

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Ending Homelessness Committee (EHC)
April 3, 2019
Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Present in meeting: Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Ashley Gauthier, Olga Cruz, Tom Lopez, Melissa Johnstone, Pam Wellman, Kristy Besada, Hilary Keating, Donald Pare, Lloyd Curtis, Mike Apfelberg, Juana Field, Scott Wellman, Susan Mead, Rosemarie Dykeman, Amy Wilson

9:08 am Bob called the meeting to order and introductions were made by all.

Reviewed minutes from our March 6th meeting. Kristy motioned to accept the minutes seconded by Heather. All in favor.

Coordinated Entry (CE): Coordinated Entry staff is answering the phone and filling out the intake form more consistently. Looking to see how to get information into HMIS.

Shelter update: The Nashua Soup Kitchen has had a change. Clients must meet with Juana for an intake before getting into the shelter. They must show up to the intake appointment in order for them to have a bed that night. They were finding that they would hold the bed and then people didn't show up.

Tom Lopez informed us that Maple St. has no more evening staff or overnight staff. Please do not send clients to Maple St. for services as there is not always a staff person there.

Today at 6:30 the Soup Kitchen and Shelter will meet next to St. Patrick's Church to discuss the future of the building they just bought next door from St. Patrick's.

Transitional Housing- Front Door will have one opening soon. Family promise still has their 8 families. In May or June they will have graduations. Marguerite's Place may still be full but no one here to report. Construction has started at BRIDGES shelter and guests have been accommodated until construction is complete.

Permanent supportive housing- Heather is not here but Bob let us know that HHI is working on a "by-name" list. Many processes are currently changing and it's very important that we all know about these changes so we can then let the people we are working with get the accurate information.

Some of the Marshall St. units are finally ready. There were many safety issues that prevented them from opening in March.

If you encounter someone with HIV, please refer them to Wendy at the Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force as they can assist people with HOPWA or short term assistance.

Rapid Re-Housing- Kristy informed us that the ESG funds are only available for people who are actively fleeing DV, a person living in a place not meant for human habitation and need a 3rd party verification that they are homeless. This is new to the Front Door and RRH programs. There is a request in to HUD for clarification.

Open Doors is available for woman who are in the 180% of FPL who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have a substance use disorder. The woman doesn't need to be actively using to get service. The client must be able to show that they are able to maintain the apartment. Financial assistance will be provided. This is a 4-month program that can provide security deposit and first month as well as other barrier reduction supports.

Sue Mead has been asked to be present on a national webinar. Affordable housing is a topic to be discussed as well as other important topics for people with mental health disorders. Sue mentioned that 24 % of people who are in jail have a mental health disorder.

We do have some additional outreach here such as VA outreach, church based outreach, and public health outreach. Need to explore ways to collaborate more effectively across service/agency services to identify homeless households.

Open House at the Mary Sweeney Home, which has low-income apartments for single elderly women who need housing. The event is Wednesday at 12:00.

Meeting adjourned 10:02am

Minutes Taken by Magaly Rios, Senior Case Manager for Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force, PSL