

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Ending Homelessness committee

August 1, 2018

Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Present in meeting were:

Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Doug Howard, Tom Lopez, Patty from Marguerite's Place, Kristy Besada, Mandy Reagan, Heather Nelson, Donald Pare, Susan Mead, Rosemarie Dykeman, Emily Reisine, Kelly Shimmel, Jessica Mitchell, Nick Perricone

Introductions were made by all. Sue Mead made a motion to accept the minutes from our June 6th meeting, seconded by Wendy LeBlanc. All were in favor.

Coordinated Entry(CE)- We are working to refine the CE process and to have it be more consistent. CE has expanded and now is available after hours. We have extra support from Harbor Homes Inc, 12 Amherst St. location as folks are able to stay there after hours until the next business day when agencies are open for support. There are many different organizations working together to make this work better.

The Board is currently working on making the CE intake form easier to use for both the staff and the person on the phone. The Board is also working with HMIS on how to get the CE information into the system so we can have better data.

Low income housing opportunities are being developed on Marshall St. Conversation in regards to how hard it is to find affordable housing here. Landlord are raising their rent too high. If we had a housing navigator like we use to have that would be very helpful for our city. Rapid Re-Housing has too many applications.

Social Worker from St. Joseph's Hospital came to today's meeting and the committee welcomed her. She let us know that coming up with discharge plans when folks are homeless is very challenging will often call the City of Nashua for assistance. Now knows about the CE line 1-844-800-9911 and will be passing it along to other coworkers.

Agency Reports:

- Marguerites Place is full. No more openings for a while as all the Condos are full.
- The Front Door Agency will soon have some openings.
- All the shelters are full.
- The Rescue Mission is working on getting a Woman's Shelter in the Fall.
- The Nashua Soup Kitchen is doing some reorganizing to assist more homeless females and families.

Wrap Around Services is always available for difficult situations, or to prevent homelessness.

Meeting Adjourned.

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