

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care

September 5, 2018

Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Call to Order 8:05AM

Mandy Reagan is leading the meeting today explained to everyone the layout of our monthly meetings. Introductions were made by all. Mike Apfelberg made a motion to accept the minutes from our August 1st, seconded by Wendy LeBlanc. All were in favor.

Presentation: Wendy LeBlanc, Vice President for the Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force provided a slide show presentation. The Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force is one of six agencies currently making up the Partnership for Successful Living (PSL). Each PSL agency has their own 501(c)3 status, budgets and missions, sharing a CEO, Board of Directors and back end resources such as IT, Development, Accounting, etc., making things cost effective for all PSL agencies. The Task Force also has a satellite office in Keene. There are four AIDS Service Organizations (ASO) with seven locations throughout the state of NH. Some data was given on the number of people living with HIV/AIDS in the state of NH. HIV/AIDS is considered a chronic manageable disease. Studies show that Undetectable equals Untransmittable, so if a person takes their medication every day as prescribed and maintains viral suppression, they cannot spread their virus to their sex partners. Wendy also explained how HIV can mutate and become resistant to medication if not taken every day. The state of NH unfortunately has no funding for HIV/AIDS prevention and the Task Force doesn't get funded to do outreach/prevention however they do offer free confidential HIV testing. Earlier this year, SSANA, Syringe Services Alliance of the Nashua Area began. IN the first six months we assisted 400 individuals' access sterile needles and other necessary supplies and information.

Announcements:

- Hand out was given on the Safe Stations Academy Conference that will be on October 25th from 8am to 4:30pm at the Sky Meadow Country Club. Must register to attend.
- Carnival Ball will be taking place on October 20th to benefit the Ending Homelessness Fund. An invitation card was handed out to everyone with additional information.
- United Way has new 211 cards available if anyone needs them.
- Employment Connect will be meeting next week on Tuesday at 1pm at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter.
- During next month's Ending Homelessness committee meeting, we will be focused on the coordinated entry intake form. Everyone who is taking calls must attend this meeting to have proper training. This meeting will take place directly after this meeting at 9:00AM 3rd floor City Hall.
- My Brother's Keeper has 14 people trained to do free trainings on diversity. It's a 4-hour training. Call the Mayor's office if you are interested in having a presentation.
- Saturday September 22nd is the Annual Thomas O. Cash HIV/AIDS Task Force at Nashua's Greeley Park. Registration starts at 10AM.
- This Friday from 6:00pm-9:00am the Salvation Army is doing an outing they will also be doing an Apple Fest on October 6th and 7th.

Meeting Adjourn 8:49AM

Minutes taken by Magaly Rios, Southern New Hampshire HIV/AIDS Task Force, PSL