

## GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

### Meeting Minutes

Nashua City Hall Auditorium

June 7, 2006

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1. Call to Order: 8:05 a.m. Chair Lori Cardin.
2. All present introduced themselves and visitors were welcomed.
3. Minutes of May 3, 2006: (handout) K. Nijhuis motioned to accept the minutes, W. Furnari seconded and the motion carried.  
Minutes of May 17, 2006: (handout) K. Nijhuis recommended that the list of prioritized projects be included in the minutes and motioned to accept them with this amendment. B. Mack seconded and the motion carried.
4. Report of Executive Committee: L. Cardin thanked the members of this committee and all the others who helped to complete the SuperNOFA.
5. SuperNOFA Committee: M. Auer also thanked the members of this committee and all the others who helped to complete this year's application. This year it was particularly difficult because of the new format requiring choices to check off that were open to interpretation of what HUD was looking for. The group thanked Auer for facilitating this committee and obtaining answers from HUD on some of the issues.
6. GAPS Committee: K. Nijhuis said this committee did not meet this past month, but that the Quarterly homeless census forms had been faxed out to the participating agencies and returned after the count was taken on May 5, 2006. They will be meeting today at 1:00 pm to go over the results. He invited others to join this committee.
7. Legislative Affairs Committee: L. Cardin said this committee is also meeting today at Harbor Homes at 9:15 am and needs more members. Two people volunteered to join this committee.
8. Community Relations Committee: L. Cardin reported that this committee had their first meeting to get organized and will meet again at the end of July. More members are welcome.
9. Sub Committees – Rapid Re-Housing: K. Nijhuis reported that this committee met on May 5<sup>th</sup> to go over the Ending Homelessness Plan and their part of it. They will be looking into such things as availability of units, how to simplify the application process, ability to share information, and predicting likelihood of being homeless. They will meet quarterly on the first Friday of the month with the exception of their next meeting, which is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. New members are welcome.  
Discharge Planning: M. Durso said they are still working on the issues and have met with some resistance around getting meetings set up. They have many challenging issues to resolve and will keep trying work on them.
10. Continua Reports: MCOOC – T. Epaphras reported they had met last week and reviewed their SuperNOFA application. They had a guest speaker, Lillian Spooner from the New

Hampshire HIV/AIDS. They will be meeting quarterly from now on. BOSCOG – M. Auer said their May meeting was cancelled but they will be meeting the end of June. They are forming subcommittees and modeling theirs after the GNCOC. ICH – P. Kelleher reported they have finished the Ending Homelessness Plan and are in the process of selecting new leadership for the upcoming year.

11. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Ending Homelessness Committee – June 7, 2006, 9:00 am, City Hall, Room 208.
- b. Rapid Re-housing Subcommittee – August 3, 2006, 2:00 pm, Harbor Homes
- c. Executive Committee – June 21, 2006, 8:00 am, Harbor Homes
- d. GNCOC Meeting – August 3, 2006, 8:00 am, City Hall Auditorium
- e. GAPS Committee: June 7, 2006, 1:00 pm, Harbor Homes
- f. Legislative Committee: June 7, 2006, 9:15 am, Harbor Homes
- g. Community Relations Committee: TBA – End of July

12. Announcements: HMIS – F. Gibbs said that they would be putting together a policy to help agencies that cannot afford to take part in the data entry. They are still devising ways to involve everyone in the HMIS program.

M. Durso announced that the Health Center would be making changes in their staff. Two persons are leaving after several years of service. There is a shortage of Primary Care physicians and nurses in the area.

T. Epaphras reminded everyone that So. NH Services is the center for FEMA help for flood victims in New Hampshire.

D. Cull reminded everyone of the upcoming comedy show fund raising event for Soul Purpose on June 9<sup>th</sup>. He has flyers for anyone who wants one.

L. Christie thanked Patti Julian who is leaving NSK&S for all her help and invited all to a party in her honor on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and Margarita's Restaurant in Nashua. She then introducee a new person on their staff, Deb Fluet.

13. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:52 am.