

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care (GNCOC)

March 6, 2019

Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Call to Order 8:00AM

Chairing today is GNCOC co-chair Heather Nelson. Introductions were made by all. Bob M. motioned to approved the minutes for the February 6th meeting, seconded by Candace G. All were in favor.

This month we have a presentation from Kimberley Bernard, Chief Public Health Nurse/ and Community Health Department Manager from the City of Nashua Division of Public Health & Community Services. She spoke about Hepatitis A outbreaks in our community. She wants to partner up with other agencies to educate and train individuals on Hepatitis A. Brochures were given out with contact information.

Second presentation was supposed to be Jonathan Brown, Clinic Director of Harbor Care Health & Wellness Center, however he could not make it today so Peter Kelleher is here today on his behalf. Peter explained that programs at Harbor Homes Inc.(HHI) are retooling to better meet the needs of our clients. Maple Street shelter has been operating for 20 years but data shows that those who are Chronically Homeless (CH) rarely get connected to permanent housing (PH). The operation of the shelter has become a treadmill and we are changing the model to support CH with medical concerns. We have had great success with ending veteran homelessness and we are trying to use a similar model for CH. We will be shifting our efforts so that services from our clinic can be provided at Maple St, so that individuals can get connected to PH. SAMHSA staff will be there to provide services to those that are CH. After July 1st, Maple St. will no longer be a traditional shelter. With the help of members from the GNCOC we can help educate the community on the new transition of Maple Street and how it will no longer be a walk-in shelter. Also discussed the Gilmore Respite Center changing its model to also be more of a TH model, housing first for CH persons. Referrals can be made for CH individuals. HUD's definition will be used for CH. 1 year consecutive or four times in three years and must be documented as disabled.

Announcements:

- Point in Time forms were sent out to all and it needs to be returned to Miles P as soon as possible.
- HMIS Announcement, for people using the HMIS system. Please make sure you are exiting your clients in a timely matter.
- This year we scored higher on our COC application yet we did not get the additional funding. We are looking to appeal this.
- Greater Nashua is looking for Volunteers. A link in the Nashua telegraph in case people are interested.
- Nashua Housing has rented out their 2- bedroom unit.
- Sarah from the Nashua Transit let us know that the City bus has now expanded to Walmart in Amherst, NH The bus drivers are using google translator to be able to communicate with people who don't speak English.

- Don P, informed us that there will be a Safety Fair on Saturday March 23rd 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nashua High School North, Bike CO - Op will be there.

As discussed in a couple of meetings we will now be ending off each meeting with a success story or accomplishments to help those that are homeless within our communities!

Meeting adjourned at 9:02AM