

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care  
Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2009  
Nashua City Hall Auditorium  
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**Call to order:** 8:02 a.m. by Chair Wendy LeBlanc

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

**Minutes of April 1, 2009:** L. Christie motioned to accept the minutes. L. Wilshire seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Special Announcement:**

B. Bagley provided an update of the H1 N1 Virus. She mentioned that there have been 11 cases in Nashua and 17 in the region. The symptoms have been like a mild flu and if treated the individuals have been doing well. She explained that the media has been doing a good job keeping everyone informed and updated. Anyone that is interested in obtaining a fact sheet can contact Nashua Public Health at 589-4531.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Executive Committee:** W. LeBlanc mentioned that this committee discussed the plan to end homelessness, how to utilize data and better track services.
- **Ending Homelessness:** B. Mack discussed the new draft of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness that can be reviewed on GNCOC website. He mentioned that if anyone is not receiving e-mails they should make sure their information is current on the GNCOC website. B. Mack indicated that the plan has been simplified but does include the SuperNOFA goals. W. LeBlanc thanked Bob Mack, Linda Newell and Bob Keating for all of their hard work.

P. Kelleher questioned page 3 of 6, goal 3 which shows individuals moving from transitional housing to permanent housing is at 61-68%. The NOFA scores state that the COC should be moving at least 70% from transitional to permanent housing. L. Christie indicated that the COC's goal was at 63.5% at our last SuperNOFA application. P. Kelleher motioned to adopt the revised plan with the one change of this goal to 70% so that we are in line with HUD's requirements. L. Christie seconded the motion and the motion carried. The group also discussed that because this is a "living document" the Ending Homelessness committee and/or the Executive Committee can make updates to the plan without a full GNCOC vote on every change.

**Community Relations:** P. Murphy mentioned that the committee is looking for strategies to meet with different communities. The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2009 in Merrimack and they are looking to meet with the Town of Hudson.

**Legislative Affairs:** P. Kelleher said that he thinks it is worth looking at requesting a bill that will look for solutions for homeless individuals that are severely addicted to substance. L. Christie mentioned that the TANF Voucher bill had been passed along with the bill that will hold out of state landlords accountable for code violations.

**Data Gathering:** L. Newell mentioned that this committee is looking for new members and that the Data Gathering committee and HMIS may be combined.

**HMIS/PIT:** L. Newell provided hand outs and explained the Outcome Measurements. She also mentioned that HUD will start running reports of agencies that have individuals that are unable to work. This will help explain the low numbers of clients becoming employed at exit.

L. Christie asked why the outcomes state that 8 people left transitional housing when Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter is not transitional. The question of why there are 236 units of transitional housing was asked and L. Newell stated that some of the agencies may be behind on records due to the reporting period is between July and April. It was determined that this is likely an overlap of beds (the same bed being utilized by more than one person in the reporting period)

The Point in Time count is almost ready to be released but the State of NH would like the information to be approved by the Chairs of the Continua. Miles Pendry will post the information to the GNCOC website once it is available.

**Statewide Committees:**

- **MCOC:** D. Cull indicated the committee discussed the stimulus money and which agencies would put in proposals for the funds.
- **BOSCO:** L. Newell stated that stimulus money was also discussed in this meeting. She also mentioned that there will be an APR review meeting to begin preparing for the NOFA.
- **ICH:** P. Kelleher indicated this committee looked into maximizing the usage of the stimulus money. He also mentioned a public hearing has been discussed to look into the State Consolidated Plan which will have a lot of funds through the Housing Finance Authorities.
- **NH Coalition to End Homelessness:** It was mentioned that Maureen Ryan gave a presentation on the stimulus money at the April meeting. The next presentation will be in June.

**SuperNOFA:** P. Kelleher provided a brief overview of the plan and explained that HUD allocated a pro rata share of funding to the Continuum. He shared the scores from this year's NOFA and asked the funded agencies to consider rehiring TAC.

**Announcements:**

Anne Quinn mentioned that David Cull and Lady Sorbet have established Crossroad Recoveries. D. Cull explained that it will be similar to a treatment program in Manchester.

S. Mead said that she has met with 98% of the Nashua Police Department and explained on how to see the signs and symptoms of mental illness. L. Christie was asked by John Fisher from the NPD to speak to the class of new police officers during their training. Lisa was impressed that the new officers wanted to know what we expected of them and how they can be helpful to the persons who are homeless and the agencies working with them. S. Mead also mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Department has been cleaning up Mines Falls.

B. Doolan said that the Greater Nashua Community Prevision Coalition is pushing to make a young adult substance abuse program. There is still some funding available in Nashua.

T. Benhardt mentioned that the fuel assistance program has seen a 17% increase in applicants from Hillsborough County.

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

**Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Keystone Hall**