

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care

June 6, 2018

Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Call to Order 8:04AM

Introductions were made by all. S. Gale made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected from our May meeting, seconded by Andi Reed-Lenane. All were in favor.

Deb Granfield from New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority Presented. Explained that the Housing Choice Voucher provides tenant-based rent subsidies so families can afford to rent decent, safe and sanitary housing. Have about 9,500 vouchers approximately. 19 different Public Housing Authorities (PHA) in NH each they each have their own waiting list. You can apply for more than one PHA. The PHA website is very helpful and you can pull up a list of places you can apply for. Waiting List preferences are those who are terminally ill, folks on Choices for Independence, and with people in a Transitional program such as Newstart, The Way Home. Also let us know the different options on how to search for assistance. Handout with this and more information was given out to everyone.

Andie Reed- Leanane from Nashua Housing Authority is the Application Manager. Currently no website but soon to come in the future. Must apply by calling or can mail preliminary application to people. The preliminary application gets date & time stamped and once returned gets date & time stamped again. You have 30 days to complete and return the application. Will get a letter confirming that their application has been received. 3500 people on the Section 8 voucher program with an 8 year waiting list. Have a total of 662 public housing units from 0-5 bedroom apartments. 400 disabled/elderly units. Currently all are filled and if vacant, they don't stay vacant for long because we always have folks on the waiting list. Violence Against Woman Act (VAWA) is a law for men and woman that provided protection for survivors of domestic violence who are seeking to access or maintain federally-assisted housing. VAWA is very confidential only Andie see the application and there no requirement to bring documents to prove it. If someone loses their home to fire or flood, that person/family will also get preference. Email arlenane@nashuaha.org or call 883-5661 ext 324

Announcements: Summer food program will be starting in two weeks. Flyers were left behind with more information as we ran out of time.

Tree Street Block party is this weekend. A free event for the community.

Email the committee if you have more announcements to share.

Meeting Adjourn 9:00AM