

## **GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**April 8, 2009**

**Present:** Wendy LeBlanc Furnari, HIV Task Force, Chair  
Peter Kelleher, HHI, KH, HIV Task Force, Vice Chair  
Candace Cappio Gebhart, NH Legal Assistance, Vice Chair  
Kim Berube, Keystone Hall, Clerk  
Linda Newell, Community Service Council  
Mariellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center  
Bob Mack, Nashua City Welfare  
Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen  
Meghan Bilz, Southern NH Services  
Carol Furlong, Harbor Homes, Inc.  
Maryse Wirbal, Nashua Pastoral Care

#### **Call to Order:**

W. Furnari opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

#### **Minutes:**

W. Furnari asked everyone to review the minutes from the March 11, 2009 meeting. C. Furlong made a note that she was present at the last meeting. P. Kelleher motioned to accept the minutes. C. Gebhart seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### **New Members:**

W. Furnari passed around a list of new members that have attended the full meeting over the last few months. She asked everyone to pick a name to contact and offer any support.

#### **Topics for Discussion:**

P. Kelleher requested that L. Wilshire be present for any discussion on the CDBG grant.

- **Letters of Support:**

Harbor Homes, Inc. is applying for two SAMHSA grants. P. Kelleher explained that there are two parts to the grant. The first is for treatment and the second is housing. He also explained that only one would be granted. M. Bilz motioned to provide the letters of support. M. Durso seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- **Ending Homelessness Committee:**

B. Mack provided handouts of the revised Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. He explained some of the revisions. Accomplishments have been highlighted; SuperNOFA goals inserted and the action steps have been decreased from 40 to 7.

L. Christie asked about individuals being moved into housing within 30 days. B. Mack responded that would be a goal or guideline.

M. Durso mentioned that Southern NH Behavioral Health unit is being decreased in size and the Methadone Clinic for pregnant women is being restructured. She indicated she is worried that 90-95% of women with opiate addiction will be affected by this.

B. Mack said that a lot of issues tie in with the Stimulus money such as rapid re-housing. He had also brought up points with Maureen Ryan that individuals will need to have permanent housing within 30 days, not transitional.

L. Christie added that the numbers of people from the Soup Kitchen that are being served for food and are still housed may become homeless.

P. Kelleher suggested making a list of accomplishments instead of showing negative points. He said for example the Veterans. The threats are huge for the different populations but so are the opportunities.

B. Mack said that the decision should be made on what programs should be developed and who should go after the stimulus money. He indicated that the application is not due until July but the key players should be identified.

P. Kelleher said that he would like to have the best data possible and the current PIT data may have been corrupted due to things like the snow storm.

B. Mack suggested having a data gathering brain storming meeting. M. Durso indicated everyone should make sure they are measuring the same to get good data.

M. Bilz said that once the stimulus money is distributed, agencies will not receive a lot of money. She also indicated that the money is for new clients and not clients already established in programs.

B. Mack mentioned that he needs help with the Ending Homelessness Committee, either someone takes over as chair or there may be a need for a Co-Chair.

**Other:**

The committee has planned a brain storming data gathering meeting on April 15, 2009, 2:30 pm at 45 High Street.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Keystone Hall