

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2011

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Call to order: 8:30am by Chair, Wendy LeBlanc,

Present: Barbara Alves, Bob Mack, Lisa Christie, Peter Kelleher, Beth Todgham, Candace Gebhart, Lori Piper, Annette Escalante, Mariellen Durso.

Minutes of April 13, 2011(handout):

L. Christie motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by B.Mack and the motion carried unanimously.

Topic Discussion:

- GNCOC Guidelines:

The group reviewed the operational guidelines and the changes that have been suggested by the committee will be presented to the next GNCOC meeting for review and decision. More detailed discussion was held on the following issues:

Are there groups that should be at the executive committee table that are not here? The committee determined that we have good representation. C. Gebhart and W. LeBlanc will reach out to members who have not been attending to see if they can increase participation or should be removed from the committee.

L. Christie has indicated that E. Brady would be interested in chairing the Legislative Committee, and has resigned as Chair of the Ending Homelessness Committee. Bob Mack has agreed to be the interim chair. E. Brady has agreed to be Chair of Legislative Committee. A discussion ensued about the Ex. Committee providing better direction to the Ending Homelessness Committee. B. Mack believes it to be the standing committee that has stood the test of time, and should not be dissolved. The question was raised as if this committee ought to spearhead a new 'Ending Homelessness Plan', as we are approaching the end of the initial '10 year plan'.

It was recommended that in Article Six, E. be added, which would indicate that the EC would review and approve any publications that any group/entity want to distribute to the general public under the purview of the GNCOC. These decisions may need to be made by email consensus.

- Presenters (as they apply to 10 Year Plan):

P. Kelleher recommended that the presenters tailor their presentations to the 10 year plan. Every committee and the investment of time by people and agencies should come with speakers prepared to review the challenges and the outcomes they have experienced. For example, where are we with family homelessness, veterans homelessness, child homelessness and have people speak to the specific challenges and outcomes. What do we need to do to get closer to the ending homelessness plan? P. Kelleher has offered to write an outline for the EC to propose potential presenters – plan to bring that outline to the next EC meeting. It was suggested that a panel of people present. B. Mack recommended these presentations be 'topic driven' rather than 'agency driven'.

- Request for draft minutes:

We don't have to have the minutes done in 5 days, but we will try to get minutes to someone if they are requested sooner.

- Political Climate:

This section tabled as we were past our timeframe.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Minutes taken by Lori M. Piper, Merrimack County Savings Bank