

Ending Homelessness Committee

August 5, 2015, Nashua City Hall

Present in meeting were: Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Wendy LeBlanc, Jessica Karwatske, Lianne Bowers, Abigail Alicea, Sandra Delosa, Bob Mack, Kevin O'Meara, Hilary Keating, Donald Pare, Robert Mottola, Michael Uraine, Elizabeth Maralluno, Bette Gioffre

Reviewed minutes from our June 3rd meeting. W. LeBlanc made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by H. Keating. All were in favor.

Coordinated Access- On September 16th the CA team will be going to a statewide meeting in Manchester to see what others are doing across the state. This is an invite-only workshop. One concern is how we can add this data to HMIS. CA workers report that many calls are coming from out of state such as Boston and New York. The CA workers direct them to their state for resources.

It's very important that if you are in the CA email loop that you as the provider reach out to the client. Had a situation where an email was sent to the CA email loop asked the provider to call the client and then the provider turned around and asked CA worker to tell client to call the agency instead.

In this meeting we are concentrating on sharing shelter capacity. Some Shelter programs are not here such as the Nashua Soup Kitchen and shelter, Transitional housing providers, Permanent housing providers, Nashua Housing, Mary's House. Marguerites Place reported that they will have a 3 bedroom unit available soon.

Keep in mind we still have the wrap around services and if folks are not leaving the shelter or they are coming up to their dead line on their Transitional Housing we can have a team meeting to help brainstorm on possibilities and ways to get the person/family moving forward.

Greater Nashua Mental Health Center works with Harbor Homes which has the Bridge Program which is a rental subsidy program for people who have mental illness, but there are other strict requirements to participate in this program. A question was asked if registered sex offenders can be in that program. A. Alicea explained that RSOs are not allowed in their program because the client's lease is with the Greater Nashua Mental Health Center and if the client commits a crime then the agency will be responsible.

Group talked about some situations that have occurred such as client calling the CA and them not wanting the resource offered. We know CA has been helpful for some that would have been homeless without the referrals that have been made. What is most difficult is not having resources for clients to go to. Marguerites Place has stepped up to help with CA phones. They just started helping out last week and have no feedback for us today because no one has called yet.

Announcements:

Project Homeless Connect will be happening again this year at the same day as the Point in Time count in January.

Veterans Stand-down will be happening on October 15th from 9AM to 2PM

There is now a Walk in Clinic at the Manchester VA