

GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes

Nashua City Hall, Room 208

February 1, 2006

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1. Call to Order: 8:06 a.m. Chair Lori Cardin.
2. All present introduced themselves and visitors were welcomed.
3. Minutes of January 4, 2006: (handout) W. Furnari motioned the minutes be accepted, L. Nault seconded and the motion carried.
4. Report of Executive Committee:
 - Guidelines: (handout) K. Nijhuis motioned to accept the “Greater Nashua Continuum of Care Operational Guidelines” as presented by the Executive Committee with the word “bylaws” under Article 9 being changed to read “Guidelines”. Sr. Sharon Walsh seconded and the motion carried. D. Lozeau noted that she voted against the motion due to issues she has with Article 4, Section 3 regarding “conflict of interest”.
 - Discharge Planning update: M. Durso reported that they are trying to set up a meeting in March to continue discussions.
5. Ending Homelessness Committee Update: B. Mack reported that this committee is moving forward with the Plan. They are drafting a letter for communicating with potential funding sources and participants in the Plan. The committee would like more help and he invited other members to come to their meeting today.
6. GAPS Committee Report: D. Juskiewicz reported that as of last week only 18 responses had been received for the annual homeless count. She asked everyone to please have their forms returned as soon as possible. The committee would be meeting again on February 15 to begin compiling the results.
7. SuperNOFA Preparation Committee: M. Auer announced that the preliminary announcement was out at that the SuperNOFA might be announced as soon as next week. She invited other members to join the team. They will be meeting at the Merrimack County Savings Bank.
8. Continua Reports: T. Epaphras said the Manchester COC would be meeting on February 22nd; there was no meeting in January. M. Auer had nothing to report from the BOSCO meeting. P. Kelleher reported that the ICH would be meeting next week.

9. New Hampshire Legal Assistance: M. Perez presented information to the membership about their new office at 21 East Pearl Street in Nashua (603-598-3800). He explained how they will work with clients and have already started doing some casework. They do have Spanish-speaking staff. He asked COC members to send them their clients with legal problems and if their intake staff is unable to help, they will be able refer them elsewhere for help. A discussion ensued around the needs in Nashua for such things as predatory lending issues and immigration issues. Many expressed how happy and excited they were to have this resource in the community. M. Wirbal suggested they set up a meeting with the local Landlord Association.
10. Upcoming Meetings:
- a. Executive Committee Meeting – February 15, 2006, 8:00 am – HHI, 45 High Street.
 - b. Ending Homelessness Committee – February 1st, 9:00 am Room 208, City Hall and February 23rd, 8:30 at Harbