

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Meeting Minutes
Nashua City Hall Auditorium
August 1, 2007**

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Call to Order: 8:07 a.m. by Chair Lori Wilshire.

All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.

Minutes of June 6, 2007: (handout) L. Christie motioned to accept the minutes. W. Furnari seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: L. Wilshire indicated this committee has been updating the 10 year plan. She also mentioned the media work opportunity and W. Furnari agreed to be the Spokesperson.

Ending Homelessness Committee: B. Mack indicated this committee has also been working on revisions and updates and will forward the final draft to Miles Pendry at Harbor Homes Inc. to place on the GNCOC website.

B. Mack also mentioned the committee is looking to approach the NH Charitable Foundation for a \$15,000 consultant grant. The consultant would continue to keep track of how the goals are identified and if measurable. W. Furnari indicated that the committee is looking for a business outside of the non profit agencies to act as a fiscal agent. If anyone is interested they can contact, Bob Mack, Lori Wilshire or Wendy Furnari.

M. Auer indicated that the Ending Homelessness Plan can be viewed on the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Website (www.nashua-coc.org).

GAPS Committee: L. Jaynes indicated that the Committee will be meeting again sometime next month. She mentioned they are still working on the Point in Time count and quarterly reports.

SuperNOFA Committee: M. Auer mentioned that the SuperNOFA has been completed and hopefully everyone will hear the news in December.

Community Relations Committee: M. Febonio mentioned that the committee is working on a letter to send to the different town councils.

Legislative Affairs Committee: J. Shulze indicated that this committee has not met. She mentioned that two HIV bills have passed and if anyone has any new ideas for bills they will need to be submitted by September, 2007.

J. Shulze announced that she is chairing two new committees, Elderly Affairs and Nursing Education. She provided a handout for everyone to review.

Continua: MCOC-T. Epaphras mentioned that Gene Murray is no longer a Homeless Outreach Worker, but Kathy Paquette has taken his position.

He indicated that this committee will be meeting the 4th Thursday of every month starting in September, 2007.

He also mentioned that sex offenders that are homeless in the Greater Nashua Area are being sent up North. B. Mack indicated that he sees a lot of these people at City Welfare and he is unable to place them in the shelters.

J. Shulze indicated that Massachusetts has a plan in place for sex offenders after they are released from prison.

S. Mead mentioned she is on the committee in New Hampshire and they are trying to help individuals before they are incarcerated. She indicated it is a real effort, the prison system is involved and there is a diversion program with the local courts.

S. Mead indicated there is a real lack of resources and the Public Defenders need to help the inmates.

A. Quinn mentioned she is happy that this issue is being addressed. Some of the homeless sex offenders have not gone to trial yet. They need to find shelter and we need to protect or children.

L. Christie indicated that there are different categories of sex offenders and M. Read mentioned there are no differences in the eyes of the law.

BOSCOC- M. Auer explained the abbreviations of the committees for any new members of the Continuum. She also mentioned there will be a new Bureau Chief named in September, 2007.

M. Auer mentioned that there will be training for Documenting Disabilities in October at Harbor Homes, Inc.

She also indicated that the committee has been working on revamping the Satisfaction Surveys and the roles of the LSDA'S.

L. Newell mentioned there will be training sessions on the AHAR (Annual Homeless Assessment Report). She also indicated two more agencies are reporting HMIS, Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality and St. John Neumann.

L. Newell indicated that APR's should be run monthly to check the data.

B. Mack explained Homeless Project Connect for the new members. He indicated that this is a one day event. All of the agencies come together under one roof to help individuals and families access services.

He mentioned that last year approximately 140 individuals and families attended.

L. Newell mentioned that the Manchester Continuum is working on a website and is using Nashua's website as a model.

ICH- P. Kelleher indicated that this committee is currently in recess and will meet again in September. He also mentioned he has worked with the Legislative Committee and indicated the Legislature has been very helpful to the GNCOC this year. This Committee has been successful

in obtaining HIV & Substance Abuse funds and the Recovering Lives Project. P. Kelleher mentioned that 60% of people in correction facilities have issues with substance abuse

Rapid Re-housing: G. Martins mentioned that this committee would like to meet with anyone that may be interested in participating. He indicated that the strategy of rapid re-housing is to place someone immediately after they become homeless.

Announcements:

L. Wilshire mentioned that Sr. Sharon had received an award in June and that Mary Auer has resigned from Harbor Homes, but hopefully she will not be leaving the COC.

W. Furnari reflected on Mary's time with the COC. She mentioned that Mary was like the committee's cheerleader.

A gift was presented to Mary from the Continuum and everyone thanked her for all of her hard work.

M. Febonio mentioned there will be a 4 hour training program for new and existing landlords. The training will also be attended by Attorneys, Police and Code Enforcement.

M. Read reminded everyone that the Red Cross will continue to provide services for any transplants that may have come here from New Orleans.

R. Morrissette announced that the Nashua AIDS Walk will take place on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at 10:00am. The walk will start and end at Greeley Park in Nashua. Details can be found on the Task Force web site www.aidstaskforcenh.org.

P. Kelleher welcomed Marianne Watts. She will be representing Keystone Hall.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc.