

## **GNCOC Executive Committee**

### **Minutes**

December 21, 2005

Harbor Homes, 78 Main Street

**PRESENT:** Lori Cardin, Nashua Children's Home, Chair  
Ruth Morrissette, Marguerite's Place  
Klaas Nijhuis, Harbor Home, Inc.  
Linda Jeynes, Urban Programs  
Bob Mack, Nashua City Welfare  
Sandra Hurd, Keystone Hall  
Donnalee Lozeau, Southern NH Services, Inc. (arrived at 8:20)  
David Cull, Soul Purpose

L. Cardin opened the meeting at 8:10 am and asked everyone to read the minutes (handout) from the last two meetings. K. Nijhuis motioned to accept the minutes of November 16<sup>th</sup>, R. Morrissette seconded, and the motion carried. K. Nijhuis motioned to accept the minutes of November 20<sup>th</sup>, S. Hurd seconded, and the motion carried.

L. Cardin referred to an announcement from HUD wanting to establish a Katrina assistance program within each COC. The criteria included agencies that were on HMIS, in good standing with HUD and a SHP grantee. Harbor Homes, Inc. meets all the criteria. After a short discussion, it was agreed to make K. Nijhuis the contact person for this and he and L. Cardin will make phone calls to agencies that may have helped Katrina victims. This must be reported to HUD by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

L. Cardin opened a discussion about the future meeting sites for the GNCOC to demonstrate to HUD that the GNCOC includes the surrounding towns. While it may help create more participation from the members outside of the city of Nashua, it may diminish the attendance and create confusion among the members if the meeting were to change its meeting place every month. They may consider visiting various agencies and other towns occasionally to better acquaint the membership with each other's organization.

L. Cardin asked for any additions to the GNCOC agenda (handout) as presented for their next meeting. Several upcoming meetings were added to the agenda.

### **Updates**

**Project Homeless Connect:** B. Mack said the project was a great success with good local and state participation, which worked well for our community. The committee took notes on how to do even better next year. He commended the organizing committee for their work on this event and said that thank you letters to the funders were being sent.

**Discharge Planning:** B. Mack reported that the meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> went well with good discussions and good turnout. No decisions were made at this time.

**Tracking EH Plan:** B. Mack said they are looking into obtaining a college intern to track the plan's progress and put into the logic model format.

HOPWA Press Conference: B. Mack reported that this was a great event with good discussions with the state and federal officials and evidence that this committee is pro-active.

### **Unfinished Business**

Guidelines: This project needs to be finished as soon as possible and all agreed it would be taken up at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

K. Nijhuis said that a national study on homelessness is taking place and they are looking for participants in the study. He recommended GNCOC make a commitment to this and promote it by supplying them with data from the GAPS committee's information.

L. Cardin announced that Alderman Mark Cookson has agreed to be the liaison to the GNCOC

### **Next Month's Meetings:**

The next Executive Committee meeting will be **January 18, 2006, at 8:00 am**, at Harbor Homes Inc., 78 Main Street. The GNCOC will meet January 4, 2006, 8:00 am in Room 208, Nashua City Hall. The EHC will meet January 4, 2006, 9:00 am in Room 208, Nashua City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.