

GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes

Nashua City Hall, Room 208

April 5, 2006

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1. Call to Order: 8:05 a.m. Chair Lori Cardin.
2. All present introduced themselves and visitors were welcomed.
3. Minutes of April 5, 2006: (handout) D. Lozeau noted a correction to the minutes. J. Kelley motioned the amended minutes be accepted, P. Kelleher seconded and the motion carried.
4. Report of Executive Committee: L. Cardin reported that members of the Executive Committee toured the SuperNOFA projects. She thanked the agencies for their cooperation in giving these tours and explaining their programs to the tour group. Agencies seeking SuperNOFA funds will present their projects to the Executive Committee on May 10th and a ranking proposal will be voted on at this meeting to be presented and voted on by the whole GNCOC membership on May 17, 2006. Cardin invited any GNCOC member not on the Executive Committee to put their name on a sign up sheet if they wanted to receive copies of the proposed SuperNOFA projects that were being presented to the Executive Committee.

It was agreed that the TAC costs of \$1,000 to have the SuperNOFA reviewed, would be divided by percentage of funding award to the participating agencies. Harbor Homes will pay the \$1,000 initially and bill the others for their share.

Fred Gibbs from Community Services Council announced that the GNCOC should consider having all their membership agencies reporting to HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) by next year because it will become a mandatory part of the SuperNOFA application. There was a short discussion and it was agreed that more clarification is needed about exactly who needs to be reporting.

Cardin reminded all committee chairs to please provide membership lists to her.

B. Belton-Jette reported that she is designing a commemorative plaque to be presented to Paul Newman. If anyone would like to help with this project, please contact her. There will be a collection taken up from the GNCOC members to cover any costs involved.

5. Ending Homelessness Committee Update: B. Mack reported that the sub-committees have been meeting and all have been busy working on their assigned section of the SuperNOFA application. He expressed concern about deadlines related to the need for all GNCOC participants providing services to homeless clients to be reporting data to HMIS.
6. GAPS Committee Report: K. Nijhuis reported that in trying to complete this committee's portion of the SuperNOFA, they will be calling people to find out the numbers of beds and plans for future beds. He reminded all that the quarterly homeless census has faxed for the May 4-5 count and should be returned by May 12th.

7. SuperNOFA Preparation Committee: M. Auer thanked everyone for their hard work and quick responses to her questions to complete the SuperNOFA application. She said the deadline for submitting is May 25th and if fully funded it would bring about 1.6 million dollars into the Nashua area.
8. Community Relations Committee: L. Cardin and S. Hurd had a brief meeting. They will be recruiting more members for this committee. They had also talked with Joan Schultz about setting up the Legislative Committee.
9. Continua Reports: T. Epaphras reported that the Manchester COC has completed its final Ending Homelessness Plan and will be selecting a date to review it at their next meeting on May 17th. M. Auer reported that BOSCOG is also working on their SuperNOFA application as well as issues around discharge planning. F. Gibbs gave them an update on HMIS. P. Kelleher reported the ICH is continuing work to have the Governor officially approve the State Ending Homelessness Plan. They will be having elections at their next meeting.

10. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Ending Homelessness Committee – May 3, 2006, 9:00 am City Hall, Room 208.
- b. NH Coalition to End Homelessness Annual Meeting, May 5, 2006, 9:30 am – 11 am, 58 Clinton Street, Concord (Salvation Army)
- c. Rapid Re-housing Subcommittee – May 5, 2006, 2:00 pm, Harbor Homes, BOD Room
- d. Executive Committee – May 10, 2006, 8:00 am, NPCC, 7 Concord Street, Ranking
- e. Special GNCOC Meeting – May 17, 2006, 8:00 am, Prioritize Projects, City Hall Auditorium
- f. GAPS Committee: TBA
- g. Legislative Committee: TBA
- h. Community Relations Committee: TBA

11. Announcements:

P. Kelleher announced that Harbor Homes Inc. would be submitting a bonus project for the SuperNOFA (PH VII) to add one unit of permanent housing for the chronically homeless and thereby use every resource available to increase permanent housing stock in the Nashua area. Kelleher also thanked everyone for coming to and supporting the groundbreaking at the Spring Street Veterans Housing project.

Bruce Bisset expressed his gratitude to all P. Kelleher and all who worked on the Veteran Housing projects.

D. LaRose announced that the Aldermen would be voting on the reprogrammed CDBG money at the next Human Affairs meeting next Tuesday, May 9th.

D. Cull announced there would be a Comedy show/buffet dinner fund raising event on June 16th, 7:00 pm for Soul Purpose at the Alpine Grove in Hollis, NH. Tickets prices are \$30 per person.

S. Hurd announced there would be a Basketball Tournament fund raiser for Keystone Hall on June 3rd at Daniel Webster College.

G. Martins announced a Marriage Initiative Workshop being held at the Public Health Department in Manchester on May 12th, 9 am – 12 pm. The website for more information is <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/healthymarriage/>. He also reminded all that the TANF changes coming up will mean that TANF recipients who have not yet found employment will need to volunteer and find a volunteering placement, starting Oct. 1, 2006. There will be a Work Experience Expo about this subject on June 15th, 10 am – 1 pm at St. George Green Orthodox Church in Manchester.

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.