

Ending Homeless Committee

September 4, 2013

Present in meeting were: Eileen Brady, Wendy LeBlanc, Bob Mack, Abigail Alicea, Lianne Bower, Glenn Liranzo, Denise Green, Cindy A. Moher, Donald Pare, Sandie Leavitt, Pamela Deres, Hilary Keating, Mike Santerre, Sylvia Gale, Ana Panane, Cate Sementa

Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Introductions were made by all. Minutes of the August 7, 2013 meeting were reviewed. W. LeBlanc made a motion to accept the minutes, second by S. Leavitt. Minutes were approved unanimously.

The wrap around services is very important for agencies to utilize. Our clients that have challenging situations can benefit from this service. Clients can see that there are providers in the community that care and want to help them move forward before they become homeless or for those who are stuck in homelessness. This helps the client know they are not alone and there are many programs in our community that can help them. Explained for new comers what the wrap around service is and how it has been a success for many cases. It may also be beneficial not only for the client to with the issue come to the wrap around service but also a family member. When you have an individual in an issue regarding homelessness call B. Mack with the client consent to address the problem and he will assist in getting the key providers in the meeting. It can take up to two week to coordinate schedules and get the meeting together.

A concerned homeless citizen present at the meeting stated that we as providers are doing a good job in trying to help the homeless population but many clients have multiple barriers that keep them from moving forward.

The Project Homeless Connect event will take place this year on December 4th. The committee is looking at a different location this year due to 45 High St being under construction. Will be starting meetings for the planning committee to meet; keep an eye on your emails if you're interested in participating in the planning. D. Pare will look into having it at St. Patrick's Gym.

Dress for Success will take place the day before Employment Connect for client to get nice interview clothing for the job fair.

Announcements:

Project Employment Connect will be on September 24th from 9- 2 at the City Hall Auditorium.

Project Homeless Connect will be on December 4th (Location TBD)

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