

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care (GNCOC)

February 6, 2019

Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Call to Order 8:00AM

Chairing today is GNCOC co-chair Mandy Reagan. She explained the meeting layout to everyone. This month is focused on committee report outs. Introductions were made by all. Candace G. motioned to approved the minutes for the January 2nd meeting seconded by Mike A. All were in favor.

Executive Committee: Mandy reported that the committee met and discussed Coordinated Entry(CE), and how important it is to have CE workers come to the Ending Homelessness subcommittee meeting. The website was discussed and the option of having a portal for our wrap around services. The GNCOC website link is <http://nashua-coc.org>. The group looked at the website together and encouraged agencies to look over the information particularly in the Tool kit. For any updates that maybe necessary, please let Ashley Gauthier a.gauthier@nhpartnership.org know so she can update it. Tested the “contact me” tab to verify it actually works.

Ending Homelessness Committee: Bob Mack stressed the fact that we need the right people to come to this meeting. Lots of discussion on Coordinated Entry. Will need to train people who are answering the phones on how to properly do the intake and looking at the referral process. This meeting meets directly after this one.

Data Gathering Committee: Jill O’ Neil is not here to report on this committee, however Mandy is one of the committee members and reported that the committee has been very productive. Looking through all the CE data. It has been very difficult as the data is very inconsistent on the intake forms.

Employment Committee: Tom Lopez reported that the Employment Connect subcommittee met and is working on the Employment Connect Job Fair for May 8th at the Nashua Public library. We are currently looking for sponsors for this event. After we have sponsors then we will be looking for Employers to register, and then let people know about this job fair. We are also doing the “Suit Yourself” clothing drive. This is where we engage local downtown businesses and provided them with a bin so people from the community can drop off” lightly-worn” interview clothing. This committee is meeting on February 14th at 3pm at the Nashua Public library. The Employment Connect Committee is scheduled for February 21st at 3pm at the Nashua Public Library for the regular employment provider meeting.

Veteran Homelessness Committee: Mandy Reagan shared updates on the statewide Ending Veteran Homelessness initiative. The GNCOC subcommittee is part of the statewide steering committee, working on the system of ending veteran homelessness. Currently, the group is looking at data sharing capabilities to enhance the Veterans By Name List. Not all agencies enter into HMIS when a veteran is identified as experiencing homelessness (such as the VA, Liberty House). The VA has a comprehensive database they use; HOMES, which captures the same

information, but does not speak to HMIS. The group is looking at how to marry the data captured by those agencies with HMIS data, without groups having to double enter (increasing administrative burden and taking away from direct care).

Youth Committee: We are looking for a Chair for this committee. There is still no Homeless liaison at the Nashua school district however Doug Howard will be happy to assist if you have a homeless family whose child needs additional support as he still has contacts and the Nashua School district. Doug can be reached at 603-966-2511 at his office is at the Nashua High School North. Doug is looking for a good MSW if you know of any send them his way.

Announcements/ Discussion:

Donna Marceau - Gate City Co Op is temporary located at 35 Spring St., looking for long term space. If you have space available at your agency, please let her know. She also asks if anyone is having issues getting people into Job Corps please let her know at donna@nsks.org There have been many issues getting people in due to their criminal background check.

NAMI flyer was passed out to everyone with the upcoming NAMI information on it.

HUD sent out the primary decision on the COC Application and Ashley sent it out to everyone. It will soon be finalized and once we have the final notice she will send it to everyone.

Jon invites everyone to go the United Methodist Church on Tuesday to learn about the “Cliff effect” This is for low income people to learn how to become economically stable. Let the United Methodist Church know if you are planning on attending.

Today The Temple Beth Israel will be hosting a group at 12:00 in regards to substance use disorder.

Scott and Pam got married! We all wish them the very best.

New topic Success stories:

To end our meeting on a good note, we will be sharing Success Stories that we have accomplished through our programs.

- Wendy shared that in this year’s Point in Time count there are zero homeless people who are HIV positive living in the streets of Nashua.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45