

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Advisory Board Meeting

45 High St. Nashua NH 03060-Welcoming Light Institute

April 18, 2018

In Attendance were: Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Mandy Regan, Heather Nelson

Call to order 10:05AM. Introductions were made by all. February's minutes were revised and brought today for approval. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes, Heather seconded it. All approved. Minutes from our March meeting were reviewed, Bob Mack motioned to approve the minutes, Heather seconded it. All in favor.

Update on Budget planning Funds – Letter from Vanessa Talasazan, VP Development & Grant Compliance for Partnership for Successful Living was presented to the committee with reiteration as to the next steps in regards to the planning grant. Heather will work to get 3 quotes from consultants to be reviewed at the next GNCOC Executive meeting in May. Currently looking to work with someone who is familiar with the COC and its requirements. We, as a committee, can approve the RFP but coming up with an RFP is not something anyone from the group has experience with. Chair will ask Vanessa for a RFP. This grant can be done by the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care as a body, to identify new funding opportunities and new agency partners. The RFP will be completed and sent to the board electronically for approval. Time is running out so a meeting is not necessary to approve the RFP.

We are working on getting the local hospitals to come to the GNCOC to talk about their current discharge plan for someone that is homeless. The hospitals have a monthly meeting in Concord and there are two discharge Case Managers in each hospital (Southern NH Medical Center and St. Joseph's hospital). Another option is to have Nashua Housing Authority and NH Housing Authority come to explain to us how they prioritize folks on the waiting list.

Nothing is changing with 211 in regards to coordinated intake, we need more information from them as to how they are handling calls from the individuals from the Greater Nashua area. Discussion took place regarding the need for a housing navigator or outreach person. Some people are getting kicked out of housing programs and then going back to the City Welfare for more help, instead of having the agency that is working with the client do a "Wrap around" meeting to prevent them from getting kicked out. The Wrap around service is under-utilized.

Met with PetSmart Charities, Mandy had to step out of this meeting early so she will email the minutes from that meeting to the full board.

Data committee needs to look at the HMIS reports and present info to the full GNCOC. We don't have any data as to the Coordinate entry data is collected through the automated system and EHF email loop. The City Welfare currently has a representative attending the Data committee.

A person from HMIS should also attend the Data committee as they get paid through the COC application.

Meeting adjured at 11:19AM

Minutes taken by Magaly Rios-Case Manager, Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force.