

**GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
November 12, 2008**

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
Linda Newell, Community Service Council
Joanne Bresnahan, Keystone Hall
Mariellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center
Lori Wilshire, Nashua Children's Home
Maryse Wirbal, Nashua Pastoral Care
Bob Mack, Nashua City Welfare
Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen
Barbara Alves, Marguerite's Place & MP Housing

Call to Order:

W. Furnari opened the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Minutes:

W. Furnari asked everyone to review the minutes from the October 15, 2008 meeting. B. Mack noted a correction on page 1 paragraph 1 and he also indicated that the September minutes were posted on the COC website before any corrections were made. A correction was also noted on page 2 paragraph 4. B. Alves motioned to accept the corrected minutes, P. Kelleher seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Topics for Discussion:

- **Executive Committee Members List:**

W. Furnari provided a handout of the executive committee's members list for everyone to review. B. Alves mentioned that she represents two agencies, Marguerite's Place and MP Housing therefore she would get two votes. P. Kelleher asked who is on the committee and who represents each agency. There are multiple people from each agency but only one person represents that agency therefore there would only be one person voting. P. Kelleher asked if anyone could join the executive committee or is it exclusive. L. Wilshire indicated it should be someone involved with the Continuum and P. Kelleher suggested going back to the full COC and asking if anyone would like to join. B. Mack mentioned that there was a prior discussion of limiting the number of members and the guidelines and members should be reviewed at the same time. W. Furnari indicated that article 6 of the guidelines states that members should be elected at the same time as the

officers. B. Mack suggested staggering the officer's terms so that everyone isn't starting at the same time. L. Wilshire said that it is also important to have someone that represents the public, preferably a consumer. P. Kelleher indicated that the committee does not have any business members and maybe someone from the Chamber may be able to fill some of the gaps.

- **GNCOC Guidelines:**

L. Wilshire opened the discussion with reference to article 4 section A3. She indicated that she is in favor of keeping the word MAY in the sentence, may recuse themselves. B. Alves and L. Christie are in agreement with L. Wilshire and M. Wirbal is in favor of the change. L. Wilshire expressed that nothing was lost with the SuperNOFA and for years the scores have been high. L. Christie proposed to wait for the SuperNOFA scores. P. Kelleher seconded the motion and the motion carried.

M. Durso indicated that there is a need to work together and that the committee may be losing people that are not funded. B. Mack said that the individuals voting on SuperNOFA prioritization need to have enough knowledge to prioritize and that all members could share their knowledge, but have the vote limited to those not receiving funding, to avoid the perception of a conflict of interest.

L. Christie mentioned that HUD makes things complex with how to prioritize to maximize the revenue. L. Wilshire said that the City of Nashua should only get one vote.

C. Gebhart indicated that it is cleaner process if the votes do not come from the funded agencies. She said it is a matter of how the COC is viewed as a whole.

P. Kelleher mentioned that everyone wants the COC to be transparent and above ethical content and prefer to see a policy that pushes people to not vote if there is a conflict.

W. Furnari suggested that the Co-Vice Chairs work on looking for additional information to discuss at the February meeting. L. Wilshire indicated that the parliamentary process should be reviewed. L. Christie motioned to table the discussion until the February meeting. P. Kelleher seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Announcements:

W. Furnari announced that Linda Jeynes will be moving to Michigan and where she was a big part of the Continuum we should do something for her. The group agreed to have Wendy collect money and purchase a gift card for Linda. P. Kelleher mentioned the Point in Time Count will be coming up in January that the larger cities have hundreds of people striving to get an accurate count and some continua have integrated HMIS in the process. He also indicated that VT has an open HMIS system. L. Newell said that open means that two agencies would be able to see client information.

W. Furnari asked if there are people going out into the woods to get an accurate account.
L. Newell replied yes.

B. Mack mentioned that over the past few years lunch for Project Homeless Connect have been funded through the Department of Health and Human Services. This year they are not paying the full amount. Some of the agencies agreed to donate money to help.

M. Wirbal announced that the Chamber of Commerce is having a fundraiser after hours and proceeds will go to charity.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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