

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2014

Ana Pancine, Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Present at the meeting were:

Bob Mack, City Welfare
Barbara Alves, Marguerite's Place & MP Housing
Wendy LeBlanc, HIV Taskforce
Ana Pancine, Harbor Homes
Annette Escalante, Keystone Hall

Cate Sementa, Harbor Homes
Abigail Alicea, Greater Nashua Mental Health Center
Beth Todgham, Southern New Hampshire Services
Lori Piper, Merrimack County Savings Bank
Peter Kelleher, Partnership for Successful Living

The meeting was called to order by Ana Pancine.

Minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Wendy motioned that the minutes be accepted with change; Peter seconded. Motion passed.

NOFA Application/Consultant Updates/Exhibit 2s/Ranking Committee Updates

The NOFA application is due 2/3/14. Subcommittee met on Monday, January 6 to begin work on Exhibit 1. Wendy praised this year's consultant who has been very helpful; much was accomplished at the Monday meeting but the process would be improved if more people were involved.

All renewal requests were received on time. Letters of intent for four re-allocations were received; Harbor Homes submitted for two Permanent Housing projects; Greater Nashua Mental Health Center submitted a letter for a Rapid Re-Housing Project and Permanent Housing. Only Harbor Homes submitted final proposals for their two Permanent Housing projects.

The group had a lengthy discussion on what the ramifications would be if no Rapid Rehousing projects were submitted. Concern was that this would affect the number of points received in Exhibit 1 leading to a reduced likelihood that Tier II projects would be funded.

Peter spoke as to the value of Rapid Re-Housing programs in our community. It is often difficult to stabilize participants in these programs in the short time frame available. Because of this, clients often are force out of the program before the issues that brought them to homelessness have been resolved. Peter also indicated that there are other sources for Rapid Re-Housing dollars available and that for our community, more permanent housing might be the better use of HUD funds.

Discussion circled back to the importance HUD has placed on Rapid Re-Housing projects and feasibility of our being able to change either one of the existing programs or one of the reallocation projects into a RRH project to match HUD's priorities.

Primary question asked was whether a program that has already been entered into e-SNAPS could be changed at this point and if there was time to make changes to either an existing program or a reallocation project in time for the presentation before the Scoring Committee on Monday, January 13.

Keystone Hall program was targeted as the existing program that would present the best opportunity to transition to a RRH project. Vanessa was contacted by phone; she indicated that it would be possible for this program (or one of the reallocation projects) to make this transition in time for the Scoring Committee meeting on Monday. She will contact HUD for a determination if this change is feasible.

Best way for existing and re-allocation projects to be presented to the Scoring Committee will be determined after answer/s are received by HUD.

The Scoring Committee will have the ultimate responsibility on how programs are ranked for potential funding based on their review of the scoring forms submitted by agencies and agency presentations. They will base all decisions on the material available to them at the time of the Scoring Committee meeting unless notified in advance of changes resulting from today's discussions in the Executive Committee meeting.

Two members of the Scoring Committee – Bob Mack and Lori Piper – are members of the Executive Committee and participated in today's discussion. The Scoring Committee's meeting minutes will reflect any discussions/decisions regarding changes made to the original program funding requests in e-SNAPS by the deadline. Scoring Committee's follow guidelines that rank programs into Tier I and Tier II based on the representatives' program presentations, ranking form scores, and HUD funding priorities.

Panhandling

Meeting of members of the GNCOC Executive Committee, city officials, members of the business community and other interested parties to address the issue of panhandling in Nashua is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14. Results of this meeting will be shared with members of the Continuum of Care at the next regular meeting on Wednesday, February 5.

Speaker: March 5, 2014 GNCOC Meeting

Members of the Public Health Department will provide information/material based on the work done by the Community Health Improvement Plan's Access to Healthcare subcommittee. There are no other presentations scheduled for March; they will be told they can have as much of the 40-minute presentation time as they need.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Minutes prepared by Beth Todgham of Southern New Hampshire Services.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2014
 8:30 am – Harbor Homes