

GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE
Meeting Minutes
Nashua City Hall Auditorium
June 6, 2007
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Call to Order: 8:02 a.m. by Chair Lori Wilshire.

All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.

Minutes of May 2, 2007 and May 23, 2007: (handouts) Corrections were made to the May 2nd minutes. D. Lozeau indicated a correction on page 3, paragraph 5 and M.Febonio noted a correction on page 2, Paragraph 1. L. Christie indicated that the attendance sheet needed some revisions. B. Mack motioned to accept the minutes with corrections, W. Furnari seconded the motion and the motion carried.

After review of the May 23rd minutes, D. Lozeau indicated a correction to paragraph 1 under the discussion heading and on page 2, paragraph 2. M. Auer noted a correction to page 2, paragraph 4. W. Furnari motioned to accept the minutes with corrections, L. Christie seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: L. Wilshire indicated this committee has mainly been working on the SuperNOFA.

Ending Homelessness Committee: B. Mack mentioned the committee is focusing on the Ending Homelessness Plan and trying to refine and update the progress. He indicated they are trying to revisit landlord relationships which will be beneficial when there are displaced tenants from a fire or other disaster.. He mentioned he is looking for someone to assist with this task.

B. Mack indicated that if someone is interested in being the Chair of this committee or joining the committee they can contact him. Everyone is welcome to attend the next meeting which will be held immediately following the GNCOC meeting, City Hall Room 208.

W. Furnari suggested that everyone take time to review the plan on the GNCOC website.

P. Kelleher recognized the committee for all of the progress they have made.

B. Mack indicated that the work has been done by everyone and said Thank You.

GAPS Committee: L. Jeynes indicated she has no report at this time. She mentioned the final January 2007 Point in Time count is 444.

SuperNOFA Committee: M. Auer mentioned that the SuperNOFA application is scheduled to be mailed Friday, June 8, 2007. This will be a week ahead of schedule. M. Auer indicated that everyone who had submitted a proposal worked on the NOFA team.

M. Auer mentioned that the Ending Homelessness Committee was significant to the proposal and she thanked everyone.

Community Relations Committee: M. Febonio mentioned that as the COC Educational Power point presentation has been made to various groups and that people have been very receptive. The committee hopes to continue to educate the GNCOC communities starting again in September. If anyone knows of a group that is thirsty for COC knowledge, please contact her or other committee members.

Legislative Affairs Committee: No Report.

Continua: MCOC- T. Epaphras mentioned the meeting was held on May 17th and the new Chair is Maureen Beauregard. He also indicated that Manchester is interested in having a Project Homeless Connect in November. B. Mack suggested coordinating this with the National Project Homeless Connect Week in December.

BOSCOC- M. Auer indicted this committee has been working on their SuperNOFA. L. Newell mentioned that HMIS is working on the AHAR report this summer which covers October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. M. Auer mentioned HUD uses the AHAR report and APR's to base their funding.

ICH- P. Kelleher indicated this committee has not met since the last CoC meeting. He mentioned that the State is interested in completing an application for a program called SOAR which increases access to mainstream resources.

Rapid Re-housing: No Report.

Presentation-Nashua Mediation Program:

L. Wilshire introduced Sandy Mulcahy the Program Coordinator from the Nashua Mediation Program. S. Mulcahy handed out brochures and explained the program.

The program provides free services to families in Greater Nashua and utilizes many volunteers to run this program. The volunteers go through 60 hrs of training and 20 hrs of internship. There are a variety of mediators with different work experiences.

The Nashua Mediation Program has been established for 24 years and started through the courts. Referrals come from many different places such as police departments, courts, therapists and guidance counselors.

Some examples of mediation are teenagers and parent conflict, sibling mediation, victim offender mediation where they facilitate dialog between the victim and the offender. S. Mulcahy explained that New Hampshire is one of the first five states starting the victim offender program. M. Auer asked how many meetings are involved. S. Mulcahy indicated that it could be anywhere from one meeting to several meetings.

P. Kelleher asked if there was a fee. S. Mulcahy explained that the program is free and the only exception would be for marital mediation.

Announcements:

Helpline Information:

C. Pitcher mentioned that as of July 1, 2007 there will no longer be a New Hampshire Helpline.
D. Lozeau indicated that 211 should be in place August 1, 2007 or as soon as July 1, 2007.

L. Christie asked what the hours would be, C. Pitcher indicated 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and after 5:00 pm there would be a cell phone number. He also mentioned that there would be weekend coverage from October to April.

Annual Challenge Report:

B. Bissett from the VA Medical Center handed out an assessment form and asked everyone to take a few minutes to complete. The form will give feedback on the Nashua area homeless availability.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc.