

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Wendy LeBlanc at 8:30AM.

Present at the meeting were: Wendy LeBlanc, Barbara Alves, Bob Mack, Peter Kelleher, Scott Costa, Michael Flaherty, Mariellen Durso, Lisa Christie, and Lori Piper.

The minutes of the August 8, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Bob Mack provided two corrections to the minutes. P. Kelleher motioned to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by S.Costa and the motion carried unanimously.

**Topics for Discussion:**

**Leadership:** It was agreed that W. LeBlanc would discuss with J. LeClerc whether he can continue to fulfill his Vice Chair position given his change in career.

**HEARTH Act:** W. LeBlanc asked if anyone plans to attend the Webinar on 9/13/2012 and stressed the importance of participating in this Technical Assistance Collaborative webinar. Several members did participate in the 9/11/2012 webinar and there was a link to a toolkit for coordinated assessment. General consensus of this group was that the GNCOC is already talking, working on, or have implemented many of the issues discussed at the 9/11/2012 webinar and found in the new HEARTH Act COC interim rule. There is concern that the upcoming NOFA will require implementation of many items discussed and W. LeBlanc recommended all become familiar with the new requirements. P. Kelleher indicated that HHI has to switch all the leases back to the agency from the client/tenant name in order to comply with the change in the HEARTH Act. W. LeBlanc indicated she is trying to get a final grant inventory worksheet and that we need to begin working on the changes that will be required within this NOFA. W. LeBlanc indicated that one of the other components is the term 'collaborative applicant' rather than 'lead entity'. Basically the same thing, however there is a bit of administrative money that will now be available. L. Christie motioned that Harbor Homes, Inc. continue to serve in this capacity, seconded by S. Costa, and it passed unanimously by the committee. Peter Kelleher abstained from the vote. HEARTH Act will have a new role called a 'unified funding agency', they would then be the 'grantee' for all the programs and then all other agencies would be 'sub-recipients'. This may not be in place for this year's NOFA, however it will be coming on at some future point. L. Christie indicated that she was at the Housing Action NH meeting and they mentioned there is a comment period regarding COCs that is open until October 1<sup>st</sup>. The National Alliance to end homelessness has sent their comments as well. HANH is willing to provide advocacy if the GNCOC would like them to. L. Christie mentioned that the interim rule must include certain subpopulations on the board. P. Kelleher recommended bringing this to the full COC for discussion. Several executive meeting members indicate they will reach out to Bridges to attempt to bring them onto the Executive Committee, as participation from domestic violence providers is a new requirement from the HEARTH Act

**NOFA:** The registration has been opened however to register COCs must attach the final grant inventory worksheet to be able to access the NOFA application. Gina Shaak will be helping with this process and with the application.

**Advocacy issues/discussion:**

- 1) P. Kelleher indicated that HHI got a call from the Telegraph about the Bronstein Apartments discussion. They are going to write six articles about this project as well as affordable housing and low-income housing in the City. They would like to hold an evening meeting on 9/20/12 at the 45 High Street location for public commentary. Peter will share more info as it becomes available
- 2) M. Durso indicated they had a flood on 8/6/2012 due to the rain, which required a move to the second floor and they have dropped down from 15 to 6 exam rooms temporarily.

- It is being rehabbed and should be done by 10/1/12. There were 30 residents impacted by this as well in the neighborhood.
- 3) W. LeBlanc indicated that she has updated the BHHS annual report section and she thanked the group for their participation.
  - 4) W. LeBlanc indicated that C. Shena contacted her for an update for the City section, and a spreadsheet of all the SuperNofa projects. W. LeBlanc provided this to her.
  - 5) P. Kelleher provided some insight into homelessness issues in other countries, specifically France and Kenya, where he recently vacationed, but took some time to understand the homelessness concerns facing these countries.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30AM. Minutes taken by Lori M. Piper, Merrimack County Savings Bank.