

Committee on Homelessness Meeting August 6, 2003

Present at the meeting were: Klaas Nijhuis, Bob Mack, Maria Brown, Donna Juskiewicz, Linda Jeynes, Lisa Christie, Eileen Brady, Sister Sharon Walsh, Maryse Wirbal, Stefan Russakow, David Cull, Bob Marks, Peter Kelleher, Roy Morrison and Stephanie Guertin.

The meeting began at 9:25 am. K. Nijhuis welcomed Stefan Russakow from Nashua Health and Community Services.

Copies of last month's minutes/notes were read and approved.

L. Christie reported on the National Association to End Homelessness Conference she attended in Washington. She said that collaboration and coordination were the main theme and ending homelessness was emphasized. Quantitative information as gathered through HMIS is important because Congress wants to see the magnitude of the problem and the impact it has made. Involving businesses in solving the homelessness problem was discussed, especially for creating jobs that pay good wages. She felt the administration was ignoring the "other-than-chronic" homeless people and that housing was not a priority budget item for them. A discussion by the committee followed her report.

S. Russakow reported that that he would be attending all future meetings. He will be another resource/point of contact connected with the Mayor's Office working toward our common goal of ending homelessness in Nashua.

K. Nijhuis recapped the work this committee has been doing to date and suggested that each member of this committee volunteer to help with different sections of the plan to end homelessness in Nashua with the goal of reporting back by the November meeting. A template of B. Keating's draft is available on the CoC website. The list of sections and volunteers is as follows.

Overall project management	Mary Auer (volunteered by P. Kelleher)
Statistics	Bob Marks & Lisa Christie
History	Mary Brown & Donna Juskiewicz
Resources	Sr. Sharon Walsh & David Cull
Linkages with other undertakings	Eileen Brady
Strategy	Maryse Wirbal, Bob Mack, & Lisa Christie
Cost justification	Peter Kelleher & Klaas Nijhuis
Evaluation and monitoring	Ray Peterson (suggested)

P. Kelleher suggested that the next meeting be devoted entirely to discussing strategy.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am. The next Meeting will be September 10,2003 at 9:15 to 10:30 AM in room 208, Nashua City Hall.