**GNCoC Health Services & Coordination Meeting Minutes**

*Thursday, December 19, 2024*

Attendance: Ashley Jackson, Bob Mack, Mark Perkins, Mike Williams, Sue Mead, Andy Fredrick, Jane Goodman, Scott Wellman, Jaime Powers, and Henry Och.

Introductions were made since we had our new GNCoC strategic planning consultant, Mike Willams, attend this committee meeting.

Mark Perkins and Bob Mack gave Mike Williams *(GNCoC strategic planning consultant)* a quick overview as to what this committee is all about.

**Community Updates:**

* Andy mentioned that there are about half a dozen patients at SNH medical center that don’t have a place to go, and it’s been an increasing issue.
* Bob mentioned that city welfare has a couple of individuals experiencing homelessness that have been placed in motels temporarily with intense medical needs.
* Bob asked Henry Och if he could talk about decision making at a higher level within the CoC since Harbor Care is the collaborative applicant.

**Wrap around services/Needs/Overview of each organization for strategic planning:**

* Jane Goodman was hoping that someone from St. Joe’s hospital was going to attend this meeting due to NSKS getting patients that are being discharged from St. Joe’s emergency department and dropped off there.
  + Jane mentioned that NSKS has a respite room but it’s for their internal clients only.
* Sue Mead mentioned that she would be able to attend these meetings more often now that she isn’t the state hospital liaison anymore. She mentioned that NH needs more assisted living housing.
* New Hampshire has been getting a lot of individuals experiencing homelessness from other neighboring states like Massachusetts, and it’s been an increasing regional issue.
* Gate House NH Respite (Jaime Powers):
  + Jaime gave a quick overview as to the services Gate House provides.
* Harbor Homes (Henry Och):
  + Henry gave a quick overview as to the services Harbor Care provides.
    - Harbor Care provides permanent housing to over a thousand individuals throughout the state of NH.
    - There are 3 transitional housing facilities with 85 beds for homeless veterans.
      * Statewide employment programs for veterans
      * Etc.
* GNHMC (Scott Wellman):
  + Scott gave an overview as to the services GNMHC provide.
    - Step-up step-down program that provides services for compromised clients with medical issues.
    - There are 9 beds that they rent out to individuals with medical conditions and homeless.
    - They don’t provide any emergency housing for clients, but they can house individuals.
* Southern NH Medical Center Andy Fredrick):
  + Andy gave an overview as to the services they provide.
  + SNH is a community hospital that has different guidelines than St Joe’s hospital.
  + They have some recovery options and coaches that are provided to patients when they are in the emergency department.
* NSKS (Jane Goodman):
  + They had about 6 individuals that have attended the warming shelter that’s now been open for a week and is fully staffed.
  + NSKS has a contract with lamprey health for a clinic at the NSKS winter shelter who tend to be more chronically ill and SUD clients.
  + NSKS Warming station: Hours of operation are 9am- 4pm and breakfast is served from 7:30am- 8:30am and reopens at 9am. Dinner is at 4pm-6pm.
* The Elm Street overnight warming station is supposed to be opening around the 2nd week of January from 7pm to 7am every night.
* Bob mentioned that this may have not been our typical meeting due to discussing the needs of this committee regarding the GNCoC strategic planning process.
* Mike Willimas thanked the group for allowing him to join this meeting and for being able to ask all his questions around the strategic planning process.

*Meeting adjourned 10:29am*