

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Ending Homeless Committee

Minutes of May 4, 2011

Present at the meeting were: Eileen Brady, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Dennis Roy, Janet Roy, Kathy Paquette, Jerry LeClerc, Raymond Villeneuve, Laurie Skibba, Laura Nault, Lianne Bower, Sylvia Gale, Sean Carlson

9:02 Call to order by Chair Eileen Brady

Minutes from April 6th meeting were reviewed. J. LeClerc made a motion to accept the minutes. L. Skibba second the motion.

Accomplishments to add to our 10 year plan. A suggestion was made to add to the plan the fact that the Pastoral Care Center is going to be expanding.

E. Brady noted there is no data on affordable housing. What is affordable housing? L. Nault stated that maybe the telegraph can help in finding what is affordable housing. A gentleman by the name of Simon Rios that works at the telegraph may be able to help. B. Mack commented that the cost of living in Nashua is very high. A good resource is the US Census and a good tool is on the website. E. Brady shared everything we have talked about as an accomplishment that has already been done.

E. Brady shared with the group that she will be stepping down as Chairperson of this committee. E. Brady would like to be chairing the legislature committee. Moving forward this committee may not exist. Feeling overwhelmed. Question was asked if anyone from this group like to chair this committee. No one from the group volunteered to be chair. M. Rios will continue to take minutes. B. Mack is willing to help guide the chair person.

B. Mack stated that the purpose of this committee is to focus & go back to the 10 year plan. We need to revisit the 10 year plan as it's supposed to end in 2012. We know that's not going to happen. Revisit the 8 action steps. It was revisited back in 2007. E. Brady feels it's very time consuming she remembers working on the 10 year plan and having many meeting on a weekly basic. Moving forward we need a new Chair person to run the committee.

E. Brady stated that affordable housing is crucial to end homelessness. B. Mack sees that that the wheel of responsibilities that no longer exist. Next month plan to have a meeting. We want this sub committee to continue. E. Brady noted that the attendance has been great!

Pastor Gwen from The Main St United Methodist Church came today to the COC looking for feedback on them possibly moving due to all the fixing that the old church has. R. Villeneuve stated that the

Interfaith Council has a survey out regarding this situation run by ruby Jonh. Anyone is welcome to go the meeting held every 1st Wednesday of the month at 12:00pm.

Goodwill has a grant out that helps women that have been in prison for a long period of time and coming back to the community. For these women to have a mentor/friend to settle back into society. E. Brady stated that most women coming out of the Sate Prison are homeless so this is a good program.

Announcements:

J. Roy Fresh Start is very thankful for everyone's leadership since 2009 but don't know what the future hold from the program. There is only two people running this and it's getting hard. Suggestion was made that maybe the Interfaith group may be able to help. R. Villeneuve will bring it up in today's group.

K. Paquette Manchester is looking for a new Homeless out reach person. Applicants must have a homeless back ground & proper work ethics. If anyone is interested or know of someone that may be interested they can go on craigslist.com or contact the Southern New Hampshire Services at 45 Pine St. Manchester NH attention Greg Sniter.

J. LeClerc Project Employment Connect will be held on August 30th. Looking for employers registration must be in by August 22nd. Even will be held in Welcoming Light Instituted located at 45 High St. Next meeting will be held on May 17th at 1:00 PM at Southern NH Task Force 12 Amherst st if anyone is interested in coming.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

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