

GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes
Nashua City Hall Auditorium
January 3, 2007

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Call to Order: 8:00 a.m. by Chair Lori Wilshire.

All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.

Minutes of December 6, 2006: (handout) Bob Mack motioned to accept the minutes, Lisa Christie seconded and the motion carried.

1. **Heating Assistance for Shelters:** Keith Kuenning and Citizen's Bank presented checks in the amount of \$2,200.00 to Bridges, Keystone Hall, Maple Street Shelter/Harbor Homes, Nashua Pastoral Care and Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter.
2. **Report of Executive Committee:** Wendy Furnari explained the new attendance sheet. She also mentioned there was a discussion regarding the HMIS participation. Wendy also discussed the request for a liaison to handle the situation with the Great American Downtown in regard to the current soliciting situation.
3. **Ending Homeless Committee:** Bob Mack thanked everyone for agency participation in the Project Homeless Connect. He mentioned there were 140 clients, families and individuals that attended this event there was a significant increase compared to 52 individuals that attended the previous event. There were 4 homeless people that went to shelters and 1 person was sent to a treatment facility. Many people took advantage of the health screenings which included vision, dental and various vaccinations.
4. **GAPS Committee:** Jean Russell mentioned the homeless count will take place on 1/25/07 and 1/26/07 and the tentative date for the next meeting is 1/12/07 at 1:00pm.
5. **SuperNOFA Committee:** Mary Auer mentioned that she is still waiting for the report from HUD and the new SuperNOFA will be starting in February so we will need to start preparing reports.
6. **Community Relations Committee:** Mary Febonio requested pamphlets from the different agency for mailings, and asked if anyone could donate stamps.
7. **Legislative Affairs:** Lori Wilshire mentioned that the Legislative session begins today January 3, 2007.
8. **Continua:** **MCOC-**Tony Epaphras mentioned the quarterly meeting will be January 18, 2007 and then monthly meetings will be held. **BOSCO-**Meeting will be held in two weeks on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. **ICH-**Keith Kuenning discussed the draft of the 10 year plan to end homelessness and that there was a request for an executive order to establish the ICH within the draft to the state. Peter Kelleher mentioned that this would be discussed during the Legislative Committee on Monday January 8, 2007.
9. **Rapid Re-housing Committee:** No report this month.
10. **Other Business:** **Southern New Hampshire Services-** David Messier gave a presentation on the new Work Place Success program. He mentioned that the Federal law has changed for TANF which

requires 30 hours of work time in which 10 hours could be used as class time. Six participants have already been placed in non-profit companies. The program teaches timeframes, how to prioritize and how to work as a team. Anne Quinn questioned how these people would survive with minimal pay and Dave explained that TANF is issued twice a month and recipients are given up to \$500.00 annually for car repairs and registration.

11. **Announcements:** Nashua Pastoral Care has transitional openings and Lisa Christie mentioned Public Health will be at NSKS on January 4th and January 9th from 9:30am to 11:00am to issue flu shots. She also mentioned that NSKS has one transitional opening for a parent or parents with kids.

Mariellen Durso mentioned the Health Center will be hiring a part time nurse practitioner and a mid wife and currently they are under staffed and booking new patients six to nine months out.

Mary Auer mentioned the Home Goods Blanket Drive in corporation with Keith Kuenning is currently being held and she has issued an e-mail to the GNCOC.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:56 am.

Submitted by:

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