

## Ending Homelessness Committee

May 6, 2015

Present in meeting were: Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Bob Mack, Angela Roberts, Abigail Alicea, Richard Rutter, Peter Kelleher, Kevin O'Meara, Sandra Delosa, Ashley Taylor, Pamela Deres, Donald Pare, Bette Gioffre, Gale Silvia, Jessica Karwatske, Samantha Cassista

Call to order 9:00am. Introductions were made.

Coordinated Access- We will be expanding the pilot for another 30 days. We need more agencies to get involved as entry points, to take the burden off the three doing it now. Soon this will become a state requirement; if you get state funding you must participate in this process. This process will help to identify clients' needs and connect them to the appropriate place. We can look at our current clients that have been in the shelters/TH for a long period of time and find out why they are not moving on. We need representation from all the shelters, TH, PH providers/managers here in this meeting to discuss different cases and how to help people without identifying any private information.

We only do our PIT once a year. This captures one day how many homeless people we have in our community. With this Coordinated Access process, we will have real time data. The state is looking at ways to incorporate data collection through CA process into HMIS. Discussion took place regarding different cases that have come up this past month.

Coordinated Access Records summary was handed out to the committee. Reviewed data which shows more single women are calling for resources. You can see some people are given a resource but they don't always connect with it. Talked about ways the CA worker can talk to the client in regards to their medical information, as many are less hesitant to talk about that topic. For example if a client discloses they are living with HIV/AIDS the Southern NH HIV/AIDS Task Force has housing opportunities available and they should be referred to them. This year in the PIT there were 2 people identified as being HIV positive yet were never referred to the Task Force for services.

Currently the City of Nashua has approximately 7 Families in motels. Last month the city had about 17 families in motels over the course of the month. Safe Haven and Transitional Housing programs are full. Shelters are operating at capacity. The Mission has many men staying there.

P. Kelleher will be meeting with A. Alicea to talk about Bridge program and how clients will be able to utilize that program. There is a funding increase coming in for that program in the next 3 years. One of the requirements for this program is to have a severe and persistent mental illness.

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