

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2012 8:30 am  
Location: Harbor Homes Inc.  
45 High Street, Board Room  
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Wendy LeBlanc, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

In attendance were:

**Committee Members:** Wendy LeBlanc, Lisa Christie, Bob Mack, Peter Kelleher, Annette Escalante, Beth Todgham, Jerry LeClerc, Lori Wilshire, Patty Green, Robert Tourigny, Michael Flaherty, Mariellen Durso, and Lori Piper.

**Guests: None**

Minutes of the March 14, 2012 were reviewed. Bob Mack suggested some changes that were accepted. W. LeBlanc will make the changes and then post the minutes. L. Christie motioned to accept the minutes, as changed. B. Todgham seconded, and the minutes passed unanimously.

**Topics for Discussion**

- ICH Task Force- 10 year plan

The EC reviewed the recommendations and are satisfied with what has been proposed. It was suggested that if the topics should be prioritized that housing should be placed in a priority position. L. Christie indicated this does not separate out affordable housing from rental assistance, and that should be reflected. R. Tourigny indicated that subsidizing rental housing does not necessarily mean that housing is affordable. He believes it is two distinct and separate issues. P. Kelleher indicated that there will be a new governor's council when a new governor takes office, and we should recognize this could bring about other changes.

The GNCOE Executive Committee are in agreement with the plan in theory, however we would like to be on record that affordable housing should take a priority position and it was recommended that we request that this group be kept informed of the use and effectiveness of the consensus that has been achieved across the continuums.

- Political climate/discussion

Lisa Christie indicated that a NSKS board member has asked if the COC is taking a stance on Bronstein Apartments. L. Wilshire indicated the City will begin meeting with tenants to discuss where they want to live. P. Kelleher indicated the movement of housing is dynamic. There is portability through vouchers. He indicated public housing has been flat, but affordable or Section 8 has been increasing. R. Tourigny indicates that if 49 units are removed, there is a process required with HUD to ensure replacement of those units. The committee recommended that W. LeBlanc would reach out to Scott Costa at the NHA and ask NHA how we might help in the planning process, what we can do to be involved, and lend our support and share the committee thoughts as the process moves forward.

P. Kelleher recommended changing this section of the agenda from "Political Climate" to "Policy Discussion".

B. Todgham sits on the City's Asset Building Coalition. This group which provides financial literacy, self sufficiency, etc would like an opportunity to present at the October GNCOC meeting. M. Durso recommended it is important that these presentations get to the client level, not just to the nonprofit level. Gregg Woodes with the IRS would be the presenter at this meeting. It was agreed that B. Todgham would extend that invitation.

- CoC Check up

Action plan needs to be completed and they will work on that in the next couple of weeks.

- HEARTH

Some GNCOC members attended the clinic. They were provided an action plan with a survey and a list of documents for review. P. Kelleher suggested bringing these action plans to a future meeting. B. Mack indicated that the meeting was to get us ready for what is coming in the August timeframe.

**W. LeBlanc is looking for agenda items for future meetings.**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Minutes taken by Lori M. Piper, Merrimack County Savings Bank