

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
December 20, 2006
Harbor Homes, Inc., 45 High Street

PRESENT: Wendy Furnari, HIV Task Force
Sandra Hurd, Keystone Hall
Mariellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center
Donnalee Lozeau, Southern New Hampshire Services
Linda Jeynes, Urban Programs
Klaas Nijhuis, Harbor Homes, Inc.
Sister Sharon Walsh, Marguerites Place
Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter

Minutes:

W. Furnari opened the meeting at 8:00am and asked if anyone had any corrections to the minutes from November 15, 2006. S.S. Walsh motioned to accept the minutes, K. Nijhuis seconded and the motion carried.

Topics for discussion:

Project Homeless Connect:

B. Mack discussed the success of the project. He mentioned there were 140 people who came through the doors, men, women and children. The main focus for the clients was on good health care, people received flu shots and screenings.

S. Hurd mentioned she had 1 intake from the event.

D. Lozeau questioned why Southern New Hampshire Services was abbreviated on the banner and asked if there could be a correction made for next year's banner. She also mentioned that she is a member of the Great American Downtown and some of the shops have had an issue with homeless individuals soliciting, it was suggested that we may want to have representation from the committee for this situation.

W. Furnari stated that she will contact Mary Febonio and have Lori Wilshire try to reach Scott Cote.

Updates:

Liaison-Nashua School District- Not addressed

Unfinished Business:

Intern/Researched- Not addressed

HMIS Implementation Strategy for Funded Agencies:

K. Nijhuis mentioned that the HMIS Advisory Committee met on 12/19/06, the State and HHI explained to the committee that non funded agencies aren't in the position to input this data. He suggested that Interfaith Hospitality may be someone to speak with in regard to this because there is an expense attached to the license.

M. Durso explained that there would be a cost to non funded agencies for the implementation of HMIS. She also mentioned that NAHC was not seeing an increase in the homeless population.

New Business:

Discussion- GNCOC Attendance:

The attendance of the general meetings is counted as a rolling 12 months and when a person shows up on the spread sheet as 0 that name will be removed from the list. L. Christie had concerns that a new staff person would appear to have poor attendance as they would not be recorded on months prior to their employment. There was a discussion to change the sign in sheet to list agencies and person representing that agency, phone number, e-mail address and a place for a signature. With this new method, it will be the agency's attendance that will be tracked as is necessary for the SuperNOFA ranking as opposed to the individual.

D. Lozeau mentioned that she would like to have someone from SNHS present at the next general meeting to discuss the new Workplace for Success program.

B. Mack discussed the draft of the state discharge plan and that final revisions are being reviewed by the Governor. The draft discusses extended services, Medicaid and Hospital services.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc.