



Cultural  
Connections  
Committee

## **Gate City Immigrant Initiative**

**January 24, 2018**

**9:00AM – 10:30AM**

**Nashua City Hall Auditorium**

*Gate City Immigrant Initiative is a subcommittee of the Nashua Cultural Connections Committee.*

**Present:** Mark Hastbacka, Samba Halkose, Pastor Richard Cullen, Shayana Owen, Jason Wakefield, Shirley Woodward, Steve Genest, Gaston, Gros, Carlos Camacho, Dave Smith, Sylvia Gale, Christine Paulik, Sam Cooper-Wall, Becky Field, Lauren Osowski (co-chair), Jenn Hosking (co-chair)

**Commenced at 9:00am**

### **1. Call to Order/Introductions**

### **2. Co-Chair updates**

- Parking passes for regular attendees of this meeting have been requested from the City. Until they are received please pay the meter, the 2017 pass have expired.
- On February 24<sup>th</sup> the City along with community partners are planning an immigrant celebration at St. Patrick's gym. The purpose of this celebration is to highlight a year of Nashua becoming a welcoming city. A variety of cultural food options, music and presentations will be shared.
- The Mayor's quarterly forums with the Cultural Connection Committee have been a success. They've provided immigrants a chance to voice their concerns to local government officials and brainstorm ways the City can help. Issues discussed are housing, transportation and economic development.
  - Lauren shared a photography project she is working on called "Nashua Neighbors". The photos will be exhibited at the Nashua Public Library Image Gallery during the month of February. The project showcases the diversity in our city, home to people from many different countries, ethnicities, and backgrounds. This project is a chance for newcomers and long-time Nashuans to share their stories and get to know their neighbors. Gregory Indruk photographed the participants and Lauren Osowski interviewed them. A public reception is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

### **3. Resettlement Agency update**

- Ascentria – The resettlement process has slowed to a trickle. When the U.S. stopped sending federal interviewers to other countries, it affected the rest of the resettlement pipeline. The

interviewing process has resumed but in smaller numbers. The Nashua community can support Ascentria through advocacy. Contact representatives to hold the administration accountable to the quota of refugees the U.S. will accept to 45,000.

- International Institute- No report.

<b>Ascentria</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>Bhutanese</b>	5 (Concord)	3 (Concord)
<b>DRC/Congo</b>	1 (Concord)	

#### **4. Member updates**

- Becky Field shared the application process for the Different Roots, Common Dreams scholarship opens in February. There is no age restriction on this scholarship. Visit [www.nhcf.org/scholarships](http://www.nhcf.org/scholarships) for more information.
- Jenn Hosking announced a partnership between the public library, Rivier University and the City's public health department. The public health department will be at the library on Wednesdays with students and staff from the Rivier nursing program to deliver some health services to the public as part of their clinical training. They will be doing screenings, offering health education and doing other outreach activities.
- Jenn Hosking distributed a flyer for the Immigration Open Houses held at the public library by USCIS. They will be held 9:30-11:30am on February 5, April 2 and June 4.
- Christine Paulik, Public Health Nurse, shared information about the immunization, STD/HIV/HCV clinics and blood pressure clinics provided at the Community Health Clinic at 18 Mulberry Street.

#### **5. Cultural Presentation**

- Samba Halkose, Adult Education Counselor at the Adult Learning Center presented on the Democratic Republic of Congo where she was born and raised prior to moving to the United State.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 – 9:00 AM-10:30 AM at Nashua City Hall Auditorium**

# Immigration Open House



Come in and meet with an officer from US Citizenship and Immigration Services to get your questions answered about applying to enter the country or to become a citizen.

**Select Mondays from 9:30-11:30 am  
Chandler Memorial Wing**

**February 5**

**April 2**

**June 4**

2 Court St. | Nashua, NH | 589.4600 | [www.nashualibrary.org](http://www.nashualibrary.org)



# HUMAN BOOK *festival*



Sunday  
Feb. 25  
2 pm

The “books” at this festival are people with stories to tell, about interesting jobs or travels; causes they have championed; experiences of prejudice due to their religion, disability, or other identity; and more. At the event, you can “check them out” for one-on-one conversations in the library.

Between 1 pm and 2 pm, you may reserve up to 2 books. After 2 pm, depending on attendance, you may be able to reserve more. At 4 pm, we’ll all gather in the theater for refreshments and a brief discussion of what we learned at the event.

## Chandler Memorial Wing

2 Court St. | Nashua, NH | 603.589.4600

DON'T GIVE YOUR  
VALENTINE  
ANYTHING BUT LOVE

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KNOW YOUR STATUS

**FREE**  
**Hepatitis C**  
**HIV**  
**TESTING**

Community Health Clinic

18 Mulberry Street

Nashua, NH 03060

Saturday, February 10

11am-1pm

For more information: 603-589-4500

FREE TESTING | RAFFLES | GIVEAWAYS  
FREE HOT DOGS & REFRESHMENTS



**City of Nashua**  
**- DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**



18 Mulberry Street, Nashua, NH 03060  
 603-589-4560; [www.nashuanh.gov](http://www.nashuanh.gov)

Immunization Clinics	STD/HIV/HCV Clinics	FREE Blood Pressure Clinics
Walk-in clinics, no appointments needed		
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b> Tuesdays 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Fridays 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM **Free Lead Screening for Children, 0-6 years old.	<b>Date &amp; Time:</b> Thursdays 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM	<b>Date &amp; Time:</b> Tuesdays 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM Fridays 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Please use the side entrance on Elm Street after 5:00 PM. Metered parking is available on the street and in the Maple Street Parking Lot. Handicapped parking is located next to the building on Elm Street.		

**Immunization Clinic:**

- All childhood immunizations are available for children 18 years and younger. A parent or legal guardian must accompany minors under age 18.
- Immunizations are available to adults over the age of 18 who have NO insurance or are under-insured, which means you have health insurance, but the coverage does not include vaccines or the insurance only covers selected vaccines.
- Please bring in Immunization Records if available.
- Vaccines available: chickenpox, meningitis, polio, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, flu, shingles, rotavirus, pneumococcal, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, HPV, Hib.
- A fee of \$10.00 is requested at the time of service, per person, per visit. Cash or check accepted.
- Vaccines are provided by the State of NH, Department of Health and Human Services Immunization Program and the City of Nashua.
- TB Skin Testing is now available at NO COST during Immunization Clinics, *while resources are available*. Please call the Nashua Community Health Department for more information.

**Flu Vaccines:**

- Flu vaccines are available for free for children 18 years and younger.
- Flu vaccines are available for all adults 19 years and older for \$15.00 regardless of insurance.
- Adults with Medicare have no out-of-pocket expense for the flu vaccine but you must bring your Medicare card at the time of the visit so Medicare can be billed.

**Shingles Vaccine for Adults:**

- Provided to adults 60 years or older who have NO insurance that covers the vaccine either in full or in part. Please call your insurance providers, Medicare, and any supplemental insurance to determine your coverage prior to coming to the clinic. We are not able to call your insurance company for you.
- **Call (603) 589-4500 in advance** to confirm availability of the vaccine and that you meet the eligibility requirements.
- There is a \$10 administration fee.

*No one will be turned away due to an inability to pay.*

**STD/HIV/HCV Clinic:**

- Tests are available for HIV, Hepatitis C, herpes, gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis.

Updated: 5/18/17