

GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes
Nashua City Hall Auditorium
April 4, 2007
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Call to Order: 8:02 a.m. by Chair Lori Wilshire.

All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.

Welcome Samantha Graves, (Manchester HUD-CPD):

S. Graves spoke about the COC SuperNOFA application process. The discussion included the following topics: 2006 COC Score, the renewal grant performance and new projects (including a bonus project).

D. Lozeau asked how someone would find out about APR statistics. D. Lozeau also mentioned the Manchester Veterans Program and S. Graves indicated that program lost \$150,000.00 over 3 years.

M. Auer questioned if past percentages were still in effect for ranking. S. Graves indicated this was still true.

American Red Cross Presentation:

M. Read explained special procedures need to be in place within the shelters for people with disabilities. Individuals need to be able to physically take care of themselves.

M. Read indicated that time will be limited and being prepared will help. She also explained that legal issues (questions) are not addressed. If staff is prepared, issues at the door will be easier.

She mentioned she will be willing to speak at organizations to help with preparedness.

B. Mack indicated that agencies need to have a system in place.

M. Read explained how important generators are especially in the shelters.

Minutes of March 7, 2007: (handout) L. Christie indicated a correction on page 2, paragraph 9. She mentioned the paragraph should state sending brochures to the Selectmen of other towns. W. Furnari motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. M. Durso seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: L. Wilshire indicated the committee is reviewing the ten year plan and discussed the vote on the ranking of the SuperNOFA and anyone requesting funding should have a mechanism in place.

Ending Homelessness Committee: B. Mack mentioned the meeting will take place after today's COC meeting. The Committee will be reviewing the ten year plan and discussing the SuperNOFA.

M. Wirbal explained the revolving loan fund. The fund will be utilized for people that need mortgage assistance and are in danger of foreclosure. The United Way donated \$10,000.00 to this fund and the agency is doing grant writing to obtain additional funds.

K. Nijhuis mentioned anyone facing foreclosure can call M. Febonio from Neighborhood Housing at 603-882-2077.

GAPS Committee: L. Jeynes indicated there is a delay with the final count. The committee is reviewing for accuracy and duplications from last years reporting.

K. Nijhuis mentioned HMIS is currently involved. C. Pitcher has had to input a substantial amount of data that was corrupted. He also indicated that the committee should meet one more time to scrutinize the data.

SuperNOFA: M. Auer handed out a guide of the 2007 SuperNOFA team. She mentioned that the team has met once and will meet again within one week. She indicated that May 31, 2007 is the deadline.

K. Nijhuis motioned to contract with TAC. W. Furnari seconded the motion.

M. Auer indicated their fee may be more than \$1,000.00. The committee motioned to contract with TAC but may need to review the \$1,000.00 fee.

Community Relations Committee: No Meeting Held.

Legislative Affairs Committee: No Meeting Held.

Continua: **MCOC-** D. Lozeau explained the expectations for the coming year. She mentioned the point in time shows 656 homeless. The next meeting will be held April 19, 2007 at the HUD Office. **BOSCOC-** M. Auer mentioned the bills that were presented and launching into the SuperNOFA. **ICH-** P. Kelleher indicated there was no meeting held.

Rapid Rehousing: No Meeting Held

Other Business:

Announcements: W. Furnari introduced Byron, he is looking for assistance with grants. She asked if anyone was interested in mentoring to contact her.

W. Furnari also mentioned that P. Kelleher will be receiving an award.

D. Lozeau indicated that there are openings at Mary's House.

L. Christie mentioned that tickets are available for the Wine Tasting event on April 19, 2007. If anyone is interested they can contact the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter.

M. Wirbal introduced Jessica Karwatske a new employee at the Care Center.

The Next GNCOC Meeting will be Held at Harbor Homes on May 2, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Minutes Prepared by Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc.