

**GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
February 11, 2009**

Present: Wendy Furnari, HIV Task Force, Chair
Peter Kelleher, HHI, KH, HIV Task Force, Vice-Chair
Candace C. Gebhart, NH Legal Assistance, Vice-Chair
Kim Berube, Keystone Hall, Clerk
Joanne Bresnahan, Keystone Hall
Lynn Censabella, Nashua Housing Authority
Bob Mack, Nashua Welfare
Linda Newell, Community Service Council
Carol Furlong, Harbor Homes, Inc.
Barbara Alves, Marguerite's Place & MP Housing
Lori Wilshire, Nashua Children's Home

Call to Order:

W. Furnari opened the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

Minutes:

W. Furnari asked everyone to review the minutes from the January 14, 2009 meeting. P. Kelleher motioned to accept the minutes. B. Alves seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Topics for Discussion:

GNCOC Guidelines: W. Furnari opened the floor for discussions. L. Wilshire motioned to change the wording in Article 4, paragraph 3-Conflict of Interest. She motioned to change the word may to shall. P. Kelleher seconded the motion. B. Mack suggested the article read as follows. On SuperNOFA funding and other funding recommendations, staff of agencies being reviewed for funding and individuals with pecuniary interest in agencies being reviewed for funding shall make known on public record any potential conflict of interest and shall recuse themselves from voting. L. Wilshire motioned to accept the amended guidelines. P. Kelleher seconded the motion and the motion carried to reflect changes in the guidelines.

Review of 1/14/09 Discussion:

W. Furnari reiterated on a topic that was brought up in the last Executive meeting. A suggestion was made to reach out to any new members that attend the full continuum meeting. New members' names will be pulled off the attendance sheet and brought to the Executive meeting so that members of that committee can reach out to them.

Announcements and Other:

P. Kelleher suggested the Executive committee acknowledge the committee members who did presentations at the full meeting.

W. Furnari reminded everyone that the full meeting in March will be for reports and in April there will be a Mainstream presentation. She also indicated that Lea Reilly will be doing a presentation for the Nashua Children's Home in June.

L. Wilshire suggested that the committee reach out to the Chamber of Commerce regarding an upcoming event. She was concerned that perception is the homeless issue is not being addressed and it is a major concern for the downtown. She also indicated that she sent an e-mail to Sue Butler and will update everyone once she receives a response. C. Furlong said that there should be some kind of collaboration. B. Mack suggested attending a shelter meeting at the Rescue Mission which was coordinated at the request of the Mayor. It was also suggested that the Great American Downtown may be the group to reach out to. W. Furnari said it may be good to have the Community Relations Committee tag team. P. Kelleher suggested having John O'Brien speak at an upcoming meeting.

L. Newell discussed the recent Point in Time count in which 322 households were reported. She stressed that this is not the final count and they are still reviewing data.

L. Wilshire mentioned the City of Nashua's Consolidated Plan. She indicated that HUD requires the City to file an action plan every five years and she would like to see everyone drive the plan.

There will be an upcoming fundraising event at Beckonings in Nashua and all proceeds will go to Marguerite's Place.

On February 18, 2009 between 6:00pm and 8:00pm the Nashua Soup Kitchen will be holding its Empty Bowl fundraiser at Nashua High South. The cost is \$12.00 to purchase a bowl in which you can take home.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Keystone Hall