

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes**  
**Nashua City Hall Auditorium**  
**December 5, 2012 @ 8:00AM**  
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Wendy LeBlanc, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05AM. Introductions were made by all and attendance sheet passed for signatures. Newcomers were asked to add their email to the list if they would like to be added to the GNCOC mailing list. Ms. LeBlanc explained the meeting format for newcomers which is that one month consists of presentations to the group and then the next month is a report out by the various committee meeting groups. December is a presentation month.

A motion to accept the November 7, 2012 minutes was made by B. Mack, seconded by B. Alves, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

W. LeBlanc introduced Gina Schaak of the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC). Gina has been instrumental in assisting the GNCOC and its executive committee over the past several years with the NOFA application for HUD funding. The GNCOC also has a new TAC consultant, David Raymond, who has and will be providing assistance and direction to the group going forward.

Gina Schaak provided a thorough and extensive power point presentation to the GNCOC. She provided a summary of the CoC Program Interim Rule and this Fiscal Year's CoC NOFA. She explained that the CoC is the planning board that submits the NOFA to HUD and that now that the HEARTH Act has been codified and put into law, HUD can now mandate the requirements under the HEARTH Act. This affected the CoC as a whole as of 8/30/2012. This effectively means that HUD may now put new mandates in place that they could not require of CoCs before. HUD is providing CoCs two years to be in compliance with the new mandates. There is considerable work to be done by CoCs in order to comply. Ms. Schaak covered such other topics as the various application components, point structure, mechanisms for funding new projects, parameters for PH (permanent housing) Bonus projects, how reallocation of funds may work, renewal projects, CoC planning, scoring criteria, and priority ranking for tier 1 and tier 2 projects. The intent of this presentation was to provide a more detailed explanation and education to all GNCOC members given the continued complexity and changing structure of this NOFA process. This educational process will continue as the mandates rollout so that all members continue to learn about the changes and the many challenges of compliance with the HEARTH Act. The power point presentation is available on the website.

W. LeBlanc also indicated that attendance at the January 2013 (meeting date 1/2/2013) meeting is important given that the full GNCOC will be asked to vote on the recommendations that will be presented at that meeting by the Executive Committee regarding the ranking of the projects in the NOFA HUD application into Tier 1 and Tier 2. The final HUD deadline for the application is 1/18/2013.

Several announcements were made regarding upcoming events in the community taking place during the month of December.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05AM.

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