

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care (GNCOOC)  
May 1, 2019  
Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium

Call to Order 8:05am

Chairing today is co-chair Mandy, we had our presenter cancel last minute for today's meeting and Lloyd Curtis volunteered to present as the Director of the Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission. Introduction were made by all.

Minutes from our April 3rd meeting were reviewed, one correction in regards to the NSKS property was that it was being leased, not bought. Mandy motioned to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Bob Mack. All were in favor.

Lloyd Curtis presented and will email his PowerPoint slides to the entire GNCoC with the information he shared about the Rescue Mission. The Rescue Mission is part of the City Gate network. It has 30- 40 beds available for men only. They offer different programs to help individuals become self-sufficient. There is a commercial kitchen that all meals are prepared and made. They serve breakfast and lunch on weekdays and serve dinner on weekends. Meals are offered to all community members in need. Every other week they give out clothing that's been donated from other organizations.

Jon continues to volunteer and assist those in need when they call the Coordinated Entry line. During the winter season, they open early as a warming center so people are not out in the cold all day. People are welcome to take showers at the Rescue Mission every Tuesday from 11am-1pm. There are nightly check – ins at 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Everyone takes a breathalyzer before coming in, and random drug test are taken from individuals who staff may suspect of drug use. They do not accept men who are on suboxone or methadone maintenance. Currently raising funds to open a women's shelter in the future. They offer faith based information but they do not pressure individuals to join their faith. Currently they are at full capacity.

Mandy attended the Youth subcommittee meeting, and she presented on the GNCOOC and was surprised on the number of participants in the committee and we are looking to find strategies to better work with them. We are happy to introduce the new Nashua School District Homeless Liaison, Taylor Smith. She spoke about her position and steps on how to eliminate barriers for students to get rides to and from school and for families to be connected with the proper resources. It was identified, that we have about 330 youth who are experiencing homelessness in the Greater Nashua area. There has been a gap, due to the fact that we haven't had a school liaison in a long time. But, with the help of Taylor we are hoping to reduce the numbers of youth who are experiencing homelessness within our community.

**Announcements:**

- Wendy L, let everyone know that Manchester now has a syringe service program and their number is 207-370-7187.

- Tom L, New tobacco ordinance to raise the legal age to buy and have possession of cigarettes to 21 and this includes vaping. This will reduce addiction and reduce bad health outcomes. Monday Night there will be a public meeting.
- Sue M, the month of May is mental health awareness month. Encouraging everyone to go to NAMI website.
- Don P, informed us that the Bike Co-op Bike program was granted \$1,500 from Park Tool. Congratulation!
- Tom L, reminded everyone that Employment Connect is next week on May 8th. Posters were handed out to everyone to place in their agencies. The Suit Yourself Drive is happening now and will end on Friday.
- Mike A, On May 23rd United Way is doing their annual baby shower. If you have any clients that can benefit from this please let Liz know as this is by referral only. He also has new 211 cards if you need some please see him after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55am