

Committee on Ending Homelessness Meeting
Minutes of the October 6, 2004
(Room 208 City Hall)

Present at the meeting were: Eileen Brady, Maria Brown, Lisa Christie, Gabrielle Green, Linda Jaynes, Peter Kelleher, Bob Mack, Laura Nault, Klaas Nijhuis, Miles Pendry, and Germano Martins.

K. Nijhuis called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. The minutes from the September 8th meeting were reviewed; M. Brown motioned to accept the amended minutes, B. Mack seconded and the motion carried.

K. Nijhuis then led a discussion around the tasks necessary to get started on moving the Ending Homelessness Plan forward over the next eight years. The discussion was recorded on flip charts, the content of which follows.

Short-term tasks

Public Relations Plan

Establish Committee (Eileen B. and Maria B. with GSOP and IHN as allies)

Get link to EHP on City website

Take advantage of window of opportunity to get new legislators' attention
(11/2/04 – 12/31/04)

 Create mailing list – using candidate list Klaas N. to do after 11/2

 Develop a list of talking points, cover letter by 11/3

 Use committee members' circles of influence to make contact with
 legislators

Presence at Holiday Stroll

 NSKS Booth dedicated to promoting the plan

 Plan a display, maybe use TV13 footage in background, other videos about EHP

Have a standing item on General Meeting of CoC

 To report on progress/needs of committee

 Also report on progress or threats in municipalities, state, country re: Resolutions,
 policies, etc.

Longer-term tasks

Getting other agencies to sign onto GNAs, start process of executing plan

Get municipalities to sign onto GNAs

 A follow-up press conference – Sister Mary Scullion from Phila. volunteered

Get businesses to sign onto GNAs

Get funding for conference/outreach activities, develop awareness:

 Bake sale?

 Melville Trust

 Corporate entity participation: Atlanta got \$10m for Plan Implementation

Discussion about the usefulness/value of GNAs led to:

Get individuals and clients to sign on/commit to ending homelessness for the political
clout (petition-like)

Consider simplifying GNA or
Develop "Citizens' Pledge to End Homelessness
Bob M. to develop a postcard format Pledge Card – by 11/3

(Transcribed by Klaas Nijhuis)

The next meeting will be November 3, 2004 at 9:00 am in room 208 of the Nashua City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am

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