

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:

January 20, 2021

Attendance: Ashley Gauthier, Heather Nelson, Michael Reinke, Erin Segaloff, Hannah Stohler, Kevin Flynn, Lloyd Curtis, Mandy Reagan, Dawn Reams, Meghan Morrow, Chertina Walker, Robyn Malchanoff, Michael Apfelberg, Wendy Leblanc, Bob Mack, Pam Wellman and Jill O'Neill

Called to order at 10:00am

Reviewed last month's meeting minutes approved by Kevin Flynn and seconded by Michael Apfelberg and all were in favor.

NH CoC merging conversation:

Mike Apfelberg: Isn't a fan of merging the 3 CoC's because greater Nashua has a lot of rural areas like the northern country that still need services but just with different needs. Kevin Flynn agrees with Mike Apfelberg.

Wendy Leblanc: Her only concern is the need for help during the CoC application process with community participation.

Michael Reinke: Recommended that we collaborate together with the other NH CoC's for the YDP application. Meghan Morrow mentioned you can't do that without being merged together.

Bob Mack: Agrees with Wendy Leblanc for the CoC application but is concerned about the prioritization if we merge, we will lose funds. BoS CoC covers a few different areas then the other NH CoC's. Maybe collaborate on technical assistance and collaborate a couple times with the state BoS.

Michael Reinke: Mentioned that Harbor Care won't have to take on as much responsibility, if we merge together.

- GNCOC gets about 1.8 million for funding
- MCoC gets about 2 million for funding
- BoSCoC gets about 4.5 million for funding

Wendy Leblanc: Mentioned that if people don't want to merge the CoC's than they need to help with the CoC application participation during NOFA season.

Mike Apfelberg: Isn't focusing on the funding but how each CoC and agencies work together. The Greater Nashua CoC works well together.

Heather Nelson: Mentioned that we may have lost the DV funds because we weren't answering the questions strong enough. Dawn Reams at Bridges didn't think that Toni Tiano (CoC Consultant) wasn't helpful during the CoC application process. Dawn Reams didn't feel comfortable speaking and making up numbers/data for other agencies within the GNCOC.

Jill O'Neill: Talked about a governance structure within the MCoC that's then discussed statewide for a decision. We need more knowledge on the ranking process and get that system working well. Program percentage on projects is heavily weighted on renewal funding. Michael Reinke mentioned that maybe we can table this conversation until next month's meeting.

Mike Apfelberg: This is what HUD potentially would like to see the CoC's merge. What does that do for the revenue?

Bob Mack: Doesn't think the BoS CoC application is any different than the MCoC or GNCOC because NH isn't that big.

Mike Apfelberg: Asked a question- Is there a middle ground? And If there is some kind of lesion.

Erinn Segaloff: Attends all the CoC meetings and a CoC's work well and closely together. Erinn can report out to the other CoC's and report back.

Update from the other CoC's like BoS and Manchester and bring back to the Executive Committee starting in February.

COVID Vaccines:

Mike Apfelberg: For Phase 1B it's a struggle to get the assistance from other agencies to help out with the vaccines.

Bob Mack: Mentioned that maybe we could do something during the PIT Count to be able to find a location.

Michael Reinke: 2 Quincy Street is doing a vaccine and warming center on Wednesday, January 27th and working with Bobby Bagley to follow the guideline for phase 1B.

Heather Nelson: Harbor Care has been able to get the phase 1 vaccine out and now working on getting it for the group home and waiting for phase 2.

Bob Mack: There was a training on the state level and they're looking for a physical location for the regional access points within NH. What can be considered as the regional access point?

Heather Nelson: Mentioned that it can be a group of people or a location because it doesn't mention that you need a physical location.

Mandy Reagan: Mentioned it's for the individuals that don't have a phone or email and that need a physical location. It's normally a CAP agency so that the individual can talk to someone.

Bob Mack: We need to come up with a physical location. They need to have the ability to get into CE , HMIS or diversion for an access point and maybe go town to town to come up with a location for each surrounding area. Maybe Kathy Farland from Stepping Stones can use the youth center as an access point.

It was mentioned that maybe it should be NSKS at 2 Quincy Street as an access point since they have the ability to do that and Lloyd Curtis from SNRM mentioned he has the ability as well. (Emergency Shelters within the GNCoC)

Meghan Morrow: You can have specific locations for youth, families, and singles for an access point as well.

Point in Time Count

There is an ICA PIT meeting today and tomorrow for more information and PIT forms.

Meghan Morrow: Everything for the PIT Count Data need to be collected. Monday the paper forms and google forms will be published.

Mandy Reagan: Next year we will do the PIT count on the next day for the outreach efforts. We shouldn't be doing it on the day of the PIT Count it should be done after 6pm.

Meeting Adjured at 11:24am