

Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2010
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Call to order: Chair Wendy LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 8:05am. All present introduced themselves, and visitors were welcomed.

Minutes from the meeting of September 1, 2010 were reviewed. There were no changes made. Lisa Christie motioned to accept the minutes. Barbara Alves seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

A presentation was given by the Community Relations Committee including W. LeBlanc, B. Mack, B. Doolan, P. Murphy, and S. Mead. Invitations were extended to the full GNCOC catchment area of welfare officers, selectman, state representatives, and other town officials to attend this October meeting of the COC. The intent of the presentation was to provide a summary of the mission, activities and accomplishments to those less familiar with the organization and how the members of the GNCOC may be of service to those that are not attending regularly. The Presentation highlighted the following (full presentation is available on the COC website):

- The mission of the GNCOC was reviewed;
- The seven committees and their purpose was reviewed;
- The membership of the COC is extensive;
- The Point in Time Count which occurs annually (typically in January) was discussed, and the importance of the outlying towns contributing and participating in this important event;
- A review of the 10 Year Plan to end homelessness was reviewed;
- Strategies for new units of housing was discussed;
- Project Homeless Connect's annual event was discussed as was the Project Employment Connect. J. LeClerc indicated that the employment event was somewhat successful, given the current state of the economy, and that next year more emphasis is needed to get more employers to the event. The process with potential employers needs to start early in the planning cycle;
- Community involvement – there was a discussion about how each member can get involved in the efforts to end homelessness in our communities;
- A chart of available resources within the community.

Hard copies of the presentation were provided at the meeting for those that do not attend regularly, however the presentation is also available on line. The committee also let the audience know that they are happy to bring the presentation to specific towns and groups upon request.

Announcements:

- W. LeBlanc announced that Jessica Karwatske with the Nashua Pastoral Care is leaving the Care Center and thanked her for all her hard work on behalf of the Continuum.

- C. Farmer of Nashua Community Council invited everyone to attend a fundraising event at Nashua High School on 10/20, a parody by people living with mental illness, about living with mental illness.
- Wrap Around committee will next be meeting to discuss winter overflow issues for the upcoming season.
- A representative from the Manchester COC commented that this was his first time attending the GNCOC and is very impressed by the presentation, our organizational structure and the accomplishments that we have attained as a collaborative group of agencies working together.
- A table of service providers/agencies informational packets was made available at this weeks meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Minutes were prepared by Lori M. Piper, Merrimack County Savings Bank