

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Ending Homelessness Committee
Minutes of the 4/7/10 Meeting

Present at the meeting were: Mike Amichetti, Jessica Karwatske, Magaly Rios, Wendy LeBlanc, Laura Nault, Angela Linke, Kathryn Paquette, Katherine Merrill, Tony Epaphras, Eileen Brady, Candace C. Gebhart, Laurie Skibba

9:00am call to order by Chair Eileen Brady. All present were introduced. Minutes were not available from the Meeting in March, but will be reviewed at the May meeting.

Landlord workshop

NH Legal Assistance held a Landlord information workshop at the Nashua Public Library in March. Although there was a bit of disagreement about the exact number in attendance, there were between 20 and 40 Landlords/property managers there. L. Nault and M. Amichetti both attended and said it was very informative and it sparked lively discussion amongst the attendees.

Subcommittee on housing sex offenders

The EHC is forming a subcommittee to look at the issues around sex offenders being allowed in homeless shelters. E. Brady has not yet heard back from folks who previously expressed an interest in joining the group. This topic has sparked lots of discussion around the state, and many outreach workers are seeing it first hand, as shelters refuse to house those who are required to register as sex offenders.

Manchester COC and Universal Application

The Manchester COC has created a “Universal” intake form for shelters to use. E. Brady will email the form to the committee so members can see what is on the form.

Connections

It was announced at the general COC meeting that Connections is losing its funding. The committee discussed ways to drum up support for the program so it can continue. Perhaps a letter to the editor can be written to the Telegraph in hopes that the community will see how necessary the program is and how much it helps those in need.

10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

The action steps in the Plan seem to be in good shape, but we need to update the accomplishments. There was discussion of incorporating this into the general COC meeting, in hopes that other agencies can highlight accomplishments that the EHC has

left out. E. Brady will invite someone from Bridges to the next meeting to see what they have accomplished that can be noted in the Plan.

Other

K. Paquette stated she is having issues with shelters saying that a client needs a denial from town/city welfare in order to be eligible for bed space. C. Gebhart said that may be due to a town's responsibility to reimburse, if its resident is assisted by another town.

M. Amichetti noted that of the 19 families that were in motels with vouchers furnished by NCW since he began working there, all have moved on to either transitional or permanent housing. This is certainly an accomplishment that should be noted in the Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am

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