

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care  
Meeting Minutes  
March 5, 2008  
Nashua City Hall Auditorium  
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**Call to Order:** 8:05 a.m. by Chair Lori Wilshire

**All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.**

**Minutes of February 6, 2008 (handout)** K. Nijhuis motioned to accept the minutes. P. Kelleher seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Honoring Sister Sharon Walsh** Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Sr Sharon. P. Kelleher gave a brief speech mentioning Sr. Sharon's accomplishments. He indicated that Sr. Sharon was the pioneer of the Continuum and at that time there were only a few individuals attending meetings. P. Kelleher mentioned what a pleasure it has been to work with Sr. Sharon. Sr. Sharon spoke about her transition from Nashua and many of her experiences. A gift was presented to Sr. Sharon from the Continuum.

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee:** L. Wilshire explained that there had been two meetings held during the month of February. The first meeting was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 and the group discussed the SuperNOFA, the HUD broadcast and the Ten Year Plan. L. Wilshire had also announced during that meeting that she would be stepping down from her position as Chair of the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care. A Special meeting was held on February 27, 2008 to discuss nominations. W. Furnari indicated she would step up as Interim Chair until a new Chair is nominated.

**Ending Homelessness Committee** B. Mack indicated this committee met February 6, 2008 and discussed the new toolkit that will be available on line. He also mentioned plans for special workshops and working on action items for the Ten Year Plan. B. Mack mentioned the Wrap around Committee which was established from the Winter Street Shelter has had low attendance and if anyone is interested in joining they can contact Bob via phone or e-mail. B. Mack indicated that the committee discussed the Housing First Model, creating focus groups, data gathering and the PIT counts.

**Conference Planning Committee** K. Nijhuis indicated that this committee was formed to discuss the possibility of having another Ending Homelessness Conference. The committee comprised of L. Wilshire, K. Nijhuis, B. Mack, L. Jeynes, W. Furnari, M. Durso, K. Berube and B. Keating. The committee determined that additional groundwork would be needed prior to the next conference. There were also concerns expressed by this committee that the SuperNOFA funded agencies need to take more leadership roles in standing committees.

**Community Relations Committee** W. Furnari gave a report on behalf of M. Febonio. W. Furnari indicated that the committee will be having two presentations, Milford and Hollis. She also read a letter that was received from the Town of Hudson. The Hudson Selectmen declined and indicated that the partnership would be a conflict of interest. B. Mack suggested that there be some clarification on the statements that were made.

**Legislative Affairs Committee** This committee has not met.

**GAPS Committee** L. Jeynes thanked everyone for the completion of forms for the Point in Time Count. She indicated that the committee met on Friday, February 29, 2008 and at that time the count was 458. She also mentioned that the form will be revised before next year.

**HMIS/PIT** L. Newell handed out copies of the Outcome Measurements for everyone to review.

**SuperNOFA** P. Kelleher indicated that meetings will be scheduled to begin the NOFA process. He mentioned that if anyone is interested in joining the committee to meet briefly after today's continuum meeting.

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**MCOC** T. Epaphras mentioned that the committee had a debriefing of the HUD broadcast.

**BOSCOC** L. Newell indicated she attended this meeting and the discussion was for a possible Safe Haven. Joey Finley, Supervisor of New Hampshire Housing is looking into finding a building for the homeless including sex offenders.

**ICH** P. Kelleher explained that this committee stands for the Interagency Council on Homelessness. He indicated that there has been debated on the merits of issuing RVP and how to support the Continuum and Community efforts. The next meeting is planned for April.

**Announcements:**

B. Mack thanked L. Wilshire for her work as Chair and indicated she has done a great job leading the Continuum. He also mentioned that there will be a workshop held for renovating an older home. The workshop will be held on March 28, 2008 from 8:30am to 4:30pm and pre registration is required. Anyone interested can register by calling 1-800-897-LEAD.

L. Goodman mentioned that she works with Congressman Hodes. She indicated her office will help with any of the Federal programs and if anyone has any questions regarding the stimulus package they can call 579-6913. K. Paquette invited L. Goodman to spend some time with her working Homeless Outreach.

B. Alves invited everyone to the celebration honoring Sr. Sharon and Sr. Elaine. A Mass will be held at 6:00pm at St. Louis Church and there will be a brief gathering in the Church basement. She also mentioned there will be an additional celebration on May 3, 2008 and this event is by invitation only.

W. Furnari welcomed all of the new attendees and indicated that if they had any questions to feel free to contact her.

**Presentation-CONFR** Pam MacDonald from the Council of Fundraising explained her program and provided handouts for everyone to review.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

**Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc.**