

Committee on Ending Homelessness Meeting
Minutes of the April 21, 2004
(Room 208 City Hall)

Present at the meeting were: David Blacksmith, Eileen Brady, Maria Brown, Lisa Christie, Alphonse Haettenschwiller, Grace Hicks-Grogan, Linda Jeynes, Donna Juskiewicz, Peter Kelleher, Bob Mack, Bob Marks, Klaas Nijhuis, Ray Peterson, and Cara Wheaton.

K. Nijhuis called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and the minutes from the April 7th meeting were reviewed; P. Kelleher motioned to accept, with a punctuation correction, G. Hicks-Grogan seconded and the motion carried.

B. Mack handed out copies of the latest draft of the Ending Homelessness Plan and asked the committee to make their final corrections so that the plan could be completed as soon as possible with the understanding that there would be ongoing updates as the process moves forward. P. Kelleher suggested that M. Auer and L. Jeynes be responsible for editing the final copy starting in one week. The committee then reviewed and discussed the contents, making various suggestions and corrections to be incorporated into the final copy, and agreed to the changes being made. K. Nijhuis volunteered to put them together for the final editing. P. Kelleher is still working on Appendix B (Chronology of Ending Homelessness Plan) and will have it ready within the week. It was agreed that Appendix F (Case Studies) needed greater variety of samples i.e., additional agencies and examples of homeless males and homeless children. L. Christie, P. Kelleher, and K. Nijhuis volunteered to obtain them.

The committee next discussed two memorandums to be presented to the CoC at its next meeting in May. M. Brown, K. Nijhuis and A. Haettenschwiller agreed to formulate the memos based on the suggestions of this committee. One memo will ask for the CoC to approve the final draft of the Plan for Ending Homelessness entitled "A Home For Everyone", and the other memo will address the sanctioning of this committee to be the lead entity in publicly promoting the Good Neighbor Agreements and monitoring their receipt and compliance and continue to report back to the CoC as a regular item on their meeting agenda. As part of the discussion, B. Mack suggested the CoC, because of the growing membership, might in the future want to appoint other sub-committees like this one to enable the group to function more efficiently.

The Event Planning Committee for the upcoming public presentation of the final Plan for Ending Homelessness had no further report at this time. They will be making phone calls and will try to set a date of June 23, 2004 at 9:00 am in Greeley Park.

The next meeting will be May 5, 2004 at 9:00 am in room 208 of the Nashua City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

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