

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 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, Lisa Christie, Bob Mack, Abigail Alicea, Vanessa Talasazan, Ana Pancine, Dawn Reams, and Lori Piper.

February minutes were tabled until the April meeting.

**Topics for Discussion:**

**HEARTH Implementation/Ad-hoc Committees:**

W. LeBlanc provided the applicable section of the federal register about establishing and operating a COC. We established three ad-hoc committees at this meeting to address: (1) Coordinated Assessment and Intake; (2) Formation of a Board of Directors; and (3) Establishing new guidelines.

It was determined that we can follow the state intake assessment meetings and work with those best practices. We also need to establish 'key stakeholders' in the community affected by these new requirements, including emergency shelters, transitional housing, welfare offices, domestic violence agencies, etc., and include them in the discussions and on the board. L. Christie indicated that there is concern at the state level that the Nashua COC is not counting all the homeless, such as homeless children within the school systems. Law enforcement should also be represented in these meetings.

Breakdown of members for the three ad-hoc committees are as follows:

Coordinated Intake Assessment	Board of Directors	Guidelines
Lisa Christie	Annette Escalante – Chair	Wendy LeBlanc – Chair
Barbara Alves	Mariellen Durso	Vanessa Talasazan
Maryse Wirbal – Chair	Beth Todgham	Ana Pancine
Kevin O'Meara	Peter Kelleher	Abigail Alicea
Dawn Reams	Michael Flaherty	
Bob Mack	Lori Piper - substitute	

It was agreed that B. Alves would reach out to Maryse Wirbal and request that she sit on the intake committee and also chair this committee. W. LeBlanc to ask the GNCOC members at the April meeting to consider working with one of these ad-hoc committees.

**Upcoming Presentations:**

B. Todgham reported that the Granite State Future Initiative under the Nashua Regional Planning Commission is set to make their presentation at the April full board meeting and that they are looking

for feedback, specifically as it pertains to transportation and housing issues/concerns/ideas. They are looking for the GNCOC to serve as a focus group for their project. W. LeBlanc will send out information ahead of the meeting so that members are prepared to participate in the discussion.

June presentation recommendations were: Brian Boyer about the Bridges program under the Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing and Robert Tourigny of NeighborWorks of Southern NH. W. LeBlanc to reach out to Robert.

**Advocacy issues/discussion:**

W. LeBlanc handed out discount prescription cards she had received. She also discussed the concerns over the PIT count's low numbers. M. Pendry and W. LeBlanc traveled to the MCOC to see how MCOC may differ in their PIT methodology. The statewide results should be released within the next 2 weeks. General discussion took place about the numbers of homeless individuals, families that are missed in this 24 hour PIT count.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40AM.

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