

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care (GNCOC)**

*September 4, 2019*

*Nashua City Hall, 3rd floor Auditorium*

Call to Order 8:04

Chairing today is co-chair Mandy Reagan. She explained the layout of this committee. This month is committee report out. Introductions were made by all.

Minutes from our August 7th meeting were reviewed, Mike Apfelberg motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Bob Mack. All were in favor.

**Executive Meeting-** Met in July discussion re: generalize outreach in our community. We looked at Manchester's COC and they also need a Coordinator for their Coordinated Entry. Looked at City of Manchester Planning and community development. NOFA is currently being worked on. We are seeking nominations for GNCOC chair/ vice chair and new clerk position. Please send nominations to Ashley by next Friday and votes will be done with the executive committee and we will bring it back to the full GNCOC next month.

**Ending Homelessness** – A Coordinated Entry intake assessment workshop will be held Tuesday the 10th at 3pm here at City Hall 3rd floor auditorium. Discussion re: shelter updates and what was available at that time. New Marshall St. apartments have affordable housing. A reminder to everyone that Wrap around services are available Bob doesn't need to sit in that wrap around, we can bring in providers depending on the situation.

**Data Gathering Committee** -Jill O'Neil looking at preliminary data from our CE intake and will repeat that report soon. We will be looking at trends that are happening. Ranking process is being worked on. Data is super important for us to get funded. Next meeting will be on September 19th from 1pm-2pm at Greater Nashua Mental Health Center, 100 West Pearl St. location. ICA, the new HMIS provider will be present in the near future.

**Employment Committee** -Tom Lopez reported we have not been meeting in the summer. Meeting is scheduled on September 19th at 3pm at the Nashua Public Library. Looking for stakeholders and any employment support programs are welcome to attend the meeting.

**Youth Committee-** We are looking for a person to chair this committee. Anyone who may be interested and has a passion to work with youth and families, this would be a perfect opportunity for you. Mike from the United Way will be meeting with the Homeless school liaison to discuss who would be a good candidate for this role.

**Announcements/Discussions**

- Mandy let us know that the Veteran Ending Homeless summit was a success. Over 100 people attended. The Boulder Park project will open 30 units up North.
- Greater Nashua Mental Health Center will be administering the BRIDGE program. This program is for people that have mental health disorder and or a dual diagnosis.

- AIDS walk is on Saturday, September 21st. Save the date flyers were given out to everyone.
- The Stand Down this year will be held on September 26th in Manchester at the McIntyre Ski Area.
- Substandard living committee is meeting on September 12 at 7pm, at Public Health.
- We welcomed Maura Fitzpatrick the new Executive Director for St Gianna's Place Inc, located in Londonderry. This agency assists with temporary residence for expecting mothers. There is no age requirement. Many different programs such as Employment programs and Education training. Up to one year of assistance.
- The Nashua Public Library will be doing a criminal record annulment workshop 9/12 4:30pm.
- NH Bar Association has some pro bono services available. Mike has information if you are interested.
- United Way, Sleep Out will be held on September 20th and the 21st. There is a sock drive currently collecting all size of new socks.
- A forum on Human Trafficking will be held on October 16th at Southern New Hampshire University.
- Any homeless related events please share with Tom or Wendy so they can include it on the GNCOC Facebook account.
- The next NOFA meeting will be held from 1pm-3pm at the Partnership for Successful Living 77 Northeastern BLVD. We will be reviewing and finalizing everything. Looking for input from this full committee.
- Bike Co- Op is starting a pilot program to encourage young people to use their helmets. A ticket to a free slice of pizza from Nashua House of Pizza will be given to kids who are "caught" driving with their helmets.
- Multicultural Festival will be on September 15 from 1-5pm St. Patrick's Gym.

**Adjournment**

8:55am