

GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes

Nashua City Hall Auditorium

December 6, 2006

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1. Call to Order: 8:00 a.m. by Chair Lori Wilshire.
2. All present introduced themselves and visitors were welcomed.
3. Minutes of November 1, 2006: (handout) Corrections were noted in paragraphs 9 & 13. M. Wirbal motioned to accept the amended minutes, M. Febonio seconded and the motion carried.
4. Report of Executive Committee: L. Wilshire reported that the focus of their last meeting was on the Project Homeless Connect Event, the storing of all GNCOC files at Harbor Homes and the slate of officers for this year.
5. Ending Homeless Committee: B. Mack reminded everyone participating in Project Homeless Connect today to please be at Harbor Homes by 11:15 to set up. He thanked everyone for their help in organizing the event. The Wrap-Around Services Committee meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 18 Mulberry Street in the conference room. They will be looking at the more difficult and challenging cases needing help. They are putting together resources to have a plan of action for each client referred to them.
6. GAPS Committee: (handout) J. Russell reported on the October homeless count. The total homeless count was 311. Her written report showed the comparison of this count to last January's. It was suggested that the number bed capacity at the reporting agencies be added to the report next time.
7. SuperNOFA Committee: M. Auer said HUD will not expect electronic filing this year; they are still refining the system and should have it ready soon. L. Newell added that the data quality is being looked at and they will be going around to visit participating agencies in 2007.
8. Community Relations Committee: M. Febonio showed the recently completed Power Point presentation to everyone and it was well received by the membership. She also reported that they have had a good response to their mailing and will be mailing pamphlets and more information to those who have requested it. M. Febonio asked those present to consider providing postage stamps to do the mailings.
9. Legislative Affairs Committee: L. Wilshire reported that this committee is sponsoring several bills: a usury bill, the photo I.D. bill, and the HIV waiver for Medicaid and D. Lozeau added that there was one on Affordable Housing.
10. Continua: MCOC – No report this month. BOSCOG – No report this month. ICH – P. Kelleher reported that Citizens Bank will be funding emergency shelter beds this season and reminded the group that December 21, 2006 is Homeless Memorial Day.
11. Rapid Re-housing Committee: L. Wilshire reported that this committee is still working on a uniform application. The purpose of a universal application is to capture the information from a client at the point on entry and make copies for that client to take from service provider to provider without the duplication of efforts and time. G. Martins presented application software that the State of NH uses called "Wired Wizard". M. Wirbal said that several agencies were also working on such a form. There was a short discussion. They will get together with committee to share information of forms.

12. Health Care for the Homeless Grant: P. Kelleher thanked everyone for their letters of support and MOA's for the Health Care for the Homeless grant application. He especially thanked M. Durso and Dr. Scully from the Area Health Center for helping with the application process.
13. Slate of Officers: W. Furnari asked for nominations from the floor for clerk and chair of the COC for 2007-2008, then announced the nominated candidates as: L. Wilshire for Chairperson and Kim Berube for Clerk. B. Mack motioned to elect the proposed slate, P. Kelleher seconded and the motion carried. Furnari thanked L. Jaynes for her four years serving as Clerk.
14. Community Health Department: (handouts) The Public Health Department made a presentation to the group on Oral Health and Pertussis (Whooping Cough). Afterward there was opportunity for questions and answers and discussion.
15. Announcements: M. Wirbal announced that the Revolving Loan Fund has issued its first loan and has received several more phone calls inquiring about it. M. Febonio reminded everyone that Neighborhood Housing Services is offering home ownership training.
16. Upcoming Meetings:
 - Ending Homelessness Committee – January 3, 2007, 9:00 am, City, Rm. 208
 - Executive Committee – December 20, 2006, 8:00 am, Harbor Homes
 - Community Relations – January 16, 2007, 10:00 am, Neighborhood Housing Services
 - Next GNCOC Meeting – January 3, 2007, 8:00 am, City Hall Auditorium
 - Legislative Affairs - TBA
 - GAPS – TBA

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:57 am.