

Ending Homeless Committee

August 3, 2016

Present in meeting were; Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Doug Howard, Abigail Alicea, Lianne Bower, Hilary Keating, Sandra Delosa, Elizabeth Marcellino, Sylvia Gale, Mike Apfelberg, Cynthia Whitaker, Maddy Reagan, Elisabeth Martin, Susan Sambrano

Introductions were made by all.

Reviewed minutes from June meeting. A. Alicea made a motion to accept the minutes S. Gale seconded it. Motion passed.

Coordinated Access- CA has been a good access point for our community. People call from out of town and are realizing we don't have any capacity here. We don't have updated data but will have some data next month. Miles can pulled up data report from HMIS. Maybe the state will take action since HMIS is not used by all the agencies (only agencies that get State/HUD funding have HMIS). We have to use the CA intake form then take all that information and add it to the HMIS system. We are hoping the state will take action with an HMIS pilot. A suggestion was made to modify the application so it doesn't ask so many questions. What is the baseline information needed to be included in this CA intake? HMIS is a closed system and agencies that currently have it cannot see what other agencies have in their HMIS. Bridges cannot use HMIS as Domestic Violence providers are exempt in order to secure client's safety.

Agency Capacity-

- Transitional Housing is available at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and shelter.
- One opening at Norwell House
- Marguerite's Place has a 2 bedroom unit becoming available. This is for women with children, they are taking applications.

The wrap around service is available. There is currently no one in hotels or motels.

Rapid Re-Housing continues to get funding. The outcomes have been wonderful. Congrats to the Front Door Agency for their ongoing success! Harbor Homes Inc. is looking for rapid re housing next year for Veterans.

Youth Homelessness- Link was provided to everyone to register for a free training on this topic. D. Howard is also willing to do a presentation in regards to youth homelessness. He reports that this past academic year there was a total of 140 students identified as homeless. Keep in mind the definition of homelessness that HUD gives us is different than the schools.

Maureen Ryan has left her position as NH Bureau Chief of Homeless and Housing Services and we now have Melissa Hatfield as the interim administrator.

Announcements- The Nashua Soup Kitchen has their annual Back to School backpack give-away on August 15 through the 26th 11am-2pm. We ask that you tell your clients not to come in

early. For folks using this program for the first time you need verification of the school. Last year they gave out about 2,000 backpacks.

Minutes taken by Magaly Rios Case Manager, Southern NH HIV AIDS Task Force-PSL