

## Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Ending Homeless Committee

September 7, 2011

Present at the meeting were: Bob Mack, Eileen Brady, Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Jerry Leclerc, Kathy Paquette, Ray Villeneuve, Lianne Bower, Sylvia Gale

Meeting call to order 9:05am by B. Mack

The minutes of August meeting were reviewed. W. LeBlanc motioned to approve the minutes, which was seconded by J. Leclerc, minutes accepted unanimously.

### **Project Employment Connect Update**

J. Leclerc shared that a week before PEC, St Joe's held an event called Dress for Success, offering people free clothing suitable for an interview or to wear to work. Many people were very thankful and felt good about themselves when leaving with a new outfit. They plan to do this again next year. B. Mack suggested adding this information to the COC web site. Project Employment Connect needed more Employers. This was a job fair and an employment resources event. E. Brady mentioned that the employers that went were named in the Nashua Telegraph. J. Leclerc thanks everyone in the committee for all their hard work. S. Gale questioned if Employment Security was there. J. Leclerc answered yes. Next year T. Lopez will be chairing the PEC & there will be an Employment subcommittee working all year round.

### **Project Homeless Connect**

B. Mack reported that Project Homeless Connect committee will have first meeting September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm at 18 Mulberry St.

### **Direction of Ending Homeless Committee**

The newly formed Legislative Affairs committee had asked if EHC would possibly consider meeting every other month after GNCOC and have Legislative Affairs meet on alternating months. After much discussion it was concluded that Legislative Affairs have already found another meeting time that works for its members so EHC will continue meeting monthly.

Further discussion took place regarding the need for a data gathering committee and a better system for collecting, disseminating and utilizing data, as well as looking at the process for the Point-In-Time count.

## **Plans & Goals**

We reviewed the action plan on the 10 year plan and discussed updating goals and noting progress, as well as possibly adding additional goals.

## **Actions**

E. Brady stated we don't want to increase shelter beds; we want to get them in and out of the shelters into permanent housing. Do we need to revise this goal? Additional discussion took place regarding having a standardized application process among area providers. Many people are moving here from other states such as Massachusetts and are finding that NH benefits are not the same as benefits from other areas.

E. Brady expressed concern about the Bronstein apartments and rumors surrounding what may happen to the tenants. Scott from Nashua Housing authority did not have any information regarding Bronstein apartments during his GNCOC presentation.

B. Mack asked the committee to look over the plan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05am.

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