

## **GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE**

Meeting Minutes

Harbor Homes, 45 High Street, Nashua

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**Call to Order:** 8:03 a.m. by Chair Lori Wilshire.

**Minutes of April 4, 2007:** (handout) D. Lozeau noted a correction to paragraph 2, regarding APR statistics. M. Read mentioned paragraph 4 should be changed to show there should be special procedures in place for people with disabilities. L. Christie motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. P. Kelleher seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee:** L. Wilshire indicated the committee is reviewing charts for the SuperNOFA.

**Ending Homelessness Committee:** B. Mack mentioned the committee is also reviewing the SuperNOFA, implementing action steps, defining and redefining.

J. Leclerc presented cards that were put together by the Ending Homelessness Committee and St. Joseph's hospital. The card is an outreach resource card prepared on behalf of the Continuum.

D. Lozeau asked about the card that was prepared last year. B. Mack indicated that is a card for service not clients. He mentioned the information was placed in the brochure.

L. Christie wondered if the Community Relations Committee may want to provide some cards to downtown merchants to hand out to pan handlers.

S. Mead mentioned that an additional piece may be to add phone numbers for the Nashua Area Health Center and Mental Health.

B. Mack and M. Durso indicated that the numbers provided are mainly crisis numbers and if someone needed immediate medical attention, they should be seen in the Emergency Department.

M. Auer asked about crisis maps and B. Mack indicated they are located on the GNCOC Website.

**GAPS Committee:** L. Jeynes indicated that not all of the quarterly reports have been received.

**SuperNOFA Committee:** M. Auer thanked everyone for the material she received. She indicated she appreciated the comments.

W. Furnari suggested that e-mails should state that if a person does not have any feedback they need not reply.

M. Auer mentioned that the committee is terrific and everyone has been working hard. She also mentioned that the APR's are very important for the scoring report.

Community Relations Committee: M. Febonio mentioned that she along with Bob Mack and Lori Wilshire presented a power point to the Mayor and his extended staff and that people are not aware of the GNCOC. She also indicated that she and Lori Wilshire presented a power point to the Lamprey Health Center and she is willing to travel to show the power point.

Legislative Affairs Committee: No Meeting Held.

Continua: BOSCO- M. Auer mentioned the committee is working on the SuperNOFA, reviewing objectives and goals. They are also working on APR's and Point in Time.

W. Furnari asked M.Auer to explain what each abbreviation stands for.

M. Auer indicated BOSCO is the Balance of State Continuum of Care, MCOC is the Manchester Continuum of Care and GNCOC is the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care. She mentioned that all three work together collaboratively.

MCOC- D. Lozeau indicated the committee is also working on the SuperNOFA.

ICH- P. Kelleher mentioned the committee discussed Hogan's Place and asked L. Christie if she had any additional information from the meeting. L. Christie indicated the committee discussed the \$400,000.00 program to help with first month's rent and security deposit.

Rapid Rehousing: No Meeting Held.

**Other Business:**

Announcements: B. Angus handed out brochures and explained the Bill Payer Program which is a volunteer program to help the elderly with budgets and filling out checks. He mentioned that Nashua and Berlin have pilot programs and indicated if anyone has questions regarding eligibility to call Denise Pliska at Elderly & Adult Services at 603-883-7726 ext. 524.

B. Mack provided posters from the Department of Health and Human Services.

M. Read mentioned the flooding in the Western towns and that FEMA is available. People can contact Southern NH Services, Red Cross or FEMA.

D. Lozeau indicated Southern NH Services is still helping with flood assistance from last year.

B. Bagley introduced the Community Health Departments new HIV Coordinator, Lars Arneson. She also mentioned they are working on Lyme Disease Awareness. There is a brochure available for outreach workers to hand out. If anyone is interested they can contact her at [bagleyb@nashua.nh.org](mailto:bagleyb@nashua.nh.org).

B. Bagley also indicated there is an opening at the Community Health Department for an Administrative Assistant.

C. Thornton mentioned Sununu's office is a constitute committee for outreach services, Medicare, Veteran benefits, Federal issues, grants and letters of support. She can be reached at 577-8960.

J. Contois explained the Working Families Win Program and provided a flyer. The program helps with access to healthcare and affordable housing for citizens. She indicated she will also be speaking with the Presidential Candidates to find out where they stand on these issues.

M. Auer mentioned that if anyone is new to the Continuum they should provide Miles Pendry at Harbor Homes, Inc. with their name, title, agency, phone number and e-mail.

S. Mead announced that the Mental Health Committee will be starting a sub committee to help people with mental health issues stay out of prison. She explained once someone is in prison or hospitalized their Medicaid claim stops and there are housing issues. If anyone has any feedback or suggestions she can be contacted through her e-mail. The Legislature will be meeting in two weeks.

M. Auer asked if this was the complete State of NH. S. Mead indicated this is a Legislative issue so it would involve the whole state.

D. Lozeau indicated that individuals with mental illness need to be redirected and the people on the front lines need to help keep these people out of the courts. She also mentioned that Federal re-entry money is not allowed to be used before people are released from prison.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

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