

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

June 20, 2007

Harbor Homes, Inc., 45 High Street

Present: Lori Wilshire, Nashua Children's Home, Chair
Wendy Furnari, HIV Task Force
Sister Sharon Walsh, Marguerite's Place
Bob Mack, Nashua Welfare Department
Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter
Linda Jeynes, Urban Programs
Mariellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center
Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc., Clerk

Minutes:

L. Wilshire opened the meeting at 8:10 am and asked everyone to review the minutes from the May 3, 2007 meeting. W. Furnari noted a correction to the minutes date in paragraph 1. S. Walsh motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. W. Furnari seconded the motion and the motion carried.

L. Wilshire asked everyone to review the minutes from the May 16, 2007 meeting. L. Christie motioned to accept the minutes. W. Furnari seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Work Session:

- Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness:

B. Mack provided a shortened version of the plan for the committee to review.

Sr. Sharon asked about the early warning system and L. Wilshire explained it was put in place to decrease the events that lead to homelessness.

B. Mack wondered if an e-mail system could be put in place to alert agencies that someone is looking for help.

L. Christie indicated that she had hoped the Revolving Loan Fund would help with rents, but right now it is strictly for mortgages.

B. Mack mentioned that there are emergency loans that are set up with local banks. If anyone is looking for help they can be referred to Nashua Pastoral Care, The Salvation Army, and Catholic Charities.

L. Wilshire indicated that someone from the Landlord Association should be invited to one of the GNCOC meetings to establish a connection with the landlords.

L. Wilshire discussed administrative money being available for the three Continuums

B. Mack suggested New Hampshire Charitable Foundation may be able to provide assistance or funding.

Sr. Sharon indicated that the entities being funded by the SuperNOFA may want to contribute \$1,000.00 to go toward administrative help.

The Committee agreed to find an individual to provide administrative work and tie in the SuperNOFA.

The Committee reviewed continued to review each topic individually.

Strategy 1.2.4:

Change to state Presentation to Educate and change Legislative Affairs Committee to Community Relations.

Strategy 1.3.3:

Expand cultural competency and sensitivity: B. Mack indicated that this is in progress through City Welfare, Urban Programs, The Health Department, Adult Learning Center and the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter.

Strategy 1.4.2:

Three COC's unite in communication: L. Wilshire indicated that the GNCOC is the only continuum to have a web page, but all three continuum's do work collaboratively.

Strategy 1.3.4:

Expand Transportation: There has been a positive response from the State level for a commuter rail from Lowell, MA.

Announcements:

Sr. Sharon indicated she will be resigning from the Executive Committee and Barbara will be taking her place.

L. Wilshire mentioned there will not be a general meeting on July 4, 2007 but the next meeting will be held on August 1, 2007 at 8:00am in the Nashua City Hall Auditorium.

The next Work in Session meeting for the Executive Committee will be held on July 18, 2007 at 8:00.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 am

Minutes Prepared by Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc.

