

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2011
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Call to order: 8:40 a.m. by Chair Wendy LeBlanc.

Present: Wendy LeBlanc, Barbara Alves, Lisa Christie, Meghan Bilz, Janice Watson (representing Mariellen Durso) and Lori Piper. Note: Attendance at this meeting was lighter than usual, given that the original meeting date of 1/12/11 was postponed to the 19th due to the winter storm.

Minutes of December 8, 2010 (handout):

Minutes were reviewed and the group determined that the comment in the November 2010 minutes by Mariellen Durso regarding 17 year olds “going in the back door” of the hospital was in reference to those who spend the night in the waiting room of the ER at SNHMC.

L. Christie moved to accept the minutes and M. Bilz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcement:

M. Bilz shared with the group that she has a new position within SHNS and will be doing more research and web-based projects and will therefore no longer be their representative at this meeting. Next month she plans to bring the new representative, Beth Todgham, to our meeting to introduce her and get her acclimated. The group thanked Meghan for her participation and expressed disappointment to no longer be able to work with her in this way. W. LeBlanc asked her if she will still be able to represent the GNCOC at the HMIS advisory council and she said she will let us know.

Topics of Discussion:

Point In Time:

W. LeBlanc told the group that she is still waiting for the PIT form from the State. She said that Donna Curley had brought back a draft version of the new form in early January but told us it needed to be tweaked. She has reached out to State staff to request the form and is waiting for more info. If nothing comes today, she will send out a “save the date” email, particularly focused on those not in the GNCOC.

February GNCOC meeting presenters:

W. LeBlanc told the group that Patty Crooker from the City of Nashua will be presenting on Emergency Preparedness but we need one other presenter. L. Christie suggested the new sign shop program at GNMHC and suggested Wendy contact Mark Thornton. W. LeBlanc suggested the Partnership for Successful Living but others feel that the GNCOC is familiar with the Partnership. L. Christie suggested the Red Cross or the newly opened Cynthia Day Center as back up options.

Legislative Affairs Committee:

W. LeBlanc reported that Joan Schulz has agreed to continue to Chair this committee but is slightly hesitant now that she is no longer a rep. She’ll get a list of bills presented and schedule a meeting. It was suggested at the meeting that Joan be asked for suggested replacement or co-chair for her. It was also suggested that Candace Gebhart be queried about whether Legal Aid might have someone in their offices that could provide ‘pro bono’ services to the COC to keep the group abreast of any critical issues impacting the

COC's constituency. L. Christie suggested that a representative from both sides be asked to report, to support bi-partisanship.

Conference/Recognition/Awards:

The discussion about a possible conference was tabled for the January meeting, given that P. Kelleher was unable to attend.

It was determined that the COC would present a recognition award to Bridget Belton of Neighborhood Housing Services for all her years of dedication. B. Alves is to call Bridget and invite her to the March COC meeting to receive the award.

There was a brief discussion regarding NHSGN and it has been suggested that the organization may be merging with Manchester NHS, and there were concerns raised at this meeting about Nashua becoming a 'step-child' of the Manchester group. For clarification purposes, the Manchester group is now known as Manchester Neighborworks.

Political Climate:

Short discussion on the 1/17/11 article on the Veterans that went to the Telegraph disgruntled over treatment or services being provided by Harbor Homes and Buckingham Place. General consensus of the group was that this story would die down, and it is well known that the organization helps hundreds of people and that federal rules must be adhered to.

Other Business:

There will be Care Center Training on 2/9/11, and W. LeBlanc would like a replacement to run the February 2011 Executive Committee Meeting so that she can attend the training seminar. C. Gebhart will be asked to Chair the February meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:20AM.

Minutes taken by W. LeBlanc, So. NH AIDS Task Force and Lori Piper, Merrimack County Savings Bank