

# GNCOC /EHC Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2021

Minutes reviewed and approved January's meeting

## **Presentation:**

David Soddors from Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) presented about child bedlessness is a national problem, and as a national nonprofit with chapters spread across the country, SHP has provided the solution. It's a volunteer organization that builds beds for kids who are sleeping on the floor and there are multiple ways to get involved right here on our NH-Hillsborough Co page.

- 2 out of 5 kids within the Hillsborough County don't have beds of their owns.
- They have emergencies and have to prioritize the demand of beds if DCYF contacts them saying that they will take a child out of their homes if they don't have their own bed.
- Sleep in heavenly peace is based out of Amherst NH with 14 volunteers.

With any other questions please feel free to contact David Soddors at [dsoddors@comcast.net](mailto:dsoddors@comcast.net). Sleep in Heavenly Peace contact information is [844-432-BEDS \(2337\)](tel:844-432-BEDS).

## **Coordinated Entry Bi- Name List: (Heather Nelson)**

- Coordinated Entry bi- name list met with a few agencies recently and asked what are we doing with individuals that don't meet the criteria or aren't chronically homeless? What to do? Who within the GNCOC group would like to receive the bi-name list to decode? As Lead Agency, Harbor Care will send the Bi Name List to agencies with housing programs, starting with Rapid Rehousing and Permanent and Supportive Housing projects.
- BHS has been working on Coordinated Entry in the Balance of State CoC and building up the Regional Access Points. Recently, Strafford County CAP began serving as the domestic violence Coordinated Entry Regional Access Point.
- Heather Nelson asked if ICA could allow agencies to get the bi-name report from HMIS. ICA mentioned that the report won't be visible if the individual's data within HMIS doesn't have a signed ROI, to be able to share the report with other agencies.
- If agencies are interested in joining the work group for non-homeless individuals reach out to Ashley Gauthier or Heather Nelson.

## **Warming Stations**

- NSKS- Quincy Street is a warming station from Monday- Friday, and they're serving about 8-12 individuals at the moment.

### **Transitions into Ending Homeless Committee:**

#### **Shelters-**

- Family Promise- Is closing for construction as of February 15<sup>th</sup>. Bringing up to 12 families right now but are working with a total of 27 families. Send families to Pam Wellman for Family Promise's assistance. Working with PSH as well with one apartment in infant Jesus location.

#### **Transitional-**

- Front Door Agency- They have a full house and had a backlog of individuals that they couldn't help but when openings are available they get them in.
- Marguerite's Place-Family of 3 on their waitlist they're getting in and will hopefully have an apartment open by the end of the month.
- Bridges (DV agency)- Shelter is full and transitional housing is back up and running.

#### **Permanent Supportive Housing-**

- Harbor Care- 50 chronically homeless individuals housed and there are 20 remaining on overall list. The recent updated list has 9 individuals remaining. All 9 individuals can be housed with mainstream vouchers.
- Stepping Stones- Have FYI vouchers available to ages 25 years or younger and involved with DCYF and vouchers will come in within 60 days.
- Greater Nashua Mental Health- Providing diversion services and monthly subsidy through the 811 program. They have a waitlist for those apartments because they're full at the moment. The Bridge program though GNMH gives assistance with section 8 program and PSH individuals. The Bridge program is able through 500 vouchers throughout the state of NH to provide clients with PSH.

#### **Rapid Re-housing-**

- SSVF (Harbor Care) - 9 households are in PSH or transitional housing placement (that they're working with).
- Front Door Agency- 16 or 7 families in rapid re-housing that Doug Howard is working with and they have COVID funds and have relationships with landlords.

#### **Outreach-**

- PATH- Outreach efforts for the PIT Count was assisted by 19 volunteers within the community and had there were 20 outreach sites. The Public Health Department helped with COVID vaccinations sites as well during the PIT Count. Goal for year 2022: Is to start a PIT Count Subcommittee and create a press release regarding the PIT Count. Meghan Morrow was very helpful this year for the 2021 PIT Count. The PIT data will be out in March with the preliminary numbers.

#### **Announcements:**

- Thomas Shea- Reached out to agencies for resources on stable housing within the GNCoC area.
- Bob Keating- Created a website based off of his presentation of Human Rights.
- United Way- Is hosting another upcoming radio show.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am

Minutes taken by Ashley Gauthier

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