

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2013
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Wendy LeBlanc, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:02AM. Ms. LeBlanc explained the format of the monthly meetings to the attendees. Introductions were made by all. A sign up sheet circulated during the meeting.

The minutes of the March 6, 2013 were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by B. Mack and seconded by C. Gebhart. The motion passed.

HEARTH ACT:

W. LeBlanc provided an update of the status of the HEARTH Act Planning Committees. Three ad-hoc committees have been formed. They are: 1) Coordinated Intake and Assessment; 2) Board Restructuring to include additional community members not currently represented around the GNCOC table; and 3) Updated guidelines to reflect the new HEARTH requirements. Ms. LeBlanc indicated that the guideline committee has sufficient participants at this time, however additional help for the other two committees is welcomed. She asked that any interested parties contact her to learn more.

Announcements:

- B. Todgham provided a flyer regarding a 'Springboard to Employment' seminar to be held in Manchester on 4/11/13 from 9 – 12:30.
- T. Lopez indicated the next Employment Connect meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4/9/13 @ 2PM.
- B. Doolan of the city's public health and community services department shared information about the upcoming film 'Weight of the Nation' to be presented 4/5/13 at Rivier University, working to combat childhood obesity.
- B. Mack shared that it is National Public Health Week

Presentation: Nashua Regional Planning Commission Listening Session

Executive Director, Kerrie Diers and Senior Regional Planner, Jen Czysz provided the GNCOC with an overview of the work of the planning commission and more specifically about the current initiative that is underway statewide amount the nine planning commissions – the Granite State Future. This is a community based initiative to update the regional plans in each region. They are reaching out to the communities for input on several topics including transportation, housing and community and economic vitality. The participants at the GNCOC provided feedback to Ms. Diers and Ms. Czysz regarding the strengths and needs surrounding transportation, housing and economic vitality as it pertains to the populations that the GNCOC members work with in the greater Nashua community. They provided numerous handouts and invited continued feedback from the group as to the GNCOC to be part of the conversation regarding the development of the future of the GNCOC community, the region and the state as a whole. They have workshops that people may attend, they have an online forum where all were invited to provide feedback, and they are looking for an ongoing dialogue from this group, as well as others in the community, to help shape the future of the region. All the handouts will be available on line.

The regional planning presenters asked how they might assist with local initiatives and the following responses were provided at the meeting:

- Requested more meetings be held in Nashua due to lack of transportation to be able to attend the meetings;
- NH First – buy locally;

- Demographic database that regional planning commission has access to may be a helpful tool;
- Look to best practices/tool kits;
- GNCOC successes should be highlighted statewide;
- Discussion of specific infrastructure projects and impact in the region;
- Affordable secondary education – relates to future job opportunities.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:55AM.

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