

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes**  
**City Hall Auditorium**  
**June 5, 2013 @ 8:00AM**  
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Wendy LeBlanc, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00AM. Introductions were made by all, and the 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. Wendy explained the meeting format for newcomers. June is a presentation month.

The minutes of the May 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed following. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Bob Mack, which was seconded by Lori Wilshire and the minutes were unanimously approved, with no changes or discussion.

**Presentations:**

**1) NeighborWorks of Southern NH**

Robert Tourigny, Executive Director of NeighborWorks along with Paul McLaughlin, Home Ownership Manager, and Jennifer Vadney, Neighborhood Development Manager provided a synopsis of the organization and their housing activities. Their mission is to enhance people's lives and the community environment by providing access to quality housing services, revitalizing neighborhoods, and supporting opportunity for personal empowerment. R. Tourigny indicated that NW Greater Manchester was formed in 1992, in 2000 they expanded to towns surrounding Manchester, and in January 2013 expanded into southern NH, now serving 31 towns.

Mr. McLaughlin spoke about the strong efforts the organization has made with their home ownership center, including first time home buyer seminars, as well as foreclosure seminars, landlord seminars for those interested in buying multifamily property, rehabbing it, and then living in one of the units, while managing the other units, and financial fitness classes among some of the product offerings from the center. Their first time home buyer classes are offered in both Manchester and Nashua and fill quickly. He provided brochures and data on upcoming events with dates and locations. They have an office at 162 Burke Street in Nashua.

Ms. Vadney spoke briefly about the development side of their business. They develop affordable permanent housing and currently have 350 rental units they have developed in their portfolio. This includes properties in Manchester, Goffstown, Hooksett, Nashua (Casimir Place and 10 – 12 scattered sites throughout the city), and they have a new 28 unit affordable housing project coming on line in Amherst in August. She encouraged if any one has clients searching for affordable housing to put submit their name to the waitlist for Amherst and applications will be sent out soon to those on the list. They also have a tenant support services liaison to the board. Ms. Vadney also indicated that they have a meeting in Nashua at their Burke Street property each

They provided their annual report and various brochures as handouts at the meeting.

**2) Emergency Solutions Grant, Harbor Homes, Inc.**

Brian Boyer manages this grant for HHI. It is an 18 month grant under the new HEARTH Act. To date 10 families are being served, 15 families are in the pipeline, and 10 more on a waitlist to move into the pipeline for review. It is a short term program intended to help rapidly re-house homeless persons. There were numerous questions from the audience, specific to the required parameters. Mr. Boyer provided both his phone (603-966-6928) and his email: [b.boyer@harborhomes.org](mailto:b.boyer@harborhomes.org) so that attendees could discuss directly with him their specific questions/concerns.

**Announcements/Discussion:**

W. LeBlanc shared with the attendees that the NOFA funding concern referred to at the previous meeting had been resolved, and that the Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects (HMIS, PH 9 and PH 10) were awarded. We are still waiting to hear on the balance of the awards by HUD. She thanked Peter Clark, who was in attendance at today's meeting, representing Senator Shaheen's office, for their interaction with HUD on our behalf over the minor Tier 1 dollar shortage (\$8) in the NOFA application.

Harbor Homes, Inc. requested a letter of support be provided by the GNCOC for funding for HHI's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Veteran's Stand Down event taking place on September 18<sup>th</sup>. L. Wilshire motioned to approve this letter of support; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Gebhart and passed unanimously.

C. Gebhart from NH Legal Assistance provided brochures in both English and Spanish regarding Fair Housing – The Housing Justice Project.

B. Todgham encouraged all organizations to let the United Way know of any work they could be provided to them on the United Way Day of Caring which is scheduled for 9/11/13.

B. Doolan, of Nashua City Public Health Department spoke to promote the 211 resource and passed out brochures.

T. Lopez indicated next Employment Connect Event is on 9/24/13.

B. Keating let everyone know that on Laura Knoy's NH Public Radio show today at 9AM and repeated at 8PM was to address the issue of homelessness in NH.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00AM.

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