

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care  
Meeting Minutes  
August 5, 2009  
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**Call to order:** 8:05 a.m. by Chair Wendy LeBlanc.

**All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.**

**Minutes of June 3, 2009 (handout):** W. LeBlanc asked everyone to review the minutes from the June 3, 2009. L. Reilly noted a change on page 1. J. Leclerc motioned to accept the minutes with revisions. L. Reilly seconded and the motion carried.

W. LeBlanc reviewed the structure of the Continuum for all new attendees.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Executive :** W. LeBlanc reported that this committee has been reviewing the registration and challenges of the upcoming SuperNOFA. There was also a discussion on the NSP and HPRP funding for programs.
- **Ending Homelessness:** B. Mack commended The Greater Nashua Mental Health Center for their recent article in the newspaper. Some of the other Items that were discussed were the *Project Homeless Connect, Health Care for the Homeless Clinic, Universal Application and Financial Aid.*

B. Mack asked that all agencies look at their components of the Wheel of Responsibility. He also mentioned that he has stepped down as the Chair of this committee and Eileen Brady and Kathy Paquette have agreed to Chair and Co-Chair. Eileen thanked Bob for all of his hard work.

W. LeBlanc explained the new Project Employment Connect, chaired by Jerry Leclerc. The committee has prepared brochures, posters and registration forms. The event will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at Harbor Homes. Some of the services that will be provided are *resume writing, haircuts and clothing.* The brochures are being used as a tool to get employers to attend the event.

J. Leclerc explained that the committee is looking for help to provide a meal and haircuts. The next meeting will be held on August 18, 2009, 2:00pm at 45 High Street. W. Leblanc thanked J. Leclerc for heading up this event.

- **Community Relations:** No report.
- **Legislative Affairs:** J. Schultz explained the need for feedback for Section 8 certificates. She also mentioned three new bills, *Medicinal Marijuana, Marital bill and the Dual Diagnosis Bill.*

L. Goodman also added that protestors have been disrupting organized events for the Healthcare Reform. She explained that Congressman Hodes' Office has been receiving many calls from angry individuals. She indicated that they are looking for supporters of the bill.

- **Data Gathering:** The next data gathering meeting will be held at the beginning of September.
- **HMIS:** L. Newell introduced Ed Walsch and provided a brief overview of the Homeless Management Information System.

L. Newell provided copies of the Outcome Measurements for everyone to review.

- **SuperNOFA:** W. LeBlanc explained that the SuperNOFA is the original reason for the Continuum which is HUD mandated. The agencies work together and review current and new projects. The new NOFA has not been released.

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- **MCOC:** This committee is working on restructuring. The Day Resource Center opened its first phase.
- **BOSCOC:** L. Newell mentioned this committee has been working on the upcoming *SuperNofa, Behavioral Health updates and HPRP Funding.*
- **ICH:** This committee has not met.

**Announcements:**

W. LeBlanc introduced Annette Escalante, the new Vice President of Keystone Hall.

B. Mack and E. Brady announced two upcoming back to school events. The first will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am and 12:00pm at the Ledge Street School. The second will be on August 27<sup>th</sup> between 5:00pm and 7:00 pm at the Nashua Public Library.

B. Mack also mentioned that plans are being made for Project Homeless Connect which will be held in December. The event gives the homeless access to agency resources. Lunch is provided along with haircuts and daily living supplies. B. Mack indicated that if anyone is interested in joining the committee they can e-mail him at [mackb@nashua.gov](mailto:mackb@nashua.gov) .

M. Thornton suggested that the GNCOC write letters to Greater Manchester Mental Health thanking them for their recent media attention and to Immaculate Conception Church for holding Shanty Town, an awareness-raising event regarding homelessness. W. Leblanc indicated that this suggestion would be brought to the Executive Committee meeting next week.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

**Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Keystone Hall**