

GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes

Nashua City Hall Auditorium

August 2, 2006

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1. Call to Order: 8:05 a.m. Chair Lori Cardin.
2. All present introduced themselves and visitors were welcomed.
3. Minutes of June 7, 2006: (handout) L. Christie motioned to accept the minutes, T. Epaphras seconded and the motion carried.
4. Report of Executive Committee: L. Cardin thanked R. LaRose, B. Mack, K. Nijhuis and Linda Jeynes for their help in presenting the Revolving Loan Fund request for \$1,000 seed money to the Alderman. The request was not only accepted, but the Alderman voted to award \$10,000 toward the Loan Fund. The Alderman agreed to have a special meeting to hear a presentation about the GNCOC and its' work in the community. Cardin stated that she would be including all the standing committees on the agenda each month and asked that they give a brief report on their activities. The topic for the next Executive Committee meeting on August 16th will be the status of the 501(c) 3 for the GNCOC and presentation about discharge planning by M. Durso.
5. Ending Homelessness Committee: B. Mack said they are continuing to review the Plan to End Homelessness strategies and checking and updating the goals and objectives at each of their meetings. A few of the members met after their last meeting to review the logic model and work it into the Plan. With the Revolving Loan fund in place, they expect to be accepting applications by next month. The Homeless Wrap-around Committee has continued to meet and brought in a few more members on board. Their work has proven to be valuable help for specific cases.
6. GAPS Committee: K. Nijhuis said the Quarterly census was done on July 25-26 by 16 participating agencies. L. Jeynes reported that 9 of the 16 have responded so far, but that the deadline was August 4th. They will be meeting again on August 9th to compile the results.
7. SuperNOFA Committee: M. Auer stated that the "Team" is resting now. She asked everyone to please keep tracking information in preparation for next year's application. She will e-mail the notes she has made to the Executive Committee and the "Team".
8. Legislative Affairs Committee: L. Cardin reported that Rep. Joan Schulze will be heading up this committee and will be scheduling the next meeting. They had their first meeting to get organized. D. Smith is investigating what other states are doing in regards to ID's for the homeless.
9. Community Relations Committee: S. Hurd said they had their first organizational meeting in July and they are meeting again on August 22nd. They will be looking into community outreach and building awareness in the community.

10. Sub Committees – Rapid Re-housing: K. Nijhuis said this committee and/or the Wrap-around Services Committee is addressing 1/3 of the elements listed in the Plan to End Homelessness. Some of the projects they are working on include a uniform application for the homeless that would be used by all agencies, a Landlord/Available Unit data base to be on the COC website, and working together with the other COC's in New Hampshire. The next two meetings are planned for August 3, 2006 and November 3, 2006, both at 2:00 pm at Harbor Homes, Inc., 45 High Street.
11. Continua Reports: MCOC – T. Epaphras said there was no meeting last month but the Executive Committee met talked about having their COC meetings once a month instead of quarterly. BOSCO – M. Auer said she was unable to attend their last meeting but will be at their August meeting later this month. ICH – P. Kelleher reported some of their members met with Governor Lynch about the Continuum and there was a lot of good dialog around the homeless providers. They will be meeting again in October.
12. Announcements: L. Cardin announced that a few members of the GNCOC have recently received awards. Donnalee Lozeau received the Max I. Silber award, Klaas Nijhuis received the Families in Transition Fourth Annual Ending Homelessness award, and Lisa Christie & the NSK&S received the Champion in Action for Hunger award.

T. Epaphras stated that more homeless people were coming to Nashua because of Manchester's recent rise in apartment rental rates. A discussion followed about where and how to place them in shelters.

B. Mack announced he is planning to have another Project Homeless Connect similar to the one held last year on December 8th. They hope to make it even bigger and better this year. Anyone interested in helping, please call him.

D. Cull said the Homeless Wrap-around Committee is trying to locate referral and information lists from agencies to use when working some of their cases. They also discussed ways to involve the agencies who have signed onto the Good Neighbor Agreement more effectively.

L. Cardin said that letters were sent out last winter to agencies that had not signed onto the Good Neighbor Agreement yet, but only one came back. There was a discussion around better communication between agencies through various COC functions.

L. Christie reminded everyone that the latest United Way study shows that affordable housing is the #1 need in the area.

L. Newell said the HMIS is hiring a new Project Coordinator who will be coming on board soon. She said for now, only funded agencies need to enter data into HMIS. In the GNCOC the only agencies reporting on HMIS now are: Harbor Homes Inc., Keystone Hall, Marguerite's Place, Nashua Pastoral Care Center.

K. Nijhuis related the problems of GNCOC e-mail list containing a virus from time to time and asked members to please not respond to repeated e-mail messages but to delete them and/or call Miles Pendry at Harbor Homes to report the problem. If you are no longer receiving the COC e-mails, you need to call your server (Comcast, AOL, or

Verizon) and ask them to “white list” your address again. L. Piper also asked if everyone receiving a group e-mail to please only reply to the sender, not to the whole group.

W. Furnari said that the HIV/AIDS Task Force is moving forward with the HOPWA grant to place more people in housing.

M. Febonio reported that Neighborhood Housing Services has moved into their new office at 63 Temple Street. They still have the same phone number.

D. Lozeau announced that Clients are now moving into the new senior housing project on Temple Street and a waiting list has been formed.

13. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Ending Homelessness Committee – August 2, 2006, 9:00 am, City Hall, Room 208
- b. Rapid Re-housing Subcommittee – August 3, 2006, 2:00 pm, Harbor Homes
- c. GAPS Committee: August 9, 2006, 1:00 pm, Harbor Home
- d. Revolving Loan Fund Committee, August 15, 2006, 11:00 am, NPCC, 7 Concord St
- e. Executive Committee: August 16, 2006, 8:00 am, Harbor Homes
- f. Community Relations Committee: August 22, 2006, 1:00 pm, Merrimack Town Hall
- g. Legislative Affairs Committee: August 23, 2006, 10:00 am, Harbor Homes
- h. GNCOC Meeting – September 6, 2006, 8:00 am, City Hall Auditorium
- i. Ending Homelessness Committee – Sept. 6, 2006, 9:00 am, City Hall, Room 208

13. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.