

Committee on Ending Homelessness Meeting
Minutes of the December 1, 2004
(Room 208 City Hall)

Present at the meeting were: Eileen Brady, Maria Brown, Lisa Christie, Bill Gray, Linda Jeynes, Donna Juskiewicz, Peter Kelleher, Bob Mack, Germano Martins, Laura Nault, Klaas Nijhuis, and Miles Pendry.

K. Nijhuis called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. The minutes from the November 3rd meeting were reviewed; P. Kelleher motioned to accept minutes as written, M. Brown seconded and the motion carried.

M. Pendry announced that the logic model (handout) for the super NOFA was now on the CoC website for everyone to see. K. Nijhuis felt this would be a good tool to use in monitoring our progress with the plan elements.

K. Nijhuis then led a discussion about the implementation of the Executable Plan Elements of the Plan to End Homelessness. He made the suggestion that one person be made the contact person for the GNCOC to collect newly implemented project information and report progress as relates to the Ending Homeless Plan. A discussion followed about how this same information needs to be a regular item on the GNCOC agenda so the minutes will reflect the progress on implementation of the plan each month. K. Nijhuis recorded the committee's suggestions about what we have done to date, what we are doing now, and what needs to be done on flip charts. (Copy attached herewith) B. Mack agreed to contact Maggie Decker about being the contact person for collecting information.

P. Kelleher announced that the public notice "Leaving a Light on" has been revised and will be sent to the press soon. E. Brady will be talking to the Telegraph reporter about future articles to promote GNCOC and encourage participation on ending homelessness in the greater Nashua area.

E. Brady handed out a draft copy of a letter to be sent to elected officials to interest them in helping to end homelessness. The committee reviewed the letter and offered suggestions. E. Brady will revise the letter and send out from this committee. L. Jeynes will research the minutes to be sure this responsibility was approved by the GNCOC.

(From the May, 2004 meeting minutes of the GNCOC: "*M. Brown motioned that the Ending Homelessness Committee be allowed to continue to compose the final draft of the plan to end homelessness, to coordinate arrangements to publicly present the plan, and to be the lead entity in publicly promoting the Good Neighbor Agreements and monitoring their receipt and compliance. W. Furnari seconded the motion and the motion carried*".)

B. Mack reported that he and his committee would revisit the “pledge card” idea and have a proposal ready for the February meeting of this committee.

E. Brady reported that 60 people signed on in support of ending homelessness in the greater Nashua area at the Nashua Stroll on November 27th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am

The next meeting will be January 5, 2005 at 9:00 am in room 208 of the Nashua City Hall.

FLIP CHARTS

Achievements

Palm Street Acquisition by Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter
Rivier College: Thanksgiving baskets, Sleep-in
Veteran's Program, Harbor Homes
Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network opening, news article/winter beds
Public Notice: "Leaving a Light On"
Holiday Stroll – 60 signatures
Newspaper articles
Special Training for Emergency Shelter personnel for success in their work planned by Marianne Feliciano

Failures

Tavern at Railroad Square
Access vulnerability

Pending Action for Committee

Stacy Milbaur (Telegraph) interview, "Light Left On" and achievements (E. Brady)
Request to Executive Committee: agenda (K. Nijhuis)
Info Bank inventory, additional resources, tool for gathering success and getting the word out (B. Mack)
Legal Aid office in Nashua (P. Kelleher & E. Brady)
Put strategies in chronological order (M. Pendry)
Logic model intro presentation (P. Kelleher & B. Mack)
Getting WI-FI (M. Pendry & K. Nijhuis)
Property Owner Association – contact
Newly elected list for letter to legislature to E. Brady (K. Nijhuis)

How Committee Should Function

1. See what we need to be doing (proactive) to end homelessness, put before GNCOC meeting and show how it ties in per p/a in the plan
2. See that it gets implemented, formalize strategies
3. See if it got implemented
4. If not, why not? Focus attention and resources
5. If yes, what are the numbers, did it meet expectations
6. Record and report results

Deadlines Pending: Ending Homelessness

Landlord group
Discharge policy
Homelessness down 3%
Increase Main Stream resource utility
Inventory greater Nashua agencies: prevention/intervention