

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2010
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Call to order: 8:35 a.m. by Chair Wendy LeBlanc.

Present: Wendy LeBlanc, Bob Mack, Peter Kelleher, Meghan Bilz, Barbara Alves, Carol Furlong, Annette Escalante, Lynn Censebella, and Lori Piper.

Minutes of August 11, 2010 (handout):

Minutes were reviewed. L. Censebella motioned to accept the minutes as presented, which was seconded by B. Mack, and the motion carried.

Topics of Discussion:

- **HMIS Outcomes:**

W. LeBlanc provide the July outcomes and the EC discussed the poor performance that is being demonstrated in certain categories, specifically sections 3.4; and 4.3. Section 3.4 is the percentage of homeless persons moving from TH to PH. It was discussed that a better job needs to be done of data collection, or of agencies fully understanding what and how to report. It was suggested that the EC invite Donna Curley to the next EC meeting so that she can report on who is reporting in this category so that we can better assess how the data is being processed. Miles indicated that the report indicates that 65% of those exiting transitional housing are reported as 'don't know'. HMIS will be providing another training on the reporting. Section 4.3 is increase percentage of homeless persons employed at exit to at least 20%. Again, D. Curley will be asked to bring raw data to the October EC meeting to be discussed so that we can determine how to improve in this category.

- **Town of Hollis Letter:**

The EC determined that we are not eligible to apply for any funds from the Town of Hollis as the GNCOC does not have a nonprofit status or a fiscal agent.

- **Wrap-Around Issues:**

B. Mack reported that he believes that the Wrap around Committee can handle the issues that come up and only need to bring unresolved concerns to the general COC meeting. EC decided to leave Wrap Around as a permanent agenda item to keep it top of mind with everyone. Also, the universal application has been scrapped.

- **Political Climate/Discussion:**

There was a good deal of further discussion about the 7/21/10 Telegraph article regarding the possible razing of some of the Bronstein Apartments handled by the NHA. **L. Censebella** indicated that the article was very premature and the NHA and/or the City have no definite plans at this time, just in discussion phase. She also indicated that a change of the project would require the approval of HUD Washington and in the past they have not received approval for any changes to this particular housing project. She indicated that apartments would never be torn down without other permanent housing provided. This is to be considered a long term project. **B. Mack** asked if there was still a waiting list for housing. She indicated there is currently a 3-5 year waiting list, and it is 5-7 years for those with Section 8 vouchers. She did indicate however that the NHA is open to applications from the elderly and the disabled for efficiency units. Elderly is currently considered age 62+, but there is discussion about dropping the age to 55+. This would allow many others to apply for the efficiency units that are available. There is not an age restriction on efficiencies for the disabled population.

L. Censebella also indicated that Scott Costa would be attending the GNCOC meetings. He is with the NHA and can be reached at nhascott@yahoo.com or 883-5661.

P. Kelleher attended a NH Charitable Foundation Meeting and there was a discussion at that meeting as to whether the NH Coalition to End Homelessness, which the NH Charitable Foundation has periodically provided funds to, keep them fiscally functioning, should be rolled into another organization that works towards the same purposes and mission of the coalition.

There being no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 9:15AM.

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