

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
June 10, 2009

Present: Wendy LeBlanc, HIV Task Force, Chair
Peter Kelleher, HHI, KH, Task Force, Vice Chair
Kim Berube, Keystone Hall, Clerk
Bob Mack, Nashua City Welfare
Barbara Alves, Marguerites Place & MP Housing
Mariellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center
Carol Furlong, Harbor Homes Inc.

Call to Order:

W. LeBlanc opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. A list of new members was handed out for committee members to contact.

Minutes:

W. LeBlanc asked everyone to review the minutes from the May 13, 2009 meeting. B. Alves motioned to accept the minutes. C. Furlong seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Topics for Discussion:

- **SuperNOFA:**

P. Kelleher indicated that he spoke with Gina Schaak and the first broadcast will be on June 19, 2009. The NOFA will be released sometime in July and will be due in September.

B. Mack mentioned that the NOFA should be different this year and not as tedious. He also discussed the new definition of homelessness due to the HEARTH Act.

P. Kelleher added that the HEARTH Act consolidates the programs into one. He also added that June 30th is the year end and HMIS should help to get the APR's completed quickly.

- **NSP/HPRP Funding:**

P. Kelleher discussed the NSP funding and NH will receive 19.6 million in October. The program allows you to acquire and renovate abandoned or foreclosed properties. The City of Nashua will receive 1.5 million in funds to acquire property in the tree streets of Nashua. Harbor Homes will receive approximately 2 million for this project.

B. Mack asked when the property is sold will there be a requirement to pay the money back. P. Kelleher responded that if there is a gain from the sale than they are required to pay that amount back.

P. Kelleher also explained the HPRP funding which is homeless prevention money. The State of NH will receive \$5 million and the City of Manchester will receive \$800,000.00. The funds are to target people at risk of homelessness and allow emergency rental assistance up to 18 months. He also mentioned that Harbor Homes will be applying for money for the mental health side and rental assistance.

M. Durso mentioned that she is seeing more college graduates not being able to find a job. B. Mack added that he is seeing more laborers in need of work. M. Durso also added that jobs are not available in New England but are more available down South.

- **July GNCOC Meeting:**

P. Kelleher suggested cancelling both the general and executive meetings for July. Everyone was in agreement.

W. Leblanc announced that Eileen Brady and Kathy Paquette volunteered to chair the Ending Homelessness Committee.

- **August/September Presenters:**

August will be a regular report out meeting and September will be for presentations. W. LeBlanc indicated that Angela Linke would like to do a presentation for NH Works and M. Durso added that she would also like to present.

The committee discussed the significant increase in attendance. W. LeBlanc mentioned more people are welcoming presentations and reports.

- **Public Forum:**

W. LeBlanc explained the need to move forward after the recent articles regarding Mines Falls. The media's attention has been on homelessness. The forum will be to let everyone know that there are agencies to educate and look for new ideas.

M. Durso mentioned that people are not exposed to the homeless situation and there is culture diversity.

W. LeBlanc added that there needs to be a better solution for after hours. The police need a place to bring the homeless when agencies are closed.

B. Mack discussed the making of public trails and trash pick up in Mines Falls. He also mentioned the need for more transitional and supportive housing than shelters.

P. Kelleher indicated that the individual that was assaulted in Mines Falls may come forward and tell his story. M. Durso suggested having the Public Forum after.

The committee discussed the need to collaborate with the police and the concern that officers may have different views. B. Alves suggested having police officers as Board Members.

C. Furlong mentioned that the purpose of the public forum is to get together and come up with ideas.

M. Durso discussed a new case management challenge with refugees. She suggested integrating individuals into wrap around. One major challenge is the timing of the meeting and getting the provider to attend.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Keystone Hall