

Ending Homeless Committee

January 7, 2015

Present in meeting were: Eileen Brady, Wendy LeBlanc, Magaly Rios, Barbara Alves, Ana Pancine, Abigail Alicea, Angela Roberts, Pamela Small, Peter Kelleher, Richard Rutter, Kevin O'Meara, Hilary Keating, Samantha Cassista, Gale Silva, Tony Paradiso, Laurel Redden, Moe Daniels, Susan Mead, Kathryn Byrne

Call to order 9:00am Introduction were made by everyone. Minutes from our previous meeting were reviewed. P. Kelleher made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by B. Alves. All were in favor.

Coordinated Access- A pilot will be starting on January 28th. A draft description of Coordinated Assessment was handed out to everyone to have a better idea how this will work. The coordinated Assessment planning group committee met yesterday. There will be a 1-800 number that homeless persons can call to access services. 211 will have the number as well so they can refer clients to that number. The person answering the 1-800 number will be knowledgeable about programs and eligibility criteria. This way the client will have access to resources faster and hopefully can get into permanent housing faster. Any agency can give this number to a client or you can call this number with your client.

A group discussion about changing the name from *Coordinated Assessment* to *Coordinated Access*, to be consistent with terminology that the State is using. Next month we will have a presentation on this Coordinated Access to the Continuum of Care.

Group discussed different situations that have occurred and how beneficial this Coordinated Access will be for both providers and clients. If we have a challenging situation we can also still do a wraparound meeting with some key providers.

It has been very cold lately and the Rescue Mission is full but is taking men in regardless. R. Rutter has contacted the police department letting them know if they see any homeless men in the streets to have them go to the Rescue mission.

P. Kelleher asked the committee if they have any chronically homeless individuals let Harbor Homes know.