau of Housing Support spoke about the statewide committee that has recently formed to address youth homelessness. She is working on a Youth demonstration project grant through HUD to begin a coordinated community response to youth homelessness. If the grant is awarded they will also receive technical assistance to build programs statewide. Doug Howard also spoke about efforts in Nashua and some initiatives that he is working on. A question was asked about the definition of “youth” and Melissa indicated it is 24 and younger.

Announcements:

Employment Connect will be on May 7th at the Nashua Public Library. Employment Connect is focused to have direct employer and applicant interaction. A flyer for participants will be sent to the GNCOC email list for agencies to let clients know. The Employment committee meets the second Tuesday of every month. We discuss best practices with other employment advocates in the city. Next week we meet at the Nashua Public Library at 2:30pm. Dress for success is starting this week, we will be dropping off bins at local places in the city where people can donate interview clothing for the Employment Connect. Folks will have an opportunity to prepare themselves prior to going into the room with employers. Greater Nashua Mental Health will be helping folks with resume writing. We will also have a hair dresser providing free haircuts. The Adult Learning Center is also having a job fair following Employment Connect.

United Way is having a Baby Shower event which is a resource fair to help new parents. You are welcome to have a table at the event or if you want to donate please visit the United Way website.

The Nashua Department of Health and Human Services moved. Whipple St. is their mailing address. They are located on Simon Street. Currently there is no bus stop in that area but the city is working on it. The issue is that Simon Street is a dead end street making it hard for the bus to turn around.

Data committee meets next week on Thursday.

Meeting adjourned 9:01am

Minutes taken by Magaly Rios, Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force, Partnership for Successful Living