

**GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
March 19, 2008

**Present:** Wendy Furnari, HIV Task Force, Acting Chair  
Bob Mack, Nashua Welfare Department  
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.  
Barbara Alves, Marguerite's Place & MP Housing  
Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc., Clerk

**Minutes:**

W. Furnari opened the meeting at 8:08 a.m. and asked everyone to review the minutes from the February 20, 2008 meeting. B. Mack requested a change on page 1, last paragraph. B. Alves motioned to accept the minutes with changes. Carol seconded the motion and the motion carried. There was also a review to the February 27, 2008 minutes from the Special Executive Meeting. B. Mack motioned to accept the minutes. L. Christie seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Topics for Discussion:**

- **Slate of Officers:**

W. Furnari mentioned that she had not heard from anyone being interested in either serving as Chair or Vice-Chair. It was mentioned that a lot of people may already feel overly committed. There were a few suggestions made for Vice-Chair: Sr. Joan, Maryse Wirbal, Greg Schneider and Kathy Paquette. B. Alves suggested updating the Executive Attendance Sheet to show all members of the Committee. B. Mack asked about expectations of the Vice-Chair and everyone agreed that the only thing expected at this time is to fill in for the Chair when unable to attend. P. Kelleher agreed to be a Co-Vice Chair if someone else steps up to assist. B. Mack indicated that he feels W. Furnari would do a good job serving as Chair and motioned to nominate W. Furnari as Chair. B. Alves seconded the motion and the motion carried. This nomination will be presented to the full Continuum on April 2, 2008.

- **Subcommittees and Other**

P. Kelleher mentioned that a SuperNOFA meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2008, 1:30pm at 45 High St. He indicated that Marie Herb and a designated employee will be meeting with the committee. There will be a review of new requirements and schedules. He also indicated that all of the funded agencies have been notified of the meeting.

P. Kelleher mentioned HUD meetings and a meeting with the Board from Liberty House in Manchester.

W. Furnari shared with everyone that she had received an e-mail from a woman in Illinois. She is looking for information from other Continuums. B. Mack suggested setting up a conference call.

L. Christie mentioned that the Soup Kitchen has approximately \$14,000.00 in funding that is to be used for homeless individuals seeking employment, providing work boots and clothes for

work. If anyone knows of a client that can use help please contact Tom Lopez at the Soup Kitchen and Shelter.

P. Kelleher mentioned there are also Keystone funds available through the new Project Recovering Lives program. Anyone that has been in Corrections or may have involvement with DCYF may be eligible. They can contact Bob McGrath or Kevin O'Connell.

B. Mack mentioned that he had spoken with the Director of the Chamber of Commerce who expressed interest in having the GNCOC present at one of their meetings. W. Furnari mentioned that the Community Relations committee was planning to contact the Chamber of Commerce and that Lori Wilshire may have already done so. B. Mack indicated he would follow up with Lori.

B. Mack mentioned that the Ending Homelessness Committee worked on reviewing action steps of the Ten Year Plan and there is a need to work on identifying who does what and to redefine action items and dates.

Regarding data gathering and the subcommittee, it was mentioned that there are many skilled and talented individuals participating and Chris Pitcher and Linda Newell are doing a great job with providing outcome measurements. L. Jeynes wondered if CSC is getting all of the information from all of the agencies. W. Furnari indicated that they are a funded agency and it is only appropriate for them to attend meetings. B. Mack mentioned they should be identified as part of the Data Gathering Committee.

- **GNCOC Agenda Meeting:**

W. Furnari mentioned that the next full meeting will be presentations. Christine LaVallee will be discussing landlord matters. She also indicated that there will need to be a discussion on the election of officers.

- **Job Description for Consultant:**

The suggestion was made to portion out the plan to the different sub-committees and then revisit the idea of hiring a consultant.

**Announcements:**

B. Mack mentioned that he had met with Congressman Hodes and he spoke sincerely about his ideas.

P. Kelleher asked for the COC's endorsement for a proposal for a second grant and per diem for 20 additional beds for homeless veterans. P. Kelleher also mentioned that the Legislative Affairs Committee will be meeting on March 28, 2008, 11:00am at 45 High Street.

B. Alves reminded everyone about the celebration for Sr. Sharon and Sr. Elaine on Friday, March 28, 2008.

**Adjournment:**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.**

**Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc.**