

## Greater Nashua Continuum of Care- Ending Homelessness subcommittee

*Nashua City Hall, August 2, 2017*

Present in meeting were: Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Doug Howard, Richard Rutter, Lianne Bower, Hilary Keating, Donald Pare, Akshat Gadgil, John Alciere, Peter Kelleher, Mandy Regan, Gale Sylvia

Introduction made by all. G. Sylvia made a motion to accept the minutes P. Kelleher seconded it. All approved

### **Agency capacity:**

- Marguerite's Place has two openings coming up for Transitional Housing (TH)
- Front door is taking applicants for the rapid re housing program.

The Partnership has a new program for people coming out of jail. The program Open Doors is running for 13 months. Hired 2 new staff members for this short term assistance program. They can help with housing up to 6 months. New Permanent Housing in Plymouth NH for Veterans with 30 units. Next year Partnership for Successful Living will have 55 bed available for folks dealing with substance abuse at 77 Northeastern BLVD.

Discussion was made in regards to the rent amount here in Nashua, it's too high. Agencies are helping folks look for apartments outside of town that are more affordable.

### **Coordinated Entry:**

We are looking to have the universal intake to go through the HMIS system. We want to make it a faster process. Meeting in Concord NH for 6-9 months talking about a state wide coordinated entry. HMIS can be where we enter the data but HMIS asks for too much data. Looking at Michigan for best practice. The issue we are finding is that folks are calling yet we have nowhere to send them.

### **Tool Kit update:**

Committee looked at the tool kit, added some things and changed some things. G. Silvia made a motion to approve the updated tool kit H. Keating seconded it; committee approved. The 2014 tool kit will be replaced by this new one. It is less pages and easier for folks to utilize.

Discussion was made in regards to the email loops. The [Homeless@homeless.nashua](mailto:Homeless@homeless.nashua) is underused. The EH action email is different. Bob will talk to the executive directors to ask them if they want to be included on the [Homeless@homeless.nashua](mailto:Homeless@homeless.nashua) email loop. We ask you respond to all in regards to resources for the client.

Youth Homelessness: D. Howard is working on this. Getting more and more organizations involved such as DCYF. What we are seeing is that many children in the system became homeless once they are 18 and no longer qualify for the assistance. We know graduation rate for our homeless youth is at 87%. Now because of summer school the graduation rate increased to 90/95%. The "Host home program" is a good way to start homeless prevention for those folks of the age of 18-21.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.

*Minutes taken by Magaly Rios, Case Manager Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force*