

Ending Homelessness Committee

December 2, 2015 - Nashua City Hall 3rd Floor Auditorium

Present in meeting: Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Ana Pancine, Olga Cruz, Abigail Alicea, Lianne Bower, Peter Kelleher, Kevin O'Meara, Ashley Taylor, Donald Pare, Cherrie Fulton, Jessica Karwatske, Elizabeth Maralluno, Samantha Cassista, Laurie Goodman, Jeff Bartlett, Doug Howard, Robert Mottola, Sylvia Gale

Some corrections were made from the last meeting minutes. A motion to approved minutes as corrected by W. LeBlanc. Seconded by P. Kelleher. All approved.

Save the date! January 27, 2016 will officially be our Point in Time count (PIT). This year we will have more participation from the Nashua School District which is great however it may increase our numbers because we may have more youth reported. The more groups we have participating in the PIT, the better the data will be, which could also show an increase from years when we had fewer GNCOG agencies participating. Luckily, we can offer some explanation of the increase on our COC application. Some discussion was made in regards to the Nashua School District and how their definition of homeless is a different definition then HUD's. Scott Slattery will be coordinating the PIT for Harbor Homes and will work with those able to do outreach. Contact him at s.slattery@nhpartnership.org if you are interested in helping.

Project Homeless Connect will take place on the same day as the PIT and will be held at 45 High Street. Planning is already in progress.

Winter over flow- The Mission can accept 5 men for top bunks and they do allow overflow on mats. All other shelters all full. The City of Nashua is placing families in motels as necessary until shelter or alternative housing can be obtained.

In January Harbor Homes Mainstream Housing waiting list will be opening for the first time since 2008. In 2008 we had people camp outside 48 hours. The person must be there to get on the waiting list as this cannot be done online. You must have a disability to get on this waiting list.

Coordinated Entry data will be looked at to see if any of the people that accessed it could benefit from Case Management services.

It would be beneficial if NH Housing Finance Authority and Nashua Housing Authority prioritized "Chronically Homeless" individuals/families on their wait lists. We can talk to their Boards of Directors so they can consider revising the list to establish priorities. We are aware that it can take up to 5 month for housing authorities to actually implement any changes. We can also reach out to our Mayor and Governor to ask, "How many new affordable units will be coming for 2016/2017?" Make them aware affordable housing is needed in our community.

The VA has no more VASH vouchers at this time.

Announcements:

Save the date Project Homeless Connect will be on January 27th at 45 High St.

No Ending Homelessness committee meeting next month. There will be a Coordinated Entry Workshop instead of the EHC. This will run from 9:30am to 12:30pm in the City Hall Auditorium.

Minutes taken by Magaly Rios, Case Manager Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force/Member of the Partnership for Successful Living