GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE Meeting Minutes City Hall – Room 208 March 6, 2002

- 1. <u>Call to Order</u> 8:03 a.m. by Chairperson Peter Kelleher.
- 2. All present introduced themselves.
- 3. <u>Minutes from February 6, 2002</u> were reviewed. Correction: Attorney Berry's first name is spelled "Elliot", not "Eliot". A. Haettenschwiller moved to approve; seconded by S. Bultman. Motion unanimously approved.
- 4. <u>Board of Aldermen Meeting/Human Affairs Committee</u> re: \$100,000 allocated by Board of Aldermen for affordable housing. P. Kelleher reported on this favorable meeting which resulted in one of the Aldermanic Board members commenting that he would try to get another \$100,000.
- 5. Data Gathering Committee Update (homeless count). A draft letter addressed to the CoC towns and City of Nashua regarding the Gaps Homeless Count was presented for review and comment. It was suggested that we highlight "we invite you to attend" and include Room 208. This letter will be mailed from CoC noting that information will follow in the next couple of weeks detailing the process for taking the homeless count, which will be held on March 27, 2002.
- 6. <u>HMIS (Homeless Management Integration System</u>). By September 2004, HUD will require all CoC's to have homeless tracking software in place. P. Kelleher noted that this CoC needs to be thinking of this now. M. Pendry (Harbor Homes, Inc.) explained salient points of the program. Discussion of the probable costs, where to look for funding for this tracking software, and the various types of options available. Miles P. will continue to collaborate with the State.
- 7. <u>Balance of State CoC</u>. P. Kelleher announced that Mary Auer (Harbor Homes, Inc.) has been asked to attend the State CoC meetings through May.
- 8. <u>Winter Emergency Task Force Committee.</u> Scott Slattery (Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.) sat on this committee, especially the Armory Committee, (a potential site for an emergency shelter) and is willing to answer any questions. Discussion.
- 9. <u>Main Street Program</u>. Lisa Christie (Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.) was absent but there was a lengthy discussion on the numerous e-mails she has forwarded to all CoC members regarding this program. The Main Street Program, an effort to revitalize a community's downtown, is funded through the NH Main Street Center (State agency). They provide technical assistance to three communities per year. These are very competitive applications, and, after this year, applications will not be accepted for the next 2-3 years.

Pros and cons of receiving this award were discussed. Expressed was concern that the economic ratio may diminish opportunities for affordable housing and that it is important to "be at the table" to protect those interests. Discussion re: residential housing in downtown, and the possibility of the CoC working with the Main Street Committee to accomplish their mutual goals. The Inner City Task Force (ICTF) is involved, and this committee would like to have a representative from the CoC.

- 10. <u>New Hampshire Community Loan Fund/IDA Presentation</u>. Sharon Drake and Chris LeBrun explained that the IDA (Individual Development Account) is a matched savings account designed to help low-income individuals/families save for home ownership, post secondary education, and small business development. The NHCLF will match \$3 for every \$1 saved (up to \$2,000). Qualification is based on household income, not individual income. (See attached IDA Fact Sheet.) Sharon Drake spoke of the opportunities of this program and their desire to collaborate with the CoC, noting that Harbor Homes, Inc. has signed on. Youth IDA's are also being offered.
- 11. <u>Main Street Program (continued</u>). Al Manoian, City of Nashua Community Development Director, now present, discussed the history and purpose of the Main Street Program, noting that the proposals are due on March 28. This committee is looking for a representative from the CoC to serve on their Steering Committee. He believes that this is an opportunity for the CoC to partner with businesses in the community. The Steering Committee will meet this Saturday, 8-12. P. Kelleher requested anyone who has an interest to e-mail him today or tomorrow.
- 12. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Mary Auer, Harbor Homes, Inc.

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Peter Kelleher[p] Lisa Christie Diana Owen Mary Allers-Korostynski Sandy Pelletier George Barrett[p] Lori Piper Klaas Nijhuis[p] Linda Jeynes[p] John Slebodnick Paul Newman Alan S. Manoian[p] **Dolly Bellavance** Heidi Peek Therese Charest[p] Bob Mack[p] Mike Vaccaro Barry Zani Susan Mead **Russ** Johnson Gianni Giannetti Alphonse Haettenschwiller[p] Sharon Face Cathy Duffy Jen Indeglia Peter Swenson Dave Darling Jim Allard **Diana Maisonave Bob Marks** Helen Gutekunst Mary Auer[p] Miles Pendry[p] Melanie Lee[p] Sue Bultman[p] Eric Corliss Steve Dooley Robert Tamposi Michelle Martin Ruth Tamulonis[p] Anne Barnette[p]

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Inner City Task Force Keystone Hall Marguerite's Place Marguerite's Place Mary's Place Merrimack River Medical Services Milford High School Milford, Town of – Welfare Nashua Foundation for Mental Health Nashua Pastoral Care Nashua Public Health – Street Outreach Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc. Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc. Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc. Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Nashua Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Nashua New Hampshire Catholic Charities Private Citizen Rape and Assault Support Services, Inc. St John Neumann Church St Joseph Hospital Southern New Hampshire HIV Task Force Southern New Hampshire HIV Task Force Southern New Hampshire HIV Task Force Southern New Hampshire Medical Center Southern New Hampshire Services Southern New Hampshire Services Southern New Hampshire Services Southern New Hampshire Services St. John Newman The Telegraph The Telegraph The Telegraph United Way of Greater Nashua Veteran's Administration V.A.M.C.

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