**GNCoC General Committee Meeting Minutes**
**April 2, 2025**

**1. Call to Order**

Wendy LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and led attendees in a round of introductions.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Wendy LeBlanc requested approval of the March 5, 2025, meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Bob Mack and seconded by Mark Perkins. The motion passed unanimously, with Mike Apfelberg abstaining.

**3. Subcommittee Updates**

**a. Youth Subcommittee – Mike Apfelberg**

* Next meeting: April 3, 2025, at 9:00 AM via Zoom (recurs monthly on the first Thursday).
* Standard agenda includes YHDP project updates, reports from community partners (city, nonprofits, NCC, NSD), discussion of specific cases and needs, and resource planning.
* Doug Howard provided an update on the YHDP project: Technical Assistance (TA) for the project was pulled, so efforts are being made to ensure policies and procedures are solid before full implementation. The team is collaborating with a former TA provider for guidance.
* Identified a couple of dozen young people for the project, and Harbor Care has expressed interest in providing transitional living apartments.
* Wendy LeBlanc mentioned that a new TA provider is being assigned.

**b. Health Services and Coordination Committee – Bob Mack**

* Committee meets on the last Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM via Zoom.
* Last meeting’s discussion focused on Medicaid and insurance changes at the federal and state levels.
* Examining healthcare access data for youth (18–25) as part of the Coordinated Community Plan (CCP).
* Mark Perkins reported strong collaboration among service providers, including addiction recovery services, Gatehouse, and hospitals.

**c. Outreach Subcommittee – LaTonya Muccioli**

* Discussed "paired" outreach to encampments and fixed sites.
* Public Health has access to Ryan Dowd trainings on de-escalation and best practices for working with unhoused populations. Sharing sections of these trainings during Outreach Subcommittee meetings.
* Preparing for the closure of warming stations, brainstorming solutions for debris management and continued support.

**d. Veterans Subcommittee – David Lightner**

* Collaborating with Concord Music School to integrate music therapy into veteran services.
* Multiple open positions in Harbor Care’s Veterans Services—interested applicants are encouraged to apply.
* Available hotel furniture (from a former Holiday Inn) will be distributed in late April to organizations in need.

**e. Data Committee – Robyn Malchanoff & Chertina Walker**

* The committee has restarted after leadership changes.
* Focus on improving data quality and analyzing System Performance Measures (housing placement speed, return-to-homelessness rates).
* Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM. Agencies inputting into HMIS are encouraged to have at least one representative participate.

**f. Coordinated Entry Committee – Doug Howard**

* Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM.
* Shared the NH CoC Partnership Agreement, which all CE Committee members need to sign and all agencies also need to have a representative sign.
* Clarified exit/re-entry procedures for Coordinated Entry (CE) to ensure accurate tracking.
* CE prioritizes individuals based on need, assessing those experiencing literal homelessness.
* Goal of Coordinated Entry is to connect individuals to available housing subsidies and rapid rehousing options.

**g. Executive Committee- Wendy LeBlanc**

* Focusing on strategic planning, balancing HUD compliance with broader community goals.
* Reviewing System Performance Measures to enhance services and data tracking.
* Developing work plans for subcommittees.

**4. Governor’s Council on Housing Stability Trainings – LaTonya Muccioli**

* Free online training and resource library available at [endhomelessnessnh.org/resources](https://endhomelessnessnh.org/resources).
* Topics include Housing First, McKinney-Vento, domestic violence/human trafficking, youth homelessness, racial equity and more.
* LaTonya encouraged community members to utilize these resources.
* Some of the trainings have a cost but most are free.

**5. Encampment/Warming/Overflow Station Updates – LaTonya Muccioli**

* Seven known encampments, expected numbers to increase as the weather warms.
* Joint outreach efforts include Public Health, Revive, Harbor Care, NSKS, and GNMH.
* Elm Street Warming Station closes April 30; transition plans in place, including care connections and mobile health clinic support.
* Jane Goodman reported staffing and budget challenges for NSKS winter overflow shelters; closure set for April 13.
* March warming station survey indicated 31% opioid use disorder (OUD) among respondents; this percentage believed to be low.

**6. Capacity/Openings**

* **Emergency Shelters:**
	+ NSKS has one single male and one single female bed.
	+ Rescue Mission has capacity for both men and women.
	+ Bridges is full.
* **Transitional Housing:** Marguerite’s Place, Family Promise, and Front Door are full but have waitlists. Harbor Care has six vacancies for homeless veterans, with four expected to be filled by the end of the week.
* **Permanent Housing:** No updates this month.
* **Rapid Rehousing:** No new intakes until the next fiscal year (July) due to budget constraints.
* **Other Assistance:** Bob Mack reported eight families in motels, supported by city welfare services. Pam Wellman highlighted Family Promise’s Prevention and Diversion Program.

**7. Other Announcements**

* **Board of Aldermen Budget Committee Review:** Alderman Tom Lopez shared there will be a Public Hearing on the Budget on April 10 at 7:00 PM in Aldermanic Chambers.
* **Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP):** Mike Apfelberg shared that $115K in FEMA funds have been allocated to nonprofits to support food programs via the EFSP program, but distribution is pending based on federal budget cuts.
* **Nonprofit Networking:** United Way of Greater Nashua is hosting a monthly nonprofit networking gathering every fourth Thursday at 4:00 PM at Soel Sistas.
* **Job & Resource Fair:** LaTonya Muccioli shared that Nashua Community College and Employment Security are hosting a Job and Resource Fair on April 29, 12:00–4:00 PM.
* **Public Health Week:** LaTonya Muccioli shared that Nashua Public Health is hosting a Kickoff event for Public Health Week on April 7, 12:00–3:00 PM.
* **Community Transportation Meeting:** Donna Marceau shared that the next Community Transportation Meeting will take place on April 24. See flyer for details.
* **Gate City Bike Co-op Fundraiser:** Donna Marceau shared that the Gate City Bike Co-op’s annual bike sale fundraiser will take place on Saturday April 26.
* **Cultural Connections Committee:** Donna Marceau shared that the Cultural Connections Committee is hosting speaker Richard Haines on “Art in Difficult Times” on April 30.
* **Multicultural Festival:** Iraida Munoz shared that the Cultural Connections Committee has scheduled the Multicultural Festival for September 14, and are currently exploring safe participation options for vulnerable communities.
* **Free Haircuts at NSKS:** Joshua from NSKS shared their partnership with Cuts by X barber who is providing free haircuts at NSKS twice a month. He encouraged other programs to reach out.
* **Bless this Home**: Joshua from NSKS shared Bless this Home’s program furnishing apartments for families moving on from housing programs. Hannah Stohler shared they also receive furniture donations.
* **Family Promise Derry Facility Ribbon Cutting:** Pam Wellman shared that there will be a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new Family Promise Derry facility at the end of April. It can house 8 additional families. She encouraged other programs to divert Rockingham County based families towards this new program.
* **Silver Health Dental Services:** Partnering with Lamprey Health to provide dental care for Medicaid recipients in Nashua starting April 18. Mobile unit available every Friday.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.