

Ending Homelessness Committee
Minutes of 12/3/08 meeting
Nashua City Hall

Present at the meeting were: Bob Mack, Wendy Furnari, Candace Gebhart, Jessica Karwatske, Carol Furlong, Eileen Brady, Jerry LeClerc, Katie Merrill, Kathryn Paquette, Linda Newell, Scott Slattery, Scott Ivey

The meeting began at 10:00 with introductions

Review of minutes from the 10/1 meeting; J. LeClerc made a motion to accept, K. Paquette seconded the motion.

Review of minutes from the 11/5 meeting. J. Karwatske noted that the EOC is the Economic Opportunity Center, not the Employment Opportunity Center. E. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes, J. LeClerc seconded the motion.

Review of action items on the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

J. LeClerc asked if the Plan needs a new format. He also mentioned that St. Joe's will not be able to fund the Homeless Outreach cards this year for budget reasons. The cost for 5,000 cards will be \$800. Jerry mentioned that perhaps the Financial Assistance Network of agencies could collaborate to cover the cost.

B. Mack added that the cards need some updating-specifically adding the new 2-1-1 referral line. Perhaps the cards need a new layout, and maybe the United Way could share the cost.

Much discussion was held regarding the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The CDFA needs proposals by 2/13/09. Funds are for purchasing abandoned/foreclosed properties, not for helping a homeowner to avoid foreclosure. S. Slattery noted that Berlin, Manchester, Nashua, Derry and Rochester are included in the target areas for the NS Program.

B. Mack noted that this is not free money but more like a revolving loan. The goal of the project is to stabilize the neighborhood.

CDBG applications are online and due 1/9/09 at 4:00 pm.

K. Paquette noted that she is having success with the Early Warning System and shared a story about a client who was reported to her by the Transfer Station. Client had major mental illness and was able to meet with Kathy & Sue Mead and also got assistance from NCW.

Minutes prepared by Jessica Karwatske