

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes

August 16, 2006

Harbor Homes, Inc., 45 High Street

PRESENT: Lori Wilshire, Nashua Children's Home, Chair
Wendy Furnari, HIV Task Force
Linda Jeynes, Urban Programs
Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter
Sandra Hurd, Keystone Hall
Mariellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center
Bob Mack, Nashua Welfare Department
Bridget Belton-Jette, Neighborhood Housing Services
Invited Guests: Deb McGrady, So. NH Medical Center
Claudie Mahar, St. Joseph Hospital

L. Wilshire opened the meeting at 8:05 am and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the invited guests. She then asked everyone to review the minutes from the June 21st meeting. W. Furnari motioned to accept the minutes, L. Christie seconded, and the motion carried.

M. Durso thanked the hospital representatives for coming and passed out draft copies of a brief questionnaire to use in collecting intake data for Emergency Room patients who may be homeless. She then led a lengthy discussion around the need for this information, the difficulties in obtaining it, and how the GNCOC and the hospitals can work together to prevent patients from being discharged to the streets. B. Mack invited D. McGrady and C. Mahar to take part in the upcoming "Project Homeless Connect". L. Christie offered to donate winter coats from the donated supply at the Soup Kitchen for ER patients who may need them whenever the hospital staff called her office. After the discussion ended, the committee thanked McGrady and Mahar for sharing their time and information and they left the meeting.

L. Wilshire led a brief discussion about the possibility of the GNCOC obtaining its own 501(c) 3 status. It was agreed not to pursue this at this time.

B. Belton-Jette showed the committee the engraved award she had purchased on behalf of the GNCOC to give to Paul Newman. It was decided to collect donations to offset the cost at the September GNCOC meeting and invite Paul to the October meeting for the presentation. Belton- Jette also announced there would not be enough room after all to offer storage space in her new office for the GNCOC archive files. The committee is still looking for space for this purpose.

B. Mack announced that John O'Brien would be attending the next GNCOC meeting to talk about "Project Homeless Connect".

L. Wilshire said she was still having problems getting more GNCOC members to sign up to serve on a committee. Also, they are still looking for an Intern/Researcher.

All the agencies that have received SuperNOFA funding are now participating in HMIS except one. Wilshire will contact that agency to see what can be worked out.

It was noted that the GNCOC website needs to be updated on current events and that it is the responsibility of the agencies to send the information as well as to have it removed when the news is outdated.

There is need for a new liaison member from the Nashua Schools to be part of the GNCOC. Mack will contact a member of the Ending Homelessness Committee who is from the School Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Relations Committee – August 22, 2006, 1:00 pm, Merrimack Town Hall

Legislative Affairs Committee – August 23, 2006, 10:00 am, Harbor Homes

GNCOC Meeting – September 6, 2006, 8:00 am, City Hall Auditorium

Ending Homelessness Committee – September 6, 2006, 9:00 am, City Hall Room 208

Executive Committee – September 20, 2006, 8:00 am, Harbor Homes