

GNCoc/EHC General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 5th, 2021

Called to order at 9:00am

Motion to approve minutes by Wendy Leblanc, seconded by Bob Mack. All were in favor of approving the minutes.

Executive Committee- Discussed current changes with HMIS vendor to a new provider Bitfocus. The decision came from the HMIS advisory committee after members met on a weekly basis to demo 10 various vendors of data services and score each system based on user experience and data reporting capabilities. The 3 Coc's across NH voted to contract with the new vendor in the upcoming year. Also, an update regarding the continued discussions occurring within the 3 NH CoC chairs and co-chairs regarding efforts to better collaborate across the 3 Coc's in NH. No decisions have been made or expected in the near future in regards to the merger of the 3 CoC's.

Youth Committee- Mike Apfelberg- Stepping Stones has received a large amount of donations that they are unable to store in their space. They are in need of parking lot space to leave their pod storage. If anyone is willing to allow them to use their space, please let Kathy or Mike know. Ongoing efforts to end youth homelessness in Greater Nashua

Data Committee – Jill O'Neill- Jill is stepping down from her role as Data chair. Conversation regarding the role of the CoC chair was explained and discussion about the importance of data analytics in order to better understand the needs of the community and those that the many various agencies across the GNCoc serve. Henry Och offered to assist and will reach out to Jill O'Neill, and she will assist.

Ending Homelessness Committee- Bob Mack Henry Harris gave update on the financial assistance through the CAP agency. Applications are flowing in, and he encouraged agencies to prompt individuals to apply as soon as possible as it can take some time to get through the application process. If you are aware of any individual at-risk of becoming homeless or in need of financial assistance, please refer to the local CAP agency for Nashua area residents this is Southern NH Services. CAP agency may be able to help. Please visit: <https://www.snhs.org/> or by calling (603) 668-8010 (Local) (800) 322-1073 (Toll Free). There you will find a link to their online application. You may also contact The Front Door Agency at: HOME - Front Door Agency or by calling 603.886.2866. These resources can assist with back, rent, utility assistance, and rental assistance for those who are facing homelessness.

***Openings-
Shelters:***

- *Rescue Mission 9 openings for single men.*
- *NSKS no openings but have 2 new staff. 1 Coordinated entry worker and 1 outreach worker.*
- *Marguerites place full. Front Door agency full.*
- *Family Promise new location is now full.*

Permanent Housing:

Harbor Care - we have currently housed 17 chronically homeless 4 in process, 6 waiting on documentation, 4 individual we are working to contact. In total Harbor Care has housed 96 individuals and 80 households since January of 2020.

- *Front Door agency has funding to assist as stated earlier.*

Outreach- *Sue Mead did a clean up on Monday with the City, and Department of PH. Bob Mack mentioned the Landlord Incentive to help house individuals experiencing homelessness. The Broad way parking is turning into the Veterans parkway.*

Announcements-

- *United way was able to provide Mother's Day roses to all homeless mothers across Nashua. Skydiving fundraising for youth homelessness. You can access more information on their website. United Way does a Facebook live at noon for their quick walk-through clip of the different agencies within the GNCoC area.*
- *The month of May is Mental Health Awareness.*
- *Tree street block party is on June 26th the streets will be blocked off for the event.*
- *Review the structure of Board of education to help with education within different wards.*
- *Church World service Fundraisers- Are for the refugee pail for the week to walk everywhere to get food and experience life through their shoes.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am

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