

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2008
Nashua City Hall Auditorium
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Call to order: 8:02 a.m. by Chair Wendy Furnari

All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.

Minutes of November 5, 2008: B. Alves motioned to accept the minutes. P. Kelleher seconded the motion and the motion carried.

W. Furnari reviewed the structure of the Continuum for anyone that was new to the Continuum.

Special Presentation: W. Furnari presented Linda Jeynes with a gift from the Continuum and thanked her for her years of service. L. Jeynes will be moving out of the State. She has served as Clerk for the Continuum and Chair for the Data Gathering Committee. W. Furnari also indicated that committee will be in need of a Chair.

Agency Presentation: **Community Council of Nashua now called The Greater Nashua Mental Health Center at Community Council.**

Carol Farmer presented an outline of how the agency has grown since 1920.

1. 1920 Community Council formed and was monitored by the City of Nashua
2. 1925 Well Child Clinic
3. 1930 Clinic for the Blind
4. 1940 Polio Clinic
5. 1967 Community Health Center
6. 1974 Federal Funding was approved for Mental Health Center
7. 2005 Dr. Haefez joined

Community Council offers various programs such as Batterers Intervention, Substance Abuse treatments with a LADC evaluation, Child and Adolescent Services, Young Adult Programs, Supervised Visitation Programs, 24 hour Emergency Services and Shared Housing Programs. Community Council served 4,803.00 people last year and C. Farmer indicated that more people are willing to seek services.

W. Furnari asked about the shared housing program. C. Farmer explained that the rent amount is based on 51% of the tenants shared income. K. Paquette mentioned that she works with Susan Mead and sometimes individuals can't wait to have an intake with Community Council. C. Farmer indicated that the agency is revamping the intake process and considering group intakes.

Announcements:

L. Wilshire mentioned that the review and comment application has not come out yet and she will send an e-mail as soon as it does.

L. Newell provided handouts of the HMIS Outcome Measurements for everyone to review.

K. Paquette requested names and boot sizes of veterans.

W. Furnari reminded everyone that Project Homeless Connect is being held today, 12/3/2008 at Harbor Homes, Inc. from 12:00 pm to 4:00pm.

R. Gelinas indicated that there openings in the veterans program. If anyone is interested they can contact Danielle Hilske at 882-3616 X 1173.

P. Kelleher said that the Federal Department of Labor's Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program is providing assistance to employ an additional 25 veterans by September. He asked if anyone had any part time work. M. Durso indicated that the health center may be in need of someone part time.

L. Newell announced that Concord held its first Project Homeless Connect and the event was very successful.

B. Alves commended Lori Wilshire and Nashua Soup Kitchen for their recent fundraiser.

W. Furnari mentioned that there will be an interagency event on 12/4/2008 at Harbor Homes, Inc. between 4:30pm and 6:30pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Keystone Hall