

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
February 20, 2008

Present: Lori Wilshire, Nashua Children's Home, Chair
Bob Mack, Nashua Welfare Department
Wendy Furnari, HIV Task Force, Co-Chair
Klaas Nijhuis, Former Chair
Carol Furlong, Harbor Homes, Inc.
Joanne Bresnahan, Keystone Hall
Peter Kelleher, Harbor Homes, Inc., Keystone Hall, So NH HIV/AIDS Task Force
Beverly Doolan, Marguerites' Place
Linda Jeynes, Urban Programs
Greg Schneider, Southern NH Services
Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc., Clerk

Minutes:

L. Wilshire opened the meeting at 8:05 a.m. and asked everyone to review the minutes from the January 16, 2008 meeting. W. Furnari motioned to accept the minutes. B. Mack seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Topics for Discussion:

• **Grant Opportunities:**

P. Kelleher asked why the Continuum was seeking funds. L. Wilshire indicated the grant would be used to hire a consultant to organize and maybe cover administrative costs for the SuperNOFA and 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. P. Kelleher mentioned that BOSCO had received \$25,000.00 in funds from the State to pay for services. He indicated that if an explicit request is made and voted on by the full Continuum the State may make these funds available. P. Kelleher motioned to prepare a letter for Maureen Ryan in regard to Consulting Services. W. Furnari seconded the motion and the motion carried. L. Wilshire said she would draft a letter. W. Furnari offered assistance.

L. Wilshire indicated that there are other grant opportunities such as express grants and community impact grants. B. Mack indicated he is concerned about having too many grants. L. Wilshire mentioned she will set up a timeline and meet with TAC. K. Nijhuis suggested asking members of the full Continuum for assistance.

P. Kelleher mentioned that there may be a consultant willing to work on a pro-bono basis. C. Furlong suggested Verizon Technical Support & Consultant.

• **Ten year Plan to End Homelessness:**

L. Wilshire mentioned that the focus needs to be on moving the Ten year plan forward. B. Mack indicated that there needs to be a review of what needs to be done and who needs to do what and this is what we need a consultant to assist with. B. Doolan suggested that the Executive Committee provide a written draft of what is needed to be done by a consultant if we get one. B.

Mack mentioned that there is no clear measure and it is difficult to pull the plan together and it is frustrating trying to get things organized.

B. Mack mentioned that the Community Relations Committee needs to bring their presentation out to the community to hopefully gain new members with new skills. P. Kelleher mentioned that the Town of Merrimack had requested that the Continuum have a meeting there. He indicated that maybe one meeting per year would show the Continuum is regional. B. Doolan mentioned this would help to develop personal relations.

P. Kelleher mentioned displaying an ad seeking a pro-bono consultant. W. Furnari agreed but she mentioned doing that after the March meeting after the Executive Committee has developed a draft of what is needed.

- **SuperNOFA:**

P. Kelleher indicated that Harbor Homes, Inc. will be hiring a consultant from TAC for the SuperNOFA. He also indicated that Mary Auer agreed to do a final read. P. Kelleher also indicated that the State may cover TAC's cost of Exhibit 1. B. Doolan asked that if the SuperNOFA starts in late spring would it still be due in May. P. Kelleher mentioned that HUD wants to make sure the site is working properly because this year everything is computerized. He indicated that the deadline would most likely be pushed out also. P. Kelleher mentioned he and Miles Pendry are prepared to be on the committee.

P. Kelleher mentioned that HUD is giving a new option to consolidate the Permanent Housing Programs. He also mentioned that the Veterans are the next population to become zero. There are thousands of new vouchers being issued to the Veterans and their families. W. Furnari indicated that this type of housing will free up other programs, as the HOPWA grant did by moving persons with HIV/AIDS out of other programs.

Announcements:

L. Wilshire announced that she will be stepping down as the Chair of the GNCOC and a formal announcement will be made at the general meeting on March 5, 2008. K. Nijhuis indicated that it will be up to the Executive Committee to search for a new Chair. L. Wilshire mentioned that the five agencies funded by the SuperNOFA should be taking more of a leadership role. K. Nijhuis mentioned that individuals maybe reluctant to Chair or Co-Chair because there may be a perception that the primary funded agencies may be running the show. C. Furlong indicated that she has heard concerns that Harbor Homes, Inc. may be too involved and may have too much leadership. K. Nijhuis agreed with the perception and asked why Community Council and Pastoral Care are not consistently at the table. K. Nijhuis indicated that the Continuum may need to look into restructuring and shifting some of the burden. K. Nijhuis indicated that the bylaws should be consulted for potential candidates. L. Wilshire suggested meeting before the full meeting on March 5, 2008. The Committee agreed to meet on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. to prepare for the announcement.

L. Wilshire reminded everyone that Sr. Sharon will be honored at the next general meeting and W. Furnari indicated that she would follow up with L. Christie to prepare a speech.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m., minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc.