GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes City Hall – Room 208 August 6, 2003 www.nashua-coc.org

- 1. Call to Order: 8:00 AM by Chairperson Lisa Christie.
- 2. All present introduced themselves.
- 3. <u>Minutes the of June Meetings:</u> Sister Sharon moved to accept the minutes of June 4, 2003; P. Kelleher seconded, the motion was unanimously accepted. B. Mack moved to accept the amended minutes of the June 25, 2003; K. Nijhuis seconded, the motion was unanimously accepted.
- 4. <u>Legislative Advocacy in Washington on Housing and Homeless Issues:</u>
 (Handouts) R. Morrison reported on the National Association to End Homelessness Conference in Washington. He said that 1300 people attended the conference and 140 made visits to Congress to discuss the issues.

He encouraged everyone to contact his or her State Congressmen in support the National Housing Trust Fund Campaign. We want to get 218 members in Congress to vote for it. Also to thank Senator Gregg in support of bringing the Section 8 certificates back to 100% funding.

He mentioned that Section 8 certificates were not being used in some communities. In New Hampshire 13,000 new renters moved into the state but only 875 units were built during 1990-2000, resulting in higher rents.

- L. Christie encouraged people to sign (orange cards handed out) the "Support Affordable Housing for America!" cards and mail them to Washington as soon as possible.
- Sr. Sharon asked if we should we pressure Senator Sununu. R. Morrison responded that he is probably the most knowledgeable on housing and it might be helpful.
- T. Epaphras asked the breakdown of where the 13,000 new renters in NH have gone. R. Morrison responded that some are moving further north and west or out of State.
- L. Christie invited R. Morrison to stay for the Homelessness Sub-committee meeting.
- 5. <u>Collaborative Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness:</u> P. Kelleher reported that HUD has put out a NOFA for this undertaking. It will fund only four projects

throughout the country. Funding would be in the amount of \$500,000 - \$625,000 per project. Peter would, however, like to apply for a project that supports 76 chronically homeless people in Nashua for three years in permanent supportive housing. This application is due August 12, 2003. B. Mack motioned that we submit the proposal for this CoC; T. Epaphras seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- 6. <u>Convene Meeting of AHTF Committee:</u> K. Nijhuis reported that the Affordable Housing Task Force Committee would convene immediately after this meeting to review an application from MP Housing for funding to create three housing units.
- 7. Exploring New Approaches for the Homeless: M. Brown related some of her problems in finding shelter for the many seeking it in Milford. She showcased her presentation and a discussion followed.

8. Other:

- a. Participation in Mainstream Programs and Employment Chart (Handout).
 P. Kelleher explained this chart and the need for hooking clients up with employment opportunities.
- b. 2003 NOFA Team Request. P. Hayes reported that the 2003 NOFA committee has disbanded and a new committee needs to be formed. Before disbanding, the team came together in a "post-mortem" to talk about things that could be done better next time. She motioned that the CoC endorse the Executive/Strategic Committee as the lead entity, and task them to cause a strategic plan to be prepared for and with the CoC; and that based on that plan that we develop and institute methods for gathering and analyzing the data necessary for making strategic and tactical decisions, that will be publishable in our applications and that will help inform where we place our resources; and to evaluate the effectiveness of our programs and monitor our progress to achieving our stated goals. We would like to see a strategic plan formulated by March 2004. P. Kelleher seconded the motion; the motion was accepted unanimously. M. Auer and L. Christie expressed the thanks to all who worked to hard on the 2003 NOFA.
- c. Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Nashua: L. Ruiz-Mingote announced the upcoming fundraising concert scheduled for September 19, 2003 at the new Nashua High School. The event, which features the "Capitol Steps", will be posted on the CoC web site.
- 9. Next Meeting: September 10, 2003, 8:00 AM, Room 208, Nashua City Hall. (Note change in meeting date.)
- 10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

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Attendance June 4, 2003

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[p] Lisa Christie
 [p] Klaas Nijhuis
 (Chair) Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.
 (Vice-Chair) City of Nashua - Urban Programs

Diana Owen Adult Learning Center

Sandy Pelletier Area Agency of Greater Nashua, Inc. George Barrett Area Agency of Greater Nashua, Inc.

