

## GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes

Nashua City Hall Auditorium

February 7, 2007

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**Call to Order:** 8:05 a.m. by Chair Lori Wilshire.

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

**Minutes of January 3, 2007:** (handout) T. Epaphras indicated that his name was misspelled in paragraph 8. B. Mack mentioned that Project Homeless Connect should be included in paragraph 3. W. Furnari motioned to accept the minutes and corrections. P. Kelleher seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Executive Committee:** L. Wilshire mentioned that the committee met on January 17, 2007 and discussed the SuperNOFA and free licenses for non funded agencies.
- **Ending Homelessness Committee:** B. Mack indicated that the committee will be meeting after the GNCOC meeting on 2/7/2007. The committee will be reorganizing action steps and staying on track. He also mentioned they will be staying in line with the SuperNOFA and amending the plan accordingly.
- **GAPS Committee:** K. Nijhuis mentioned the annual homeless count was from January 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 24<sup>th</sup>. He indicated there would be a manual count to insure no duplication. The final numbers will be available within 1 to 2 months.

B. Mack introduced Karen Milligan an intern working with his office to input survey data which Karen explained will show things like availability and eligibility. Bob mentioned the surveys are due on February 7, 2007 and any responses he receives will be appreciated and that Linda Jeynes will be taking over the GAPS Committee for Jean Russell.

- **SuperNOFA:** M. Auer mentioned she has not heard anything regarding the renewals and the new NOFA may not be available until the results come in. M.Auer also indicated that if anyone is interested in joining the committee to contact her.
- **Legislative Affairs Committee:** W. Furnari mentioned the committee met on February 5, 2007 and that Representative Dave Smith is introducing two bills. The first one involves identification being available for people who may be leaving institutions. The second is a usury bill which involves cash advance companies that may have affected people negatively and if anyone knows someone they should contact Dave Smith. P. Kelleher mentioned they are trying to cap the interest rate at 35%. B.Mack indicated that he had not heard any updates regarding the Medicaid waiver for HIV

clients. W. Furnari said she would like to encourage DHHS to look into this matter. Bob indicated the next Legislative Affairs meeting has not yet been determined.

- Community Relations Committee: L. Wilshire mentioned this committee met a few weeks ago to discuss the informational brochure for the GNCOG.
- Continua: MCOC- T. Epaphras indicated that the Manchester meetings will be held monthly and not quarterly and that attendance will be tracked by agency. Tony mentioned that Citizen Bank distributed checks for the shelters. The next meeting will be February 13, 2007. **BOSCOC**- M. Auer indicated that Dick Hattin from HUD mentioned that there will be no increases in funding for the NOFA. She also mentioned that there may not be new bonus projects. **ICH**- P. Kelleher indicated that the committee is moving their meetings from monthly to quarterly. He mentioned that the Governor issued an executive order to approve the endorsement of the 10 year plan. Peter also mentioned that the Governor attended a fund raiser and had dinner with some people affected by homelessness, the Governor indicated he would like to be more involved with this issue. B. Mack asked if the Governor is in support of the issue with Medicaid benefits being turned on and off.

S. Mead mentioned that she spoke at the last hearing and was asked to speak on February 12, 2007 regarding Medicaid issues.

D. Lozeau mentioned that community connections started four years ago and that the Nashua model is different than the other models.

- Rapid Rehousing: K. Nijhuis indicated this committee is meeting every three months. He also mentioned the Universal application is linked to the State application which is called the Wire Wizard.

G. Martins indicated that there would be no need to wait for a memorandum of understanding. Once you add the link and log onto the web site, complete the application and mail. G. Martins also indicated that he would like to remain on the committee but would like to resign as co chair. He feels that it should be run by a local agency.

J Koliss mentioned she would like to send someone to the next meeting and asked if a date had been set.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Nashua Transit Update: No update.
- Announcements: L. Wilshire mentioned she would like everyone to look at other agencies that may be interested in joining the GNCOG and build up membership.

D. Lozeau indicated SNHS is in the process of putting together a new help book and that she would like everyone to contact Maggie Decker within the next two weeks to make sure the information they have is correct.

B. Bagley mentioned that the flu vaccine will be available through the Community Health Department; if anyone is interested they should call 589-4505. They do request a small donation but will not refuse anyone. She also mentioned they have a full time position available for an Out Reach Worker.

S. Dalton mentioned that the Adult Learning Center had their budget cut and they are looking for another agency that may be running similar programs.

M. Huberlie indicated The NH Center for Non Profits and TD Banknorth will be underwriting a Board Development Speaker. The meetings will be held at Harbor Homes, Inc., 45 High Street on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

M. Auer thanked Home Goods for their annual blanket drive, which included towels, blankets and sleeping bags. This was the second drive and they usually begin the second week in January.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:57am

Submitted by:

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