

Ending Homelessness Committee

August 7, 2013

City Hall Nashua, NH

Present in meeting were: Eileen Brady, Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Jerry Leclerc, Kathy Paquette, Lianne Bower, Cindy A. Moher, Kevin O'Meara, Matthew Tingle

Call to Order 9:00am. Introductions were made by all. Minutes from our June minutes were reviewed. J. Leclerc made a motion to accept the minutes and W. LeBlanc seconded. Approved unanimously.

Ending Homeless plan:

The action items have not yet been updated on our COC website. B. Mack will get it to the IT department for them to update. The tool kit has been updated and it is very helpful. Many agencies hand out the tool kit to clients that are looking for services in our community. One change that needs to be noted on the tool kit is that Ann Marie House is now Family Promise. J. Leclerc will send M. Rios new contact information. The tool kit no longer has the "city map" as it was too hard for people to read when it was printed out. Discussed the value of electronic resources vs. hard copy. There were some good ideas presented about having electronic access for providers and clients. There is value in both electronic and hard copy.

Conversation took place regarding a centralized intake or one place where people can call or go online stating their problem and then get referred to the accurate place. Everyone had lots of ideas and feelings about this situation, as some folks are using multiple resources and could be better coordinated. This is part of the task of the Coordinated Assessment sub-committee.

Wrap around services:

This is a wonderful resource for providers to utilize, however, continues to be under-utilized. If service providers have a client that is having a hard time and is not getting anywhere regarding preventing homelessness or any other issues, they can contact B. Mack or coordinate a wrap around meeting via the homeless@nashua-coc.org e-mail address to pull together some key providers to identify issues and help the client move forward. This will assist with efficiency of services.

Announcements:

-Manchester has now 12 different bus routes that come and go to Nashua. From Manchester, people can get to Concord. It is very affordable for people to utilize.

- A leadership program will be starting in Manchester NH on October. This is for people who were formally homeless or currently homeless. The NH Charitable Foundation has funded this program.

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