

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2013

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

Present: Wendy LeBlanc, Annette Escalante, Mariellen Durso, Beth Todgham, Barbara Alves, Olga Cruz, Michael Flaherty, Bob Mack, Peter Kelleher, and Lori Piper.

There were no minutes to review at this meeting as the committee had had several working session meetings related to the submittal of the NOFA application.

**Topics for Discussion:**

**Vice Chair:** B. Alves motioned to recommend to the full GNCOC that Vanessa Talasazan and Ana Pancine to serve as co-vice chairs at this time. This motion was seconded by M. Durso and motion passed. It was also recommended by M. Flaherty that at the point in time that Vanessa and Ana be recommended to move up as co-chairs of the GNCOC at the termination of W. LeBlanc's term, that Abigail Alicea be recommended by this committee to serve as the vice-chair at that time. It was agreed this would be relayed to the full continuum. Abigail will also be invited to begin serving on the Executive Committee immediately, to help her gain more understanding of the leadership process of the GNCOC.

**HMIS data quality reports:** The committee discussed the HMIS reports. W. LeBlanc received a call from Maureen Ryan regarding the quality of data into the reports and whether the GNCOC was interested in receiving these reports. This was discussed at the meeting, and it was agreed that W. LeBlanc would respond back to Ms. Ryan to let her know that the committee agreed that the agencies do very much want to continue receiving these reports, that we value the information received. M. Pendry indicated that the HMIS advisory council is working on a protocol regarding a process and time frame for getting those reports out and for corrections to be made.

**HEARTH implementation/Centralized Coordinated Intake System:** L. Christie offered to serve on this statewide committee on behalf of the GNCOC. Comments that were provided regarding this intake process at today's meeting included:

- To tread cautiously; concern regarding loss of local control if a statewide process is implemented. Important to maintain local control to ensure the best interests of clients are top of mind;
- How does the funding of dollars for the ESG work – is it from the State vs. the COC?
- HEARTH Act is about the COCs centralized intake and better coordination with ESG grantees, did not believe it would be state run;

- Will people from other COCs be brought to the GNCOC emergency shelters under a statewide program?
- Concerns were raised about receiving folks from other parts of the state and how best to serve them in terms of getting them the services they need in the communities they want to return to.
- It was recommended that we establish ad-hoc committees to accomplish the new tasks required of the HEARTH Act. It was agreed that at the March meeting the ad-hoc committee assignments would take place.

**Upcoming Presentations:** Although we typically have two presentations bi-monthly at the GNCOC board meeting it was agreed that the April meeting would consist of one presentation from the Nashua Regional Planning Commission as they wanted to engage the GNCOC in a brainstorming session about transportation and housing and economic development issues/concerns that are affecting the GNCOC clients served.

**Community Relations Update:** M. Durso indicated that she would reach out to the Merrimack School system contacts that she has regarding the state of homeless kids in that community.

**NOFA:** The application was submitted on time.

There being no further time, no advocacy issues were discussed. It was agreed that this meeting would now be scheduled from 8:30 – 10:00 the second Wednesday of each month until further notice, starting with the March 2013 meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:30AM.

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