

Committee on Ending Homelessness
Minutes of the April 28, 2005 Meeting
Harbor Homes, 78 Main Street

Present at the meeting were: Paul Bergeron, Eileen Brady, Linda Jeynes, Donna Juskiewicz, Bob Keating, Peter Kelleher, Bob Marks, Klaas Nijhuis, Miles Pendry and Vijay Thangavelu.

K. Nijhuis called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. Copies of the SuperNOFA sections were again passed out to everyone.

K. Nijhuis led the discussion as the committee continued their changes/additions to the SuperNOFA with M. Pendry recording the changes on the overhead projector. M. Pendry agreed to e-mail a copy to all committee members after the meeting.

P. Kelleher said he would do some research into the state and federal prison releases to be sure they were aware that not “releasing into a state of homelessness” included releasing people to shelters.

P. Kelleher said this committee should consider having another Ending Homelessness Conference soon. He suggested that the homeless or former homeless persons run it, supported by the Ending Homelessness Committee. It should include various legislators to give them the opportunity to have a more intimate and open communication with the homeless. His suggestion was well received and the committee agreed to look into it.

P. Kelleher asked L. Jeynes if it was possible to trace increased financial support for ending homelessness through the faith communities involved in the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network. She indicated that might be possible after they have been in operation long enough for a more accurate history from one year to the next.

P. Kelleher introduced V. Thangavelu who volunteers for Harbor Homes, Inc. and may be able to be of assistance to this committee in documenting achievements on the Plan for Ending Homelessness. All welcomed him to the Committee.

Work continued on the SuperNOFA section edits.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am

The next meeting will be May 4, 2005 in the City Hall Auditorium at 9:00 am.