

Committee on Ending Homelessness Meeting
Minutes of the January 5, 2005
(Room 208 City Hall)

Present at the meeting were: Eileen Brady, Maggie Decker, Mary Anne Pocco, Bill Gray, Alphonse Haettenschwiler, Linda Jeynes, Donna Juskiewicz, Peter Kelleher, Bob Mack, Bob Marks, Ruth Morrisette, Germano Martins, Laura Nault, Klaas Nijhuis, and Miles Pendry.

K. Nijhuis called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and had everyone introduce him or herself. The minutes from the December 1st meeting were reviewed; B. Marks motioned to accept minutes as written, L. Nault and the motion carried.

K. Nijhuis lead a discussion based on the PowerPoint presentation made by B. Mack at the GNCOC meeting relating to the Ending Homelessness Plan implementation. He made notes on flip charts, which are attached below. It was mentioned that a lot has been accomplished that was not directly attached to items in the Plan's Action Steps (i.e.: the Super NOFA process and some existing housing resources.) A longer meeting is needed to review/update the Plan. It was decided to have two meetings a month until this can be better accomplished, one the last Thursday of the month and the other, as usual, after the GNCOC meeting each month.

We need to decide where the information is being reported and who will collect the data. P. Kelleher motioned that a public announcement be made to the GNCOC designating the Ending Homelessness Committee as the place to report information, updates, progress, or any suggestions related to the Plan. R. Morrisette seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

P. Kelleher suggested it was not easy to read the slides at the GNCOC meeting, so it was decided to have the next meeting of the Ending Homelessness Committee at Harbor Homes where the projected image is easier to see. Everyone was asked to bring their own copy of the Ending Homeless Plan with them. He noted that we are making progress in ending homelessness, but we need to convey this message to the GNCOC with more facts and figures. It was suggested that an item number corresponding to the Ending Homelessness Plan goals be attached to the agenda items for the GNCOC each month.

Help for the homeless is getting better but the threat of future homelessness may need more attention. E. Brady mentioned that Nashua would be the next refuge resettlement area.

Exploring/establishing a Regional Revolving Loan Fund should be one of the next things to target by the GNCOC. It was suggested that someone at Nashua Pastoral Care Center

(NPCC) might be the best person to head up a committee to deal with this subject. E. Brady and M. Decker will approach NPCC about this.

E. Brady suggested that legislative bills should become a regular item for the GNCOC membership to consider. Maybe the original legislative committee of the GNCOC may be able to reconvene to start this process again. Perhaps they could invite legislatures to the GNCOC meetings.

The committee also considered, but later decided not to, establish a news-clipping file on Nashua agencies and homelessness.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am

The next meetings will be January 27, 2005 at 8:30 am at Harbor Homes, 78 Main Street and February 2, 2005 at 9:00 am in room 208 of the Nashua City Hall.

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Flip Chart Notes

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Decisions

Who prepares reports on EHC progress, reviews/endorses? – Small sub-committee of EHC to track

When do we meet to do these things? – January 27, 2005 at 8:30 am and also after CoC meeting and Thursday prior to next CoC meeting.

Where do we have this meeting? – Harbor Homes conference room, 78 Main Street for the second meeting each month, room 208, City Hall after CoC meetings.

Standing item on general CoC meeting agenda – EHC report

The elements of that report:

Use it as a reminder about getting information to EHC – sub committee

Everybody brings their copy of the Ending Homelessness Plan to each meeting of EHC to use in reviewing goals and achievements.

Our Job: We coach full CoC and solicit appropriate help.

Ideas

Archive resource in CoC – News clippings, agencies already doing

Get references of media articles in the Super NOFA

Threats – stress on providers and community due to refugees resettlement

Use the EHC to define the strategic link to focus on at next general CoC meeting

Plan a 12-month calendar for EHC & CoC

What We Need To Look At

Objectives/goals

Ongoing stats on objectives/goals vs. completed ones

Carry out

The process of reviewing progress on plan leads us to identify existing resources

Strategic focus within the community to be communicated to CoC or to be developed

Revolving Loan Fund

Connection with Housing Forum and Bills