Bonnie Jean Butler Butler Global Consulting Lori Piper Bank of New Hampshire

[p] Linda Jeynes

 John Slebodnick
 Paul Newman
 Heidi Peek
 Therese Charest

 [p] Stefan Russakow
 City of Nashua - Urban Programs

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 City of Nashua - Environmental Health
 City of Nashua - Welfare Department

 [p] Stefan Russakow
 City of Nashua - Welfare Department

John Fisher City of Nashua - Police Department

[p] Susan Mead Community Council of Nashua
Russ Johnson Community Council of Nashua
Scott Brennan Community Council of Nashua
Carol Furlong Community Council of Nashua
Kay Golden Corpus Christi Food Pantry

Sharon Face Department of Health & Human Services

Linda Sprague DHHS - Office of Minority Health

Cathy Duffy Girls, Inc.
Jen Indeglia Girls, Inc.

Jenifer Gokey Granite State Independent Living
Dave Darling Greater Nashua Habitat for Humanity
Jim Allard Greater Nashua Habitat for Humanity

[p] Bob Marks
 Helen Gutekunst

 [p] Laurie Skibba
 Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc.
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Mary Fisher Half Moon Sober Festival
Cheryl Rawe Half Moon Sober Festival

[p] Peter Kelleher Harbor Homes, Inc.

[p] Mary Auer Harbor Homes, Inc.
[p] Susan Bultman Harbor Homes, Inc.
[p] Joseph Ntengeri Harbor Homes, Inc.
Eric Corliss Harbor Homes, Inc.
Steve Dooley Harbor Homes, Inc.
Miles Pendry Harbor Homes, Inc.
Robert Tamposi Harbor Homes, Inc.

Cathy Nobora Harbor Homes, Inc. Jean Russell Harbor Homes, Inc. Caley O'Connell Harbor Homes, Inc. [p] Jane Allen Home, Health & Hospice Luann Barrs Luann's House of Hope [p] Sr. Sharon Walsh Marguerite's Place [p] Ruth Crosman Marguerite's Place Kathy Card Marv's Place

Matt Davis Merrimack River Medical Services

Desiree White Milford High School

[p] Maria Brown Milford, Town of - Welfare Department

[p] Stephanie Gurtin
 Laura Nault
 Chaplain Michael Gashey
 [p] Mariellen Durso
 Milford Welfare Intern
 Nashua Advocacy Group
 Nashua Advocacy Group
 Nashua Area Health Center

Jody Stephens Nashua Foundation for Mental Health
David Elliott Nashua Foundation for Mental Health

Sarah R. Gagnon

[p] Grace Hicks-Grogan
Betsy Portash

[p] Maryse Wirbal
Cheryl Miller

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Jade Marco
Eileen Brady
Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.

[p] Patricia Hayes
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Bridget Belton-Jette Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Nashua
[p] Lina Ruiz-Mingote Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Nashua

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Alphonse Haettenschwiller Private Citizen
Arlette Stawagz Private Citizen
Betty J. Winberg Private Citizen

[p] Tara Davis[p] Agnes HanBridges (formerly Rape and Assault Services Inc.)Bridges (formerly Rape and Assault Services Inc.)

[p] Mary Moriarty St John Neumann Church Robert Demers St Joseph Hospital

Sr. Sandra Morgan SHARE
Carolyn Momenee SHARE
Mariette Facquec SHARE

[p] David Cull Soul Purpose Property Management/Nashua Advocacy Group

Mike Amichetti

[p] Wendy Furnari

Ellen O'Shea

Deb Gidarakos

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Lori Cardin
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Neil Levesque
Congressman Bass' Office
Mark Sanborn
Stephanie Hoopers
Nashua Telegraph (visitor)

Marie Herb TAC (visitor)

Camille Pattison Nashua Regional planning Commission (visitor)

Bob Keating Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter

Christine Lavallee NH Legal Assistance

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