

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2009
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Call to order: 8:06 a.m. by Chair Wendy LeBlanc.

All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.

Minutes of September 2, 2009 (handout): W. LeBlanc asked everyone to review the minutes from the September 2, 2009 meeting. J. Leclerc motioned to accept the minutes. L. Christie seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Note: W. LeBlanc explained the process of the meetings and the alternation between presentations and report outs.

Committee Reports:

- **Executive:** W. LeBlanc indicated that this committee prepared for the SuperNOFA, discussed challenges within the Continuum and November presentations.
- **Ending Homelessness:** J. Leclerc shared that the Project Employment Connect was well attended and assisted approximately 50 homeless or at the risk of homelessness. He also shared some statistics, the average age was forty years old. Many attended a resume writing workshop. Forty individuals were unemployed and 6 employed with minimum wage paying jobs. Thank you went out to Harbor Homes and J. Leclerc for hosting and chairing the event.

E. Brady mentioned an article in the Nashua Telegraph regarding the Employment Service Program. She also said that Family Promise will be giving a presentation at today's Ending Homeless meeting.

- **Community Relations:** No Report, P. Murphy said that the next meeting would be on October 28, 2009.
- **Legislative Affairs:** J. Shulze mentioned an e-mail that was sent to the Continuum regarding licenses. She also added that individuals can re-register their vehicles if they are living in a shelter.

P. Kelleher mentioned a new Representative, Shannon Chanley who is submitting a Bill for a Study Committee on Veterans Housing.

- **Data Gathering/HMIS:** No Report, L. Newell not present.

Statewide Committees:

- **MCOC:** P. Kelleher indicated that the committee discussed VISTA workers, a homeless study and the SuperNOFA.
- **BOSCOG:** This committee worked on the upcoming SuperNOFA.
- **ICH:** P. Kelleher explained that this committee worked on reassessing procedures of the State's 10 Year Plan.
- **NH Coalition:** There was a discussion on the website and the 2010 agenda. The next meeting will be held in December.
- **SuperNOFA:** W. LeBlanc explained the NOFA for new attendees. She indicated that the NOFA is a big piece of why the Continuum meets. The Continuum reports to HUD and requests funding. She explained that this year's application will be more streamlined, last year's information will be carried over and this year there will not be a ranking process. If more than one agency applies for the bonus project, there may be a need for a special meeting to vote. If this does happen W. LeBlanc will send an e-mail to update everyone.

Announcements:

B. Alves congratulated P. Kelleher for the recent award received for The Partnership for Successful Living.

P. Kelleher announced the Ground Breaking of the new Dalianis Veterans House on Factory St. The event will be held on November 15, 2009 at 10:00 am.

S. Mead reminded everyone that this is Mental Health Awareness month and the Greater Nashua Mental Health Agency will be working with Manchester on a new court program.

C. Farmer mentioned a new grant which will subsidize 20 people on GNMHA's waiting list. Funding will provided rent and security.

B. Mack said that the Project Homeless Connect event will be held on December 9, 2009 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Harbor Homes. The planning committee will be meeting again on October 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. There is a need for volunteers to help at the event. He mentioned that he will be sending out a wish list via e-mail.

M. Durso mentioned that a local school collects items as a project for different event. M. Durso suggested the following items socks, mittens and toiletries and asked B. Mack for a list of items that may be needed.

E. Brady asked S. Gagnon to discuss the new playground at Bronstein Apartments. S. Gagnon mentioned that the grant was funded by Home Depot and many of the residents participated.

T. Benhardt reminded everyone of the Fuel Assistance program, he provided flyers and mentioned there will be adjustments to the income guidelines. K. Paquette asked that all emergency fuel assistance go through her.

W. LeBlanc announced the Task Force will be holding their 1st auction on November 7, 2009 at Harbor Homes.

L. Christie mentioned that the Public Health van will be providing flu shots on October 19, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Soup Kitchen and Shelter.

C. Furlong reminded everyone that the Harbor Care Health Clinic provides flu shots on an ongoing basis.

M. Durso announced a drill at Nashua High North on October 17, 2009 that will provide flu shots to the vulnerable populations.

B. Mack introduced Mike Amichetti , a new case technician at City Welfare.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Keystone Hall