

GNCOC General Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am

Client Feedback Loop Survey:

- Wendy LeBlanc pulled up the GNCOC website to discuss and reviewed the GNCOC feedback loop survey and questions with the group and also mentioned how all the meetings are all up on the website as well.

Minutes were reviewed: Scott Wellman made a motion to approve the minutes and Henry Och seconded. All were in favor.

YHDP Update:

- Kathy Farland wasn't able to present on the YHDP grant at scheduled time, so Wendy LeBlanc and Bob Mack updated the group about the round 7 YHDP grant. The GNCOC has received about 1.25 million dollars in funding for this year with a continuation of 3 years, with the 1st year being just the planning grant funds for YHDP and last two years are the full amount.
- There are community calls that HUD has been providing for the YHDP grant with a lot of TA and the group meets every Friday at 11:00am for the project management team.
- HUD TA- reaches out to each group member for all three committees (Project Management, Planning, and Youth Action Board) to keep us informed about what needs to get done during this process.
- The project management team is in the process of scheduling the YHDP planning committee meetings.
- Doug Howard- mentioned that those who are participating or have been recruited to be part of the planning committee to please attend the appropriate HUD YHDP community calls. So, that our CoC doesn't miss out on this opportunity.

City Encampment Updates/Open Discussion:

- The largest encampment was on Temple street and the railroad asked people to clear out of that area. There City offered space for a temporary encampment site on Crown street.
- There have been a lot of efforts of outreach from NPD, Fire Department, Nashua Public Health, and outreach workers from various agencies to help in this process to find housing and move people out of the encampment.
- The encampment committee did start off meeting weekly to discuss the list of individuals that were in need and homeless as to what to do about the encampment sites.

- The encampment committee meets every month to discuss these efforts and this group is hoping to receive the coordinated entry funds from the NOFO to be able to help with capturing homeless individuals to get them into CE system.
- Where will we be in the winter: The NSKS applied for the same funding from last year for a warming center and overflow beds. They have been granted the same funds for this winter as well and it should start being utilized on December 1st.
- The community health workers are going out and making connections with individuals to help them get job applications, IDs, birth certificates, and anything that they need.
- The public health department goes out weekly at a scheduled time to help and get individuals bus passes, and making those referrals, and diversion for those in need.
- There are funds that are available from the opioid funding to work as a temporary housing program but it's more of a soft hand off for those that need housing. They are eligible if they are recovering from opioid use and it's not called the motel program but it's a temporary placement into the motel for recovery services.
- Nelly at the public health department is the contact person for this opioid funding program. You can contact her at 603-589-4565.
- There is an opening at the public health department with the title as the Public Health Housing Services Officers- This individual will be working with the housing trust funds and homeless services within the community.
- Susan Mead- can provide agencies with tent supplies and etc. that she distributes to NSKS, and the public health department.
- The winter shelter will be opening up on December 1st and they have 20 beds available. They also have an overflow room for families as well. The NSKS is hiring as well for a seasonal job with an hourly rate. It's an overnight shift with a night differential. They will be at 2 Quincy street and walk people over to the other building as well.
- Ashley Jackson will send out the job description to the entire GNCoC mailing list for the NSKS open position as well as the public health position.

Data Dashboard-

- Chertina Walker & Robyn Malchanoff pulled up the ICA website to review the data dashboard.
- The dashboard is updated monthly and if you scroll down to the bottom of the website you can find all the CoC's data that ICA works with.
- You can review the system performance measurements, the length of time homeless, new clients entering homelessness, and etc. All this information is pulled right out of HMIS and is collected from 2016 into the present day.
- In the winter the GNCoC's data may go up due to NSKS having the winter shelter and then it may decrease as the year progresses.

- All the NH CoC's are viewing the same system performance measures. In the past the GNCoC only chose to review the 1st two SPMs but now we have more SPMs that we have added to review.
- The coordinated entry data is updated daily by looker which is a platform for the data, and tableau is for visual data.
- Emergency Shelter and System Performance Measures are updated monthly on the ICA data website. You can filter out each data category by year, month, and etc.
- We reviewed the data chart based off of how many clients are in Emergency Shelters within the GNCoC- Marguerite's Place, Front Door Agency, and NSKS are all considered emergency shelters based on what your funding source is within ESG which then is considered emergency shelter.

Capacity/Opening Updates:

- **Emergency Shelter:**
 - Rescue Mission: HOPE Center has 3 openings and Mercy has none.
 - NSKS- has an opening for family but doesn't have any other openings.
- **Transitional Housing:**
 - Family Promise is full. They are still actively accepting applications.
 - Front Door- Have people apply but have no openings.
 - Marguerite's Place- is full and has a long wait list.
 - Stepping Stones- Is full but has two people on the wait list for youth.
- **Permanent Housing:**
 - Harbor Care doesn't have an emergency shelter anymore or doesn't assist with rental assistance because Harbor Care doesn't enter individuals into Coordinated Entry, but they pull from the list to help with housing opportunities for those that are chronically homeless.
 - Harbor Care doesn't have a waitlist anymore and they can't house individuals that aren't homeless but only chronically homeless.
- **Rapid Rehousing-**
 - Front Door Agency- Is full but will continue to work with individuals and receive applications.

Announcements:

- December meeting, we will have a holiday party. We are asking that each subcommittee chair give a summary as to what their subcommittee is and what they do to get GNCoC members to sign up and possibly participate in the GNCoC subcommittees.
- Doug Howard said that he doesn't mind staying after this meeting for about 30 minutes to discuss coordinated entry and answer any questions.
- Thanksgiving Dinner at Harbor Care- Tuesday, November 21st at 11:30am- 2:00pm, located at 45 High Street.

- Mark Perkins- Thanksgiving Dinner at the Rescue Mission the day before Thanksgiving and they do breakfast and lunch at 10am until
- There is an election next Tuesday- please review the candidates to know their positions on homelessness and housing.
- Katy from St. Joseph's hospital mentioned that Grey Nun's thrift shop will give out vouchers for individuals in need of clothing, and they also provide tents, pots and pans and tarps for those in need. Please reach out to Katy for any assistance with the vouchers.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30AM