

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care  
Ending Homeless Committee  
Minutes of 4/1/09 Meeting

Present at the meeting were: Eileen Brady, Carol Furlong, Wendy Furnari, Candace Gebhart, Laurie Goodman, Jessica Karwatske, Peter Kelleher, Jerry Leclerc, Bob Mack, Germano Martins, Kathryn Paquette, Lori Wilshire, Magaly Rios, Joan Koliss, John Seusing.

The meeting began at 9:12 with introductions. Officer John Seusing from the Nashua Police Department will be attending the EHC meetings when he can, to act as a liaison between the CoC and the PD.

Review of minutes of the 3/4/09 meeting. W. Furnari made a motion to accept the minutes; L. Wilshire seconded the motion.

B. Mack presented the revised 10 Year Plan. It highlights accomplishments and eliminates some confusion related to the last version/format of the Plan. Discussion ensued regarding some action step i.e.: expanding cultural competency-do we still need that in the Plan or have we accomplished it?

E. Brady noted that the Immigrant Integration Initiative counts as a success. W. Furnari asked if it would be helpful to have a member of the CoC as a liaison with the Hispanic Network. B. Mack mentioned that we have a lot of overlap with agencies & representatives that we do have liaisons between the CoC and the Hispanic community. Perhaps we can do a focus on cultural competency at a future CoC meeting.

P. Kelleher suggested we add a question to the PIT count regarding communication/cultural barriers.

P. Kelleher also mentioned that since the situation in the community is much different now than it was when the Plan was created, perhaps we need to set it aside and focus on the current operating environment. Should the CoC support applications for stimulus funding? How can we best use the stimulus funds for Nashua? B. Mack noted that the Plan has been a guide for many of the actions and should be worked to fit current needs and potential resources. W. Furnari mentioned that the Exec. Committee will be discussing the Plan at their next meeting. She also mentioned that we must make sure the revised Plan reflects the vision of all committee members, not just the vision of those who draft it.

E. Brady followed up regarding the NH Legal Aid housing/tenant workshop at The Way Home. They do 3 sessions per year at NHLA. However, there are no actual guidelines for the seminar.

P. Kelleher noted that Harbor Homes & Neighborhood Housing Services will be applying for Neighborhood Stabilization Funds. A public meeting will be held and client input is welcome and needed.

Preliminary data for the latest PIT Count are as follows: 296 homeless, 69 chronically homeless, 22 victims of domestic violence, 0 HIV infected, 14 veterans.

Meeting ended at approximately 10:00am.

Minutes prepared by Jessica Karwatske