

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
May 13, 2009

Present: Wendy LeBlanc, HIV Task Force, Chair
Peter Kelleher, HHI, KH, HIV Task Force, Vice Chair
Candace Cappio Gebhart, NH Legal Assistance, Vice Chair
Kim Berube, Keystone Hall, Clerk
Linda Newell, Community Service Council
Bob Mack, Nashua City Welfare
Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen
Maryse Wirbal, Nashua Pastoral Care
Barbara Alves, Marguerites Place & MP Housing
Lori Wilshire, Nashua Children's Home
Bridget Belton Jette, Neighborhood Housing
Lynn Censabella, Nashua Housing Authority

Call to Order:

W. LeBlanc opened the meeting at 8:33 a.m. and explained that she would need to leave the meeting early so C. Gebhart would be chairing the meeting.

Topics for Discussion:

- **New Members:**

W. LeBlanc said that she has contacted two new members that attended the general meeting on the 6th of May.

- **Fostering business partnerships:**

P. Kelleher left the meeting at 8:55 a.m. this topic will be held until the next meeting.

- **June GNCOC presenters:**

Nashua Children's Home will be doing a presentation but it will not take the full hour. C. Gebhart suggested having Community Relations show the updated power point.

- **City/CDBG Funding:**

L. Wilshire reviewed the Block Grant Funding and how much each agency would be receiving. She indicated the amounts looked good but the final approval needs to come from the Mayor.

L. Wilshire encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Community Planning meeting.

Minutes:

C. Gebhart asked everyone to review the minutes from the April 8, 2009 meeting. L. Christie motioned to accept the minutes. B. Alves seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Stimulus Money:

M. Wirbal discussed a presentation that was given to pool funds and give them to the Housing Authority. G. Gebhart asked if this is the same money as the Rapid Rehousing. M. Wirbal replied yes and that Nashua Pastoral Care is considering applying for money from that grant. W. Furnari indicated that Harbor Homes was also considering applying for the grant. L. Newell added that the funding is targeted for people who just lost their jobs.

L. Christie asked if the Welfare Office is seeing an increase. L. Wilshire indicated she heard there was an 18% increase.

Announcements:

L. Christie mentioned that she had received an e-mail from the Welfare Director in Mont Vernon that would like to tour Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter.

B. Mack discussed the clean up at Mines Falls and that many of the camps may be affected. He also mentioned that Sue Butler from the Great American Downtown was very receptive and it maybe a good idea to invite her to a GNCOC presentation. He added that there needs to be more communication with agencies such as the Wrap around Committee

L. Wilshire mentioned that there should be an open invitation for community members to attend the COC meetings. M. Wirbal asked if the presentation was ever given to the Rotary and indicated that if there is an open invitation they may not attend. C. Gebhart said that maybe a personal invitation would be better and maybe hold off on the presentation until September. L. Censabella suggested a presentation to the Alderman and L. Wilshire added that they would be a captive audience due to it being election year.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Keystone Hall