

## GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes  
City Hall – Auditorium  
April 7, 2004  
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1. Call to Order: 8:00 am by Chairperson Lisa Christie.
2. All present introduced themselves.
3. Minutes of the February Meeting: M. Wirbal motioned to accept the February 4, 2004 minutes; P Kelleher seconded and the motion carried.
4. Report on March 3 Retreat/Workshop: P. Kelleher thanked Fannie Mae Foundation for their support of the event and reported that the retreat was a highly successful day with representatives from local government as well as unprecedented attendance from several area Police Departments. Many good comments were made. K. Nijhuis further said that the purpose was to involve the participants through seven focus groups to get input to the Homelessness Plan being developed. The results of these discussions helped to form a better Good Neighbor Agreement and the “100 Things” list (both of which are on the CoC website) showing what agencies/individuals can do or do differently to make ending homelessness happen.
5. HMIS Project: Stephen Eckberg, from the Community Services Council of New Hampshire, spoke about the implementation of the State’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for tracking homelessness. He mentioned that “Service Point” is the software vendor for this system for which a contract has been signed and their servers are housed in Louisiana where the State’s data will be stored. He was hired to initiate the system for the three New Hampshire Continua and has formed a HMIS advisory group including several members of the Nashua CoC. Their next meeting will be on April 21, 2004 (hopefully) when they will be discussing various agreement forms to be developed. Many New England states are already using this system. The possibilities of data sharing will be discussed along with issues of security. He can be contacted by phone at 228-2218 or email, [HMIS@CSCNH.org](mailto:HMIS@CSCNH.org).
6. Health Care for the Homeless: (handouts) Michele Martin, grants writer for Harbor Homes Inc. and affiliates, announced a new proposal she is working on to provide primary health care, substance abuse and mental health treatment/referrals, and dental health treatment/referrals for homeless persons using funding from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) who are now looking to fund new access points for these services. M. Martin said her group would like the blessing of this CoC membership to continue pursuing this project. A discussion followed about how the process must be customized for individual/area need. It must be flexible to serve both people in transitional housing and well as emergency shelters. M. Martin said they are considering setting up a clinic and having an outreach program as well, which would be part

of their “Healthy at Home” program. P. Kelleher said the HRSA grant is a small amount of grant money, only paying about \$200 per client annually. M. Wirbal warned against duplication of services issues; not doing what other agencies are already doing and recommended that they team up and work together with the other agencies delivering these services including Nashua Area Health Center and The Dental Connection. P. Kelleher stated that this health care for the homeless was an integral part of ending homelessness in Nashua. The deadline for this is May 17, 2004. K. Nijhuis made the motion that we entrust a process to pursue this grant to an agency to lead this effort for our service area and that, because Healthy at Home has demonstrated to have done so much work on this grant application already, the CoC endorse them as the lead entity to conduct the process of engaging the provider community and community at large to determine what would best serve our region’s homeless, and submit grant applications to HRSA if the interested participants in this process deemed it appropriate. They would then be requested to report back to the CoC before the next steps are taken. L. Christie asked for a vote of support for this endeavor from the membership and M. Wirbal seconded the motion. There ensued discussion around the possibility of making a decision about this too quickly before everyone had a chance to give input. It was brought out that part of the push to move it forward was because grant money applications for this purpose had a deadline for submission coming up soon in May. L. Christie called for a vote and the motion carried with four members abstaining and none opposing.

7. Data Collection Committee Report: (held until next meeting)
8. Draft Plan to End Homelessness: B. Mack reported that the latest version is available on the CoC website and it is not too late for anyone’s additions or corrections to be submitted.
9. WIA Program: Maureen Griffin reported about the Workforce Investment Act program, which offers support services to help homeless people or dislocated workers in their efforts to find work, and potential for training toward that end. For more information she can be reached at 880-5250.
10. Continua Reports (BOSCO & Manchester): (held until next meeting)
11. Other:
  - a. Lenders’ Participation in CoC Process (held until next meeting)
12. Next Meeting: May 5, 2004, Room 208, Nashua City Hall at 8:00 am.
13. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

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Attendance

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### Officers:

- [p] Lisa Christie (Chair) Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.  
[p] Klaas Nijhuis (Vice-Chair) City of Nashua - Urban Programs  
[p] Linda Jeynes (Clerk) City of Nashua – Urban Programs

