

Ending Homelessness Committee

*August 6, 2014- Nashua City Hall*

Present: Abigail Alicea, Eileen Brady, Pamela Deres, Hilary Keating, Wendy LeBlanc, Kevin O'Meara, Kathy Paquette, Barbara Alves, Cate Sementa, Ana Pancine, Cecilia De LaRosa, Leann Bower, Rick Rutter, Olga Cruz, Angela Roberts, Sandra Delusa, Susan Howland, Maryse Wirbal, Don Pare, Bob Mack.

Call to order at 9:10am. Introductions were made by all. Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed (with a correction to the spelling of A. Pancine's last name), a motion was made to accept the minutes by W. LeBlanc, seconded by B. Alves, all approved.

Coordinated Assessment (CA)-

Reviewed list of programs from last meeting's brainstorming session.

Discussed State actions- next meeting is 8/11. They are reviewing what is happening elsewhere in the state, such as Portsmouth and Keene. Bob noted that current models focus heavily on diversion. Discussion followed regarding current diversion practices.

Discussion about how CA can minimize mis-information where client may provide different info to different providers. Talked about intake form, how we can determine the narrowest set of questions. State is developing a tool for CA that we may be able to utilize. Concern arose regarding assessment and how this connects to immediate need.

A member of the public expresses concern that we are focusing more on eligibility criteria and less on the homeless individual. Some discussion followed around the need to balance funder requirements and expectations along with service delivery.

Continued discussion about technology and how that fits in, including web/cloud-based data/information sharing for referral process.

Should we be talking about a budget and can we calculate how much is being spent now in staff time? We still need to identify a model before we can budget for it.

Next steps: Identify what sort of process we will implement, it seems that we are looking at maybe having 2-3 agencies be the contact points. Bring back to GNCOC Board to determine which agencies may be willing/able to serve in that role.

Minutes taken by Wendy LeBlanc, The Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force