GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes February 21, 2007 Harbor Homes, Inc., 45 High Street

Present: Lori Wilshire, Nashua Children's Home, Chair Bob Mack, Nashua Welfare Department Klaas Nijhuis, Harbor Homes, Inc. Mariellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center Donnalee Lozeau, Southern New Hampshire Services Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc. Clerk

Minutes:

L. Wilshire opened the meeting at 8:08am and asked everyone to review the minutes from the January 17, 2007 meeting. K. Nijhuis noted a correction to the second paragraph. B. Mack requested a change in paragraph three. K. Nijhuis motioned to accept the minutes with corrections, L. Christie seconded and the motion carried.

Topics for Discussion:

GNCOC Brochure:

L. Wilshire handed out the GNCOC brochure. M. Durso asked if there was a current list of questions to refer to when interviewing an individual. B. Mack indicated there is a list of agencies on the GNCOC website. He also mentioned that the intern is putting together information that may be listed on a card. D. Lozeau suggested the Info Bank at <u>www.snhs.org</u> may be useful on the brochure. There was a consensus that the brochure was ready for distribution.

Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness:

L. Wilshire handed out copies of the action steps of the plan for review. B. Mack mentioned how tedious and extensive the plan is.

M. Durso indicated that having three top priorities may simplify the plan for someone who may not understand housing.

D. Lozeau indicated that some of the things identified on the plan are things that are already in progress.

K. Nijhuis mentioned that someone from the committee should report on items from the plan at least quarterly.

L. Wilshire asked if the completion dates should be revised. Everyone agreed that some of the dates will be ongoing.

B. Mack suggested that the action steps be put into four different categories.

D. Lozeau mentioned that one of the most important things as a group is to track the homeless and that she felt the numbers should be seen as creditable by the community.

B. Mack indicated that the "point in time" numbers need to be used to educate the community. K. Nijhuis asked if D. Lozeau was familiar with the process for collecting the numbers and that the numbers tallied by the GAPS committee were accurate based on that process.

M. Durso indicated that the committee has been more structured since L. Wilshire has been Chair.

The committee began reviewing each section of the plan, line by line, and will continue working on changes during each meeting.

There was discussion about a grant opportunity that Keystone Hall may apply for called "Recovering Lives" and that a letter of support may be helpful in securing such a grant.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 am

Minutes Prepared by Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc.