

Committee on Ending Homelessness
Minutes of the September 6, 2006 Meeting
City Hall Auditorium

Present at Meeting were: Bob Mack, Gene Murray, Germano Martins, Linda Jeynes, Eileen Brady, Anne Quinn, Barbara Corman, Deb Fluet, Klaas Nijhuis, Laura Nault, Lori Wilshire, and Linda Newell.

The meeting began at 9:30 am.

The minutes from the August 2nd meeting were reviewed. K. Nijhuis motioned to accept, L. Wilshire seconded and the motion passed.

B. Mack announced that the “Project Homeless Connect” event would be held on December 6th, 12:00 – 5:00 pm. The committee discussed at length the presentation made this morning to the GNCOC by J. O’Brien. K. Nijhuis motioned that a Sociology Professor from an esteemed college or university be invited to study Nashua’s COC and “Project Homeless Connect” to discover “why” our process is working so well. E. Brady seconded the motion and the motion passed. There was more discussion about how to involve more organizations/volunteers/businesses in the event.

The Revolving Loan Fund Committee continues to look for more funding sources. There was discussion about how this type of mortgage would put a lien on the property, which would be a protection in case of the mortgage payments not being made on time.

The Rapid Re-housing Committee is working on a universal application form, copies of which could be used by clients for many different services. They are trying to make it as complete as possible to save time for everyone. A discussion about getting a Memorandum of Understanding from all the agencies involved ended in the decision not to use them.

There was some discussion about how the homeless count figures could be used to reach out to involve more organizations, volunteers, and the business community.

The Wrap-Around Services Committee needs more members to help. There was a discussion about who else could be asked to serve on the committee and what other things the committee could be doing.

The GAPS committee report for the July census showed a slight decline in the number of homeless, which is normal for the summer months.

There is a one-page reference sheet being designed to handout to the homeless. It will be a laminated card and will include a homeless hot-line number. This information will also be put on the GNCOC website.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am. The next meeting will be October 4th at 9:00 am.