### Regular Representatives:

- Tara Davis Bridges (formerly Rape and Assault Services Inc.)  
Agnes Han Bridges (formerly Rape and Assault Services Inc.)  
[p] Bob Mack City of Nashua – Welfare Department  
[p] Susan Mead Community Council of Nashua  
[p] Sharon Face Department of Health & Human Services  
[p] Dave Darling Greater Nashua Habitat for Humanity  
[p] Bob Marks Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc.  
[p] Laurie Skibba Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc.  
Cheryl Rawe Half Moon Sober Festival  
Mary Fisher Half Moon Sober Festival  
[p] Peter Kelleher Harbor Homes, Inc.  
[p] Mary Auer Harbor Homes, Inc.  
[p] Susan Bultman Harbor Homes, Inc.  
[p] Miles Pendry Harbor Homes, Inc.  
Sandra Hurd Keystone Hall  
Sr. Sharon Walsh Marguerite's Place  
[p] Ruth Morrisette Marguerite's Place  
[p] Lori Piper Merrimack County Savings Bank  
[p] Maria Brown Milford, Town of - Welfare Department  
Laura Nault Nashua Advocacy Group  
[p] Mariellen Durso Nashua Area Health Center  
Sarah R. Gagnon Nashua Housing Authority  
Grace Hicks-Grogan Nashua Housing Authority  
[p] Maryse Wirbal Nashua Pastoral Care  
[p] Eileen Brady Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.  
[p] Donna Juskiewicz Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.  
[p] Bridget Belton-Jette Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Nashua  
Linda Gallagher Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Nashua  
[p] Alphonse Haettenschwiller Private Citizen  
[p] David Cull Soul Purpose Property Management/Nashua Advocacy Group  
[p] Wendy Furnari Southern New Hampshire HIV Task Force  
Tony Epaphras Southern New Hampshire Services  
[p] Donnalee Lozeau Southern New Hampshire Services  
Mary Moriarty St John Neumann Church  
Ray Peterson United Way of Greater Nashua

### Attended in Last 12 Months

- Martha Yager American Friends Service Committee  
George Barrett Area Agency of Greater Nashua, Inc.  
Stefan Russakow City of Nashua - Welfare Department

	Kathy Hersh	City of Nashua – Community Development Division
	Mike Vaccaro	City of Nashua - Fire Marshal's Office
	Anne Brockway	City of Nashua – Nashua Transit
	Jade Marco	City of Nashua – Welfare Department
	Russ Johnson	Community Council of Nashua
	Scott Brennan	Community Council of Nashua
	Carol Furlong	Community Council of Nashua
	Kay Golden	Corpus Christi Food Pantry
	Ignatlius MacLellan	Fannie Mae
	Susanne Cameim	Fannie Mae
	Page Cannon	Fellowship Housing
	Brian Sousa	Harbor Homes
[p]	Cara Wheaton	Harbor Homes
	Vicki Kress	Harbor Homes (visitor)
	Jean Bradanick	Harbor Homes (visitor)
	Jeanne Maestranzi	Harbor Homes (visitor)
	Heather Tarr	Harbor Homes (visitor)
	Kathy Treggiari	Harbor Homes (visitor)
	Roger Nadeau	Harbor Homes (visitor)
	Joseph Ntengeri	Harbor Homes, Inc.
	Steve Dooley	Harbor Homes, Inc.
	Robert Tamposi	Harbor Homes, Inc.
	Jean Russell	Harbor Homes, Inc.
[p]	Caley O'Connell	Harbor Homes, Inc.
[p]	Michele Martin	Harbor Homes, Inc.
	Jane Allen	Home, Health & Hospice
	Charlene Brodeur	HUD
	Richard Hatin	HUD
	Roslyn Block	HUD
	Mary Ann Martel	HUD
	Lynn Morrow	HUD
	Michelle Cushion	HUD
	Darlene Xintaras	HUD
	Kathy Baumgardner	HUD – CPD
	Samantha Lussier	HUD – CPD
	Sandra Hurd	Keystone Hall
	Karen Kelley	Keystone Hall
	Luann Barrs	Luann's House of Hope
	Fred Robinson	Manchester CoC (visitor)
	Craig Everett	Manchester CoC (visitor)
	Mark Sousa	Mayor's Office, City of Nashua
	Chaplain Michael Gashey	Nashua Advocacy Group
	Shayana Owen	
	Betsy Portash	Nashua Pastoral Care
	Cheryl Miller	Nashua Pastoral Care
[p]	Jennifer Spencer	Nashua Pastoral Care
	Camille Pattison	Nashua Regional planning Commission (visitor)
	Bob Keating	Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter
	Venus Davila	Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter
	Patricia Hayes	Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.
	Mary Short	Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, Inc.
	Bill Guinthier	New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority

Roy Morrison	NH Coalition to End Homelessness
Christine Lavallee	NH Legal Assistance
Heather Schulze	NH Legal Assistance
Joe Webster	NH Legal Assistance
Sr. Sandra Morgan	SHARE
Carolyn Momenee	SHARE
[p] Mariette Facques	SHARE
[p] Pauline Boggis	
Josh May	Souhegan High School
Joseph L. Racine	Soul Purpose
Mike Amichetti	Southern New Hampshire HIV Task Force
[p] Greg Schneider	Southern New Hampshire Services
Emily Radina	
[p] Maureen Griffin	Southern New Hampshire Services
Pat Gocklin	Southern NH Integrated Care (I Care)
Lynne Weihrauch	Southern NH Integrated Care (I Care)
Robert Demers	St Joseph Hospital
Marie Herb	TAC (visitor)
Cindy Carlson	Under the Bridge
Scott Hodgkins	Under the Bridge
Mike Dunn	Under the Bridge
D. M. Hudson	Under the Bridge
Dino	Under the Bridge
Luis F. Cruz	Public Health – Student Intern
[p] Betsy Korn	Nashua School District
[p] L. L'heureux	Salvation Army
[p] N. Randall	Salvation Army
[p] Marianne Feliciano	HCH
[p] Linda Carter	Healthy at Home
[p] David Blacksmith	Southern NH Rescue Mission
[p] Mel Meyer	Main Street Methodist Church
[p] Steve Eckberg	Community Service Council of New Hampshire
[p] Henry Vincent	Community Service Council of New Hampshire