

Ending Homeless Committee

November 2, 2016- Nashua City Hall

Present: Bob Mack, Olga Cruz, Lianne Bower, Donald Pare, Laurie Goodman, Tom Lopez, Rick Rutter, Maryse Wirbal, Pam Small, Scott Wellman, Elizabeth Hebert, Sylvia Gale, Candace Gordon, Mandy Reagan, Peter Kelleher, Cindy Moher, Luann Eames.

Call to order at 9:10am. Introductions were made by all. The group reviewed minutes from October 5, 2016. Peter made a motion to accept the minutes, Rick seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Discussed agency capacity. Marguerite's Place should have a 2 bedroom unit opening in the near future. NSKS currently has a TH unit available. Rick indicated CE workers have been getting availability updates from Maple Arms Shelter daily. Would be beneficial to have the same from NSKS. They can e-mail via the EH Action (Eh_action@nashua-coc.org) address. Communication has improved within the CE system; could still be improved. HMIS could help with sharing data on capacity and availability. Need all shelter programs actively involved in CE process. More agency participation in the phone coverage would be helpful.

There is a noted decrease in chronically homeless according to Peter's review of HMIS data. There may be ~ 9 chronically homeless unsheltered in our community at present. Also, 61% of CH going through the Maple Arms Shelter have been housed in PH.

Discussed data collection and the importance of analyzing data collected through CE. Discussed HMIS. Peter noted HHI can provide monthly updates on data. Doug Howard communicated with Bob M. he learned at recent conference about some programs using HMIS to track Coordinated Entry intake. This has been investigated by our CE group and will be explored further.

Successes noted on homeless Veteran's services.

Rapid Re-Housing – there is availability via TFD RRH. HHI is also implementing RRH state-wide. No update on openings/availability.

Peter mentioned the new Opening Doors program which is essentially RRH for single woman with children, similar to Cynthia Day Program however it is community based.

Discussion following this morning's presentation. It was noted how complex the system can be to navigate for professionals, let alone clients. There is a new overlay of services being developed/implemented for SUD services. Discussed respite beds opening by mid-November.

Announcements:

Reminder of upcoming election on November 8, 2016.

Sylvia G. announced there will be a City Budget Forum on 11/10 in the Auditorium from 7 – 10 PM.

Sylvia G. announced there will be a summary report for My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative on 11/15 from 9 – 11 AM at City Hall. Includes some reference to youth homelessness.

Minutes taken by Bob Mack, EHC Chair