

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
April 16, 2008

Present: Wendy Furnari, HIV Task Force, Chair
Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter
Linda Jeynes, Urban Programs
Peter Kelleher, Harbor Homes, Inc., Keystone Hall, HIV Task Force
Carol Furlong, Harbor Homes, Inc.
Mariellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center
Beverly Doolan, Marguerite's Place & MP Housing
Greg Schneider, Southern NH Services
Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc., Clerk
Joanne Bresnahan, Keystone Hall

Minutes:

W. Furnari opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. and asked everyone to review the minutes from the March 19, 2008 meeting. L. Jeynes motioned to accept the minutes. P. Kelleher seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Topics for Discussion:

- **HUD TA training offer**

W. Furnari mentioned that she received an e-mail from Chris Pitcher who mentioned Technical Assistance training from HUD. W. Furnari asked P. Kelleher if it would be okay to have the training at Harbor Homes. P. Kelleher agreed. W. Furnari indicated she would notify Chris that everyone is interested.

- **SuperNOFA**

P. Kelleher mentioned that the first meeting was held a few weeks ago. Marie Herb and Gina Schaak from TAC prepared a proposed contract for everyone to review. Marie and Gina suggested getting as much done as possible such as ranking, leveraging and completing charts. P. Kelleher handed out copies of two contracts, one for Harbor Homes, Inc. and the other for the Continuum. He asked everyone to review them and discuss what services should be purchased.

G. Schneider explained why Southern NH Services has problems with the cost and he asked if the SuperNOFA committee would decide what each agency will contribute. P. Kelleher mentioned that SNHS's cost would be \$200.00 or less. G. Schneider indicated that under \$200.00 would still be difficult when there is not enough money to pay staff.

G. Schneider questioned if TAC was really needed. P. Kelleher indicated that their involvement is like an insurance policy and B. Doolan mentioned that they are needed more than ever because of the technical nature.

The committee reviewed past and present members of the Lead Entity meetings. W. Furnari mentioned she would e-mail Klaas Nijhuis to see if he would still like to attend as a private citizen.

W. Furnari asked L. Jeynes if she still sends a notice to the Telegraph to publish for interest from the community in applying for NOFA funding.

P. Kelleher mentioned ranking the renewals at the July meeting and not submitting an article to the Telegraph until the NOFA is released.

- **GNCOC Meeting Agenda**

W. Furnari indicated that May's general meeting will be committee reports. W. Furnari asked for presentation suggestions for June's meeting. L. Christie mentioned Margaret Fogerty and W. Furnari suggested having a presenter from Keystone Hall. P. Kelleher mentioned that he thought June would be targeted for the NOFA ranking. He also suggested meeting in July and skipping the August meeting due to the NOFA.

- **Request from New Member**

W. Furnari mentioned that she was contacted by Lori Lonsdale from the Merrimack Medical Center requesting members of the Continuum share profiles of themselves and their agencies. L. Christie indicated that she would be able to go to the agencies websites to learn more. M. Durso mentioned that it would be a lot of work to gather all of the information and the Medical Center may be looking into this for advertising.

- **Other**

P. Kelleher mentioned that HUD awarded 10,000 vouchers for the VASH program which partners HUD with the VA. Out of the 10,000 vouchers only 35 were awarded to the State of New Hampshire. P. Kelleher suggested sending a letter to Washington and copying New Hampshire's Congress to express concerns.

B. Doolan mentioned that the Community Relations Committee sent a letter to every Homeless Liaison in NH. M. Durso indicated that she knows the liaison from Merrimack

P. Kelleher suggested contacting Linda Thissell Elliot to see if someone that is HUD funded would be available to attend meetings. P. Kelleher agreed to send an e-mail.

W. Furnari announced that Pat Murphy from The Town of Merrimack, Welfare Department has agreed to be Chair of the Community Relations Committee.

L. Jeynes mentioned that Bob Mack, Bob Keating, Chris Pitcher and herself recently met to go over key items and reorganize the GAPS committee. They also discussed having HMIS join the committee.

P. Kelleher indicated that Miles Pendry and Neil Tozier will be attending the next HMIS conference.

P. Kelleher also mentioned that ICH has been having an ongoing discussion of RFP's and communities looking for funding.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, HHI