

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

March 21, 2007

Harbor Homes, Inc., 45 High Street

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

Minutes:

L. Wilshire opened the meeting at 8:05am and asked everyone to review the minutes from the February 21, 2007 meeting. D. Lozeau noted a correction to paragraph nine. B. Mack motioned to accept the minutes with corrections, K. Nijhuis seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Topics for Discussion:

D. Lozeau indicated that if the community does not see the homeless numbers as credible this may reflect on the mission of the Continuum. She also mentioned it may be beneficial to the COC to know how the count was taken to in turn communicate this to the public.

Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness:

The committee continued to review the plan and make any necessary changes.

D. Lozeau suggested looking at the "strategy of resource acquisition" and be more specific with housing agencies, rather than stating "other housing".

The types of programs that have access to funds are Nashua Housing Authority, Urban Programs, Harbor Homes, Inc., NH Finance Authority and United Way.

L. Christie indicated that strategies, actions and outcomes are confusing.

D. Lozeau mentioned addressing affordable housing along with homeless issues.

W. Furnari indicated that the Legislative Committee may not be the appropriate committee to address certain tasks.

M. Durso mentioned she will be attending the Legislative Breakfast on March 30th and will mention the Continuum.

D. Lozeau explained the "211" State Wide Information & Referral will be implemented by the end of summer.

W. Furnari suggested that if something is completed, it should be indicated as such.

Sr. S. Walsh suggested reviewing sections individually and bringing changes to the next Executive meeting.

B. Mack mentioned that HMIS should be more involved with the GAPS Committee.

K. Nijhuis indicated that the GAPS Committee is working with Chris Pitcher on de-duplication of the Point-in-Time numbers and also with the SuperNOFA.

M. Durso indicated that the definitions of homelessness are not consistent.

L. Wilshire and B. Mack mentioned that the Red Cross and City Welfare will be placed on the General Meeting Agenda in order to discuss preparedness and special needs populations.

L. Christie mentioned a situation with D. Blacksmith of the Southern NH Rescue Mission and that he was communicating that there was coordination between himself and the Nashua Soup Kitchen. L. Christie mentioned that there is no communication between the two programs.

D. Lozeau and Sr. S. Walsh left the meeting between 8:50 am and 9:15 am.

Announcements:

The first SuperNOFA meeting will be March 28, 2007 at 11:00 am.

K. Nijhuis indicated that funded agencies who participate in HMIS need to be committed.

K. Nijhuis motioned that any agency benefiting from SuperNOFA funds, in order to be ranked need to have a mechanism in place to report to HMIS. L. Christie seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am

Minutes Prepared by Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc.