

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2009
Nashua City Hall Auditorium
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Call to order: 8:06 a.m. by Chair Wendy LeBlanc

All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.

Announcement: P. Kelleher thanked everyone for their help and support in starting the Health Care for the Homeless Clinic. He also invited everyone to an open house on June 18th from 8:30 am to 11:00 am at 45 High Street.

Minutes of May 6, 2009: L. Christie noted a correction on page 3, paragraph 1. L. Christie motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. B. Mack seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Presentation: L. Reilly gave a presentation for Nashua Children's Home. She explained that she has 2 roles within the agency.

1. She works as an Independent Living Coordinator to help the youth find jobs and collect any needed documents for employment or college.
2. As TLP Coordinator she places individuals between the ages of 18 and 20 into their own apartments. There is an application and interview process and if accepted individuals will need to sign a rental agreement.

L. Reilly explained that a staff member resides on the premises of the TLP apartments and a video monitoring system is also in place. In 2004 the program had 46 clients which 30 of them aged out of the program.

Referrals usually come from the Dept. of Juv. Justice, DCYF and The Greater Nashua Mental Health Center. She indicated a lot of calls also come from the school systems.

K. Paquette asked if individuals need money to enter the program and L. Reilly responded that the individuals need to be able to pay the rent.

D. Cull asked if they are able to work with the mentally challenged. L. Reilly replied yes.

P. Kelleher questioned who funds the programs. L. Wilshire explained that they receive grants and do a lot of fundraising.

L. Wilshire commented that L. Reilly is well versed and does a good job with the clients.

Community Relations PowerPoint: W. LeBlanc began the presentation with showing the various faces of homelessness. Homelessness affects men, women, children and families. She also explained the various committees of the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care.

P. Murphy shared the success of the Continuum and explained the benefits of the Good Neighbor Agreement. L. Wilshire asked how the COC promotes the agreement and P. Murphy explained that there is no financial obligation and you just need to buy into the process.

L. Reilly suggested that the slide for the agreement show bullets. R. Peterson recommended that the slide for the Point in Time slide be set up as a table. C. Gebhart asked about providing handouts of the presentation.

K. Paquette mentioned that she spoke with Hudson Welfare and at this point they do not have any time to get involved with the Good Neighborhood Agreement. J. Leclerc mentioned that Hudson may not see the homeless situation and they may need to see data.

D. Cull asked if the COC presentation is available on the website and L. LeBlanc indicated that currently it is not.

Another suggestion made was to provide brochures and the presentation in other languages. W. LeBlanc explained that to do something that involved would require someone to volunteer their time.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Keystone Hall.