

## GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2010

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Call to order: Chair Wendy LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 8:05am. All present introduced themselves.

Minutes from the meeting of October 6, 2010 were reviewed. There were no changes made. Unanimous acceptance of the minutes.

### Letter of Support Request by Harbor Homes

- Harbor Homes received ARRA funding in 2009 to open a clinic to provide primary care for the homeless. The clinic opened in June, 2009. At this point, they have a nurse practitioner providing care 30 hours per week. The clinic currently has 330 clients; they have provided more than 1000 visits, focusing on early entry into care, avoiding ER visits or hospitalization; and medication assistance.

- They are now at the point of applying for Federally Qualified Health Center status.

- Bob Mack moved to agree to write a letter of support; Barbara Alves seconded; Committee was unanimously in favor.

### Committee Reports

Executive Committee – The Nashua Public Library has asked for a member from CoC to serve on their strategic planning committee. Eileen Brady has attempted to set this up, but has not been able to make contact.

SuperNOFA is due on 11/18; this is going very well. Harbor Homes will be taking on the bonus project again this year.

Discussed HMIS (Homeless Management Information Systems). Meeting the numbers goals has been challenging.

Began a conversation about the subcommittees; some need more direction and better participation.

Ending Homelessness – We are going to be looking at changes to the format of this committee's meetings.

Wrap Around Services – Discussed the winter overflow situation. Shelters are already in overflow mode; this is an on-going challenge.

Community Relations – Evaluating the October presentation meeting. They are in the process of up-dating the web page. A reminder was given that agencies can request the presentation for their Boards or staff if it would be helpful.

Legislative Affairs – Working on a liaison with elected officials in the State. We now have to make contact with many newly-elected people, letting them know who we are and what we are trying to accomplish.

Next Monday, at 6pm in Palm Square, there will be a meeting regarding the future of the tree streets, particularly the Labine building that burned down recently.

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Data Committee – The first meeting of the newly formed committee met last week to discuss HMIS challenges and to begin preparation for the Point in Time count for January.

HMIS – HUD sets goals for things such as numbers of people moving from transitional housing to permanent housing—we are above HUD's goals, but below the goals we have set for ourselves. This may affect our scoring on the SuperNOFA.

### Statewide Committees

- NH Coalition to End Homelessness web site needs to be updated—no information on progress at this time.

- NH Housing Coalition will be coming to Nashua in January; they are gathering information from around the State on housing issues; no date yet.

- Shelter Directors meeting – winter overflow is a big concern already; shelters are turning people away. Shelter staff sometimes work all night making calls to other shelters around the State trying to find placements for people.

Discussed the ramifications of minors seeking shelter; DCYF needs to be contacted in these cases.

Project Homeless Connect will be held at Harbor Homes on November 30th from 12:00 to 4:00. Agencies requesting participation need to have their applications in by the end of this week.

Hairdressers will be doing haircuts. Crosby's bakery will be providing meals. 120 people came through last year.

Updates to the 10-year plan. Ideas on updates that may be needed should be emailed to Wendy.

### Announcements:

- Soup Kitchen will be giving out turkeys the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving from 1:00 to 3:00—no sign-up necessary

- Eileen Brady attended the NH Housing conference last week—excellent conference focusing on what types of housing fit best in a given community, best use of resources, etc.

- Funding for Disability Services ends on 12/2; this will be the last meeting for the representative from that entity, Angela Linke.

Adjournment – 9:00am

