

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

December 19, 2007

Harbor Homes, Inc., 45 High Street

Present: Lori Wilshire, Nashua Children's Home, Chair
Bob Mack, Nashua Welfare Department
Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter
Wendy Furnari, HIV Task Force, Co-Chair
Klaas Nijhuis, Former Chair
Mariellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center
Carol Furlong, Harbor Homes, Inc.
Joanne Bresnahan, Keystone Hall
Peter Kelleher, Harbor Homes, Inc., Keystone Hall, SN HIV Task Force
Barbara Alves, Marguerite's Place & Mary's Place
Bridgett Belton-Jette-Neighborhood Housing
Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc., Clerk

Minutes:

L. Wilshire opened the meeting at 8:06 a.m. and asked everyone to review the minutes from the November 21, 2007 meeting. W. Furnari noted a correction to page 1, paragraph 10. L. Christie motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. B. Alves seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ten Year Plan:

B. Mack indicated that revisions for the Ten Year Plan can be found on the GNCOC website.

GNCOC Meetings (Topics/Presenters):

B. Mack handed out a draft of the new progress reports. W. Furnari suggested having a handful for each general meeting and if an agency has nothing to report there will be no need to complete a form. P. Kelleher suggested being more clear on the heading of each form. He provided an example that the Greek Church is developing affordable housing and there would be a need to incorporate non COC agencies. B. Jette indicated that a connection to the Planning Department may help, all permits go through there. P. Kelleher mentioned that other cities and towns will need to be funneled. He also mentioned that Scott Slattery from Urban Programs recently did a survey. B. Mack suggested consulting with Scott to get updated information. M. Durso indicated that the new refugee population will be at risk of homelessness after they receive services. B. Mack mentioned that progress report will help to capture the number of available units and development not homelessness counts. P. Kelleher indicated it would be services associated or connected with housing. B. Alves used MP Housing as an example which has services and subsidized housing. W. Furnari suggested that people may be more inclined to complete form if it is short and simple. B. Mack suggested having a choice of 4-5 categories to check off. L. Christie asked K. Nijhuis if the Regional Planning group would have any information. K. Nijhuis indicated he would find out. P. Kelleher suggested completing the form every 6 months instead of quarterly. B. Mack suggested completing the form twice a year but anyone could report at anytime. M. Durso indicated that the committee should try the form and make changes as

necessary. B. Mack indicated that once the changes are made and e-mail could be sent to the committee and plan on presenting the form at the February meeting. P. Kelleher suggested placing the form on the website. B. Mack mentioned forwarding the report to the HMIS group to review.

Presentations:

L. Wilshire mentioned that a presentation needs to be planned for February. P. Kelleher mentioned he would contact Maureen Ryan to discuss the new SOAR program. L. Wilshire indicated that L. Carter from Healthy at Home could do her presentation in April.

Committee Membership/Membership Rolls:

W. Furnari handed out a change to the guidelines for everyone to review. The change indicates that the Chair of each standing committee should be included in the Executive Committee. P. Kelleher motioned to accept the change to the guidelines. M. Durso and Lisa Christie seconded the motion and the motion carried. B. Alves mentioned that she does not want to lose the vote for MP Housing. B. Mack addressed the need for people to chair committees. B. Alves mentioned that it may be beneficial if people knew the history behind the GNCOC. B. Jette mentioned that the Continuum was formed by edict from HUD. B. Jette explained that attending the meetings gave her the ability to meet new people and found it very helpful to have someone to contact. W. Furnari suggested having time set aside at the full meetings for people to socialize. L. Wilshire suggested giving the new format some time.

Toolkit:

B. Mack discussed the new draft of the toolkit. L. Wilshire mentioned that the numbers for each of the agencies do not coincide with the map and the points on the map may need to be realigned.

Discussions:

L. Christie mentioned the proposed legislation regarding the 1,000 ft buffer zone for sex offenders. Research shows that people feel that residency restriction laws do not make kids safe. This legislation will go before the full Board of Aldermen on December 26, 2007.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc.