

## **Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Board of Director Meeting**

45 High St. Nashua NH 03060-Welcoming Light Institute

February 21, 2018

In Attendance were: Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Wendy LeBlanc, Gary Hooper, Rick Rutter, Mandy Regan, Heather Nelson, Michael Reinke, Maryse Wirbal

Call to order 10:05AM. Introduction were made by all. Minutes from our December meeting were reviewed. W. LeBlanc motioned to approve the minutes as corrected with B. Mack seconding.

Website is being worked on. A link with the mock GNCOC site was given to committee. Some agency logos have been added to the site but they are not all done yet. They are looking for pictures we can use but we need to be careful of the copyright. M Wirbal has some stock photos that the Front Door agency has paid for, she will provide them to Bob so he can present them to Pearl Marketing & Design. Some media links have been added such as Twitter and Facebook. We may remove the twitter account since the GNCOC currently doesn't have a Twitter account and no one in the committee knows how to use one. We came to agreement that Wendy and Tom will continue to manage the Facebook account and will also include M. Regan as chair of the GNCOC. Maybe we can do a newsletter like Manchester currently does, and have a Marketing Community Team. Mandy will reach out to the Partnership for Successful Living IT department to see if they can maintain our website once it's up and running.

There is currently a local church that wants to donate to the GNCOC however the GNCOC is not a registered nonprofit agency. Mandy and Heather will talk to Ana to find out if Harbor Homes Inc the fiscal agent could take this on. This money can help with advocacy, maintaining website, GNCOC events such as Employment Connect and Project Homeless connect. Rick Rutter will be going to the United Methodist church to present on the GNCOC on March 3rd. Tom Lopez was going to do so but he will but out of state that day.

Heather handed out the GNCOC planning Project FY2016. Planning grant must be spent by September 30<sup>th</sup>. We were told that Harbor Homes Inc. cannot sub contract the grant as we did not state that we will be doing that on the actual proposal. We have been actively working on this planning grant for a year and now we are being told we cannot do what we have been planning on doing with the funds. We must comply with HUD guidelines as to how this money is spent. This group hoped that the planning grant funds could be used for the website and a full time outreach worker position. We need more support from Harbor Homes Inc. as they are GNCOC's leading agency. There must have been a disconnect from the leadership changes and somethings got lost in the mix. It would be helpful if we have ongoing support from HHI, as Mandy and Heather are new to the GNCOC. This grant money must be spent by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Will find out how much we have left.

Wendy will look at our meeting minutes from last year to see what was spoken about this grant money as we did vote on it then. Heather and Mandy will try to get a meeting together next week

with HHI CEO, Grant writer, a representative from HUD and the Board to make sure we are all on the same page.

Michael suggested having a VISTA person work for the GNCOC. We let him know that we have tried having a VISTA work for the GNCOC however it did not work out. No one in the GNCOC had time to sit and train the VISTA person. We would need to find the right person someone who has a passion for this type of population. If we do get this outreach worker with our planning money, then the VISTA person may help as the outreach worker can then train the VISTA person.

**Announcements:**

- Presentation for April: We will invite Southern NH Medical Center and St. Joseph's Hospital to come to GNCOC to talk about their protocol in regards to homeless individuals. How do shelters play a role?
- Serenity Place & Hope for Recovery in Manchester have closed down.
- Marguerites Place has an interim director, Mary Jordan, as Barbara Alves has left for unknown reasons.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16AM