

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 10:04am

Introductions were made.

Attendance: Pam Wellman, Scott Wellman, Bob Mack, Jane Goodman, Henry Och, Heather Nelson, Mike Apfelberg, Ashley Jackson, Wendy LeBlanc, Bobbie Bagley, Cathy McNamara, Kathy Farland, Hannah Stohler, Robyn Malchanoff, Violet Aureli, and Chertina Walker.

Mike Apfelberg made a motion to approve, and Pam Wellman seconded.

Outreach Summit-

- Heather Nelson will make a motion to approve and Mike Apfelberg seconded. All were in favor.

NOFO Update:

- We are in the last stage of the CoC Application and the Project Priority Listing, and plan to submit it on Tuesday, September 26th.

October General Meeting Line up-

- Wendy LeBlanc, Harbor Care
- Rosemary Ford, St Joseph Hospital
- Attorney Meaghan Silva and Claudia Lopez de Cram, NH Catholic Charities
- Iraida Munoz, Nashua Division of Public Health, and Community Services
- Zebulon Eaton, The Pride Room
- Germano Martins, NH DHHS

November General Meeting Line up-

- Hearing Loss, and deaf presenter from the state of NH
- Randy Pierce- He is blind and runs a non- profit and he provides services within this community.
- Bruno from the Rotary Club can present (Scott Wellman).
- Tom Lopez can do a presentation as well.

December Meeting and new Structure for next year-

- We can start having the subcommittee chairs attend the Executive Committee by November and they can talk about what their committees are about and send a sign-in sheet to the entire GNCOC General Committee meetings.
- Then maybe it can be assigned that each subcommittee chair come up with topics to present to the entire GNCOC Community.
- Julian Long from HUD Housing will be presenting at the October General Committee meeting.
- We need to review our GNCOC Governance Charter- to have an affiliation as to who represents each GNCOC Subcommittee as a member.

- Wendy LeBlanc met with Henry Och to discuss DEI and BIPOC Community to participate into our GNCOC Executive committee and the GNCOC as a whole.
- Henry Och- Discussed that maybe there can be some kind of recruitment efforts towards participation within diverse populations within their communities. In the state of NH there is a specific demographic that is at the Executive Committee.

GNCOC Governance Charter/Mentoring/Restructure Discussion-

- Emily Martscello came up with another committee called the funding committee, and maybe this is something that we did to include within our GNCOC Community.
- Jane Goodman- hasn't gotten back from
- The ending homelessness funding committee- isn't really running the way it use to in the last 3 years but this is a committee that we can look to help with funding options for the match of the funding committee.
- Harbor Care- Has to ask for about an 80+ percent for a match for some of the housing programs that keep increasing throughout the years because of rent.
- Maybe we can have a mentorship program where members from the Executive Committee can be assigned to each subcommittee chair to get them up to speed and help them get accustomed to the Executive Committee as a new member.
 - As an executive committee are we going to have a universal mentorship structure or is going to be different from each agency? Wendy LeBlanc asked Pam Wellman if she has a structure that the group could use for the mentorship program.
 - Maybe we can have guests that can be invited to the Executive Committee meetings since these meetings are not open to the public.
- Within our GNCOC Governance Charter- We need to specify who is counted as a vote on the GNCOC Executive Committee and how many people should we have on our board too. Also, do we want to name specific members to vote for or just the agency.
- People with lived experience involvement- We need to have a way to include the consumers within our Executive Board because once they get here, they don't know what to do or what's expected from them.
- We need to include proxy laws within our GNCOC Governance Charter- Scott Wellman will be working on this item.
- Jane Goodman- needs an orientation for what the GNCOC is and what do we need vote on within the GNCOC Executive Committee.
- The planning grant increased this year and what's been included was incentives for the people with lived experience for some compensation. The Planning grant ends in August and starts back up every August, so it will take some time for those funds to be dispersed.
- Dawn Reams have offered to step down from the GNCOC Executive committee.
- We discussed the encampment situation and what's going on with that.

Our agenda item for next year-

- Maybe "what is the GNCOC"?
- We discussed the CoC merger, and we didn't vote on the GNCOC merger, but we tabled it at the moment. Now that we have TA from HUD that we can use their expertise as to

what we can do as a CoC to improve within before continuing the discussion of the merger.

- Also, another factor is how we do with this year's CoC Competition as to if we can get funding then we should discuss the merger again.
- Who is missing from this meeting as a discussion?
- Encampment conversation- Mike A asked about the encampment. Jane shared that they will be moved to 25 Crown St.

Next Month's Action Items-

- We are going to have the subcommittee chairs attend next month starting in November.
- We can discuss and approve the mentorship structure Pam Wellman will send out.
- Having an orientation/marketing committee to agencies to help with the understanding of the GNCoC.