

GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes

Nashua City Hall Auditorium

March 7, 2007

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Call to Order: 8:03 a.m. by Chair Lori Wilshire.

All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.

Minutes of February 7, 2007: (handout) Correction made to paragraph 5; Karen Milligan will be inputting survey data. T. Epaphras indicated that Dick Hatins' name was misspelled in paragraph 9. T. Epaphras motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. W. Furnari seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Executive Committee:** L. Wilshire indicated the committee met on February 21, 2007 and began updating the 10 year plan. K. Nijhuis mentioned the "Recovering Lives" grant which would be funding for Keystone Hall to expand its Intensive Outpatient Program.

M. Huberlie mentioned that this is a complex grant and that there is a shortage of money for substance abuse. At this time Keystone Hall is not a treatment center. She indicated that she will be working with Community Council and the two Nashua Hospitals along with the AIDS Task Force and DCYF. The grant is due March 26, 2007. L. Wilshire motioned to provide a letter of support. L. Christie seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- **Ending Homelessness Committee:** B. Mack mentioned the committee is taking a look at the 10 year plan after the Executive Committee makes their changes. He also indicated the committee is looking for people to join. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions they can contact either him or someone on the Executive or Ending Homelessness Committee's.

M. Auer asked if the person needed to be a Nashua resident, B. Mack replied no.

K. Nijhuis mentioned that HUD was interested in seeing how they might help the Continuum succeed in implementing its Ending Homeless Plan, it turns out that there probably is no money, but they want to see how they might help otherwise.

L. Christie indicated there was a hearing on providing ID's for people that may be leaving prison or institutions.

W. Furnari mentioned the SB215 funding for HIV/AIDS. The funding would be \$500,000 for drug programs and \$500,000 for supported services.

- **GAPS Committee:** L. Jeynes mentioned the unofficial count for January is 488. She also indicated there would be a meeting on Tuesday the 13th of March to discuss the state wide point in time and the input of data.

- SuperNOFA: M. Auer indicated that when HUD publishes the SuperNOFA, she will send an official letter notifying every one of the dates. She also mentioned that Nashua received all of the funds they asked for.

M. Auer indicated that HUD will be holding a press conference for the purpose of announcing the SuperNOFA funding at Harbor Homes, 45 High Street on March 9, 2007 at 11:00 am.

L. Newell mentioned there will be an HMIS user training on 3/12 and 3/14 from 9:30am to 11:30am at Community Council. The HMIS schedule can be found on NH-HMIS.org

W. Furnari requested that when people are speaking to be careful not to use acronyms, there are new people in the Continuum and may not be sure what they stand for.

M. Auer explained that HUD is looking at the facts and figures. There may be no bonus, but agencies still can submit. She indicated that Harbor Homes submitted a bonus project for one unit and did receive it.

- Community Relations: M. Febonio mentioned the GNCOC brochure and asked if anyone felt anything should be changed.

M. Durso asked if the committee could do a power point presentation.

M. Febonio asked if any of the agencies would be willing to print about 25 copies of the brochure on card stock.

K. Nijhuis questioned what the intended audience is for the brochures. M. Febonio mentioned flooding the agencies, businesses and committees. L. Christie suggested sending them to the Selectmen.

- Legislative Affairs: W. Furnari indicated there was no meeting held.

- Continua:

- **MCOC-T.** Epaphras mentioned that the last meeting was on February 13, 2007. He mentioned that L. Newell and C. Pitcher attended the meeting. He also indicated B. Mack spoke about the Project Homeless Connect and that Manchester is interested in starting a project in their community. The next meeting will be at the HUD office on March 13, 2007.

- **BOSCOC:** No report.

- **ICH:** No report.

- Rapid Re-housing: No report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Nashua Transit Update: M. Sousa, Transit Manager, discussed the changes for the bus line. He mentioned that they are looking at connecting Boston Express with the Nashua City

Transit Service and that Nashua is one of the first agencies to apply for the Federal Transit grant.

He mentioned their new garage will be opening on March 23rd. The bus fleet consists of 21 vehicles. The new garage will be for maintenance and storage. He also indicated that the offices will be moving to the DPW facility.

L. Wilshire questioned if there was a bus route to Milford. M. Sousa indicated that there was not one at this time, but the State and Federal government have suggested making the system more regional. The Para-transit is the only service that goes out of Nashua.

B. Mack inquired about changes with ticket sales. M. Sousa indicated that tickets can be purchased @ Ledge Street or at the City Clerk's office. Tickets will eventually be available at the Riverside office.

- Announcements:

M. Febonio mentioned there will be a seminar on predatory lending at her office on Temple Street.

M. Huberlie indicated that the Office of Drug and Alcohol will be holding substance abuse training in the Harbor Homes training room on March 23rd at 9:30am. She mentioned she will send an e-mail to remind everyone.

M. Auer announced the Grand Opening of Buckingham Place will be held on March 19th at 9:30 am. After the ceremony there will be a tour of the new building. She mentioned invitations will be sent by e-mail.

L. Christie reminded everyone that the 14th annual Run/Walk event will be held on April 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Harbor Homes, Inc.