

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Executive Committee

45 High St. Upstairs meeting room

January 16, 2019

In Attendance was Mandy Reagan, Heather Nelson, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Heather Nelson, Wendy LeBlanc, Gary Hooper, Ashley Gauthier, Lloyd Curtis, Pam Small, Gary Hooper.

Call to order 10:15AM. Started late today because the Welcoming Light Room was double booked. Heather was able to find a room upstairs to meet in until 11am.

Chairing today are Mandy and Heather. Introductions were made by all. Wendy made a motion to approve the December minutes as amended, seconded by Pam. All were in favor.

Representation at the Ending Homelessness Committee (*EHC*): Bob explained to members the importance of having the right people in the *EHC*. Wants to let the leaders of the different organizations know this so we can gain their support. Heather took down some names of different shelter managers within PSL that will be contacted to encourage them to participate in this committee or have staff representation. This way we can discuss resource availability, shelter capacity and trouble shoot any challenges. Coordinated Entry (*CE*) workers should come to this meeting so they can report to us and we can improve things as we go. Transitional Housing providers should also be attending. Ashley will be working on writing out something that explains what the *EHC* is.

Coordinated Entry: A spread sheet with different organizations and what their eligibility requirements are, will be provided to all the *CE* workers. Lloyd is new to the Continuum of Care and is also new to the *CE* process with this list he and others can have a better idea of the different resources in town. Lloyd explained that Jon who answers the phone at the Rescue Mission was out Monday, and he is the only one who knows how to refer people when they call *CE*.

Racial Disparity: Part of the NOFA application asks about racial disparity assessments completed in the COC. Systems of oppression and disparity have been discussed in the COC. For example, the True Colors Fund recently sent a package with example of policies and procedures targeting inclusive and equitable services for LGBTQ people. The racial disparity assessment is meant to gather data which will help us in identifying and changing racial and ethnic bias in our systems and services. Mandy and Heather have been discussing trainings with agencies for the COC, to address the underlying reasons for disparity, historical references, personal bias and white privilege. Many of the organizations that sit in the *GNCOC* have taken a “Cultural Competency” training at one point or another however, it is important that the full *GNCOC* takes one together, so we’re all on the same page and acknowledge that inclusivity is an ongoing process which may involve more than 1 training. Mandy and Heather asked for recommendations from the group, and were informed there are several local groups who offer trainings. Mandy and Heather encouraged members to send any ideas. More to come.

Point in Time Count (*PIT*) will be on the 23rd. Miles will be collecting the data. Explained how the *PIT* works. An email will be sent with the forms.

Announcements:

Tax Flyer were sent out to all indicating where you can go for free filing and tax help. The government shut down will not affect this. You can still file.

Future meeting discussions took place on how to make this meeting valuable to everyone around the table. It was agreed that future agendas will include reviewing segments of the NOFA to make sure we are following everything we said we would do. This way when we do our next application, we can be more confident on it.

Upcoming Meetings:

- GNCOC Executive Meeting will be on February 20th 9:30AM at Family Promise. Email will be sent to all with the directions. The last 30 minutes will be a tour of the agency. Next month we will do a different organization.
- Next GNCOC meeting will be at City 3rd Floor auditorium, February 6, 2019

Meeting adjourned 10:50AM