

Ending Homeless Committee

March 6, 2013

Present in meeting were: Eileen Brady, Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Laurie Skibba, Kathy Paquette, Kimberly Robinson, Lianne Bower, Glenn Liranzo, Denise Green, Pamela Deres, Kevin O'Meara, Hilary Keating, Moe Daniels, Sally Newhall, Robert Keating, Tanya Tujillo, Cindy, Mohin, Ed Bowman

Call to order 9:00am

The Minutes of the February 6, 2013 were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by K. Robinson, which was second by W. LeBlanc. Approved unanimously.

Ending Homelessness Plan and goals can be found on www.nashua-coc.org, under COC Archives.

Committee reviewed the current goals in our plan. The first 3 goals are updated every month. The rest of the goals are not but will try to find the current numbers. Committee looked at all the action steps and asked if we need to update them. Regarding number 6 (Melville Trust) R. Keating reported that something similar is still being worked on. Number 8 (Educate and provide support to individuals and businesses to create employment opportunities for homeless persons.) is part of what the Employment subcommittee does. Also, the Chamber is always good to talk to about employment. T. Lopez always makes a point to let them know about the Employment subcommittee.

A suggestion was made to add the H.E.A.R.T.S Program to our accomplishments. In July 2010 when the program started there were 40 members; in 2012 H.E.A.R.T.S. has over 600 members. Also, the Cotton Mill is being developed into apartments, some of which will be affordable housing. The more housing we have the more affordable they will be. W. LeBlanc stated that the Executive Committee will be forming ad hoc committees to meet HEARTH Requirements, and one of these committees will be working on coordinated assessment, which links to Action Step 5, regarding developing a standardized application process.

Discussion regarding the point in time count. HUD has a specific definition for homelessness. They do not include those that are couch surfing only those who are living in the streets.

A question was made regarding the Bronstein apartment and Broad Street Parkway. There has not been any news on the status on that. R. Keating stated there is no new information. It's up to Nashua Housing Authority to submit application. We are taking about 47 families, its very complex and a very long process.

Wrap around service: This is a very positive service for people to use and we encourage people to use this service. We had two clients talk about problems that are keeping them from moving forward from homelessness. We had some key providers such as Employment specialist, Mental Health provider and homeless outreach worker to try to help the client move forward from homelessness.

K. Paquette reported she is attending meetings regarding sex offenders in homeless shelters and the problem that may cause. Currently there is a homeless shelter being sued because they had a sex offender living in their facility and they were not allowed to be around kids. The Nashua Soup Kitchen asks the person if they are sex offenders and depending on the level of offense they may be able to stay.

Meeting adjourned 10:05

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