

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care (GNCOC)
April 3, 2019
Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Call to Order 8:02am

Chairing today is GNCOC co-chair Heather Nelson. Introductions were made by all. One edit was made to March 6th minutes. With that correction Bob Mack motioned to approved the minutes seconded by Candace G. All were in favor.

Attendance list went around, asked everyone to please update their information if needed and cross off any names of people from your organization who is no longer working so we can update the attendance list.

Executive Committee: Working on CE, NOFA discussions. If you are interested in applying for COC funds, please let Heather Know. We are looking for community input to assist us to help us with the application this year. The consultant is very expensive so if we have a NOFA committee this will help us eliminate the consultant eventually and offer a more accurate picture of what is actually happening in our community in regards to ending homelessness. GNMHC did not get funded in last year's awards and we are asking for feedback from the senator's office.

Ending Homelessness Committee: Bob Mack reported about discussions at our last meeting including HUD's new requirement for a hub which is an actual location that homeless folks can go to get connected, instead of just the Coordinated Entry phone line. There was additional discussion regarding Southern NH Services' Rapid Re-Housing program, which is our of funds until the new fiscal year starts in July. The Bike Co-op still needs a home. The Nashua school district will have a new homeless liaison starting April 14th.

Data Gathering Committee: Jill O' Neil, shared that CE data is being reviewed. They started with a quarterly review of July-Sept 2018. Next meeting, they hope to have some data to share. Annual performance reviews are also being looked at. Looking to get this data from HMIS but the CE intake form needs to be more consistent. They will encourage the new school liaison to join us and try to utilize some of their data. Nashua school district person will connect with Jill as she has some data that might be helpful.

Employment Committee: Donna let us know that this year's Employment Connect will be on May 8th. She asked that we please let our clients know. There will be many new employers this year! You can register to volunteer online through our new GNCOC website <http://nashua-coc.org> HEARTS will share this event to their 300 members.

Youth Committee: Jessica Lorento attends the state wide youth subcommittee, to stay connected and be informed on youth homelessness in the area.

Announcements/ Discussion:

- HHI has a new housing program called Boulder Point in the Plymouth area. It has 25 one bedroom units as well as some 2 bedrooms. VASH project based. Let Heather know if you have any clients that may benefit from this. You do not need to be a veteran for some of the units.
- Heather asked the committee what type of presentations do we want to see. Mike requested that we invite Robert Tourigny from NeighborWorks to talk to us about possible upcoming affordable housing. NH Healthy families is willing to give us a presentation on the Granite Advantage program.

- Discussion in regards to a difficult situation due to a person's mental status, looking for supports. Mike offered to try to connect with pro bono assistance Annulment clinics threw the Bar associations are available for people who have a criminal record and how to remove it. Candace G will get the information and send it to Ashley and she will share information with us all.
- On May, 23rd, United Way is doing their annual Baby shower by referrals only. If you have a client who may benefit from this, please let Liz or Mike know.
- Southern NH services gave United Way funding for some big nice Tote bags for grocery shopping. It's the biggest size that you can ride with in the city bus ride. The bus driver will give the rider a voucher and the store will give the rider the bags. This will start in May in certain Supermarkets.
- Tom Lopez talked about the Board of Alderman discussion to raise the legal smoking age to 21 in Nashua. Tuesday the 9th is the BOA meeting at 7pm if you are interested in this issue.
- Ruth Morrisette introduced herself to committee from GateWays, she works with parents that have a child with special needs to assist the family in getting services such as assistance with insurance, utility assistance and opportunities for parents to meet other parents that also have special need children. Please let her know if you have anyone that needs this assistance.
- Jeannie R from, St Joseph's wants to let us know that St. Joes has had a mobile clinic for about 2-3 years now. They have a full clinic, dental and other great things. Willing to go to events. Is willing to do a presentation next month. Looking to work with Harbor Care mobile van.
- Child services in GNMHC has a program called the MATCH program, supports for parents that have issues with the law.
- Division of public health is looking to interview people who are using or that are currently in recovery for a Community conversation.
- Don P- There will be a meeting tonight at 6:30 to discuss what the Soup Kitchen and shelter will be doing with the property they just leased. It will be some additional shelter space sometime in the future. This place is located behind St Patrick's Gym,
- Please Update your info to 211
- If you have an event that you want on our website, please let Ashley know.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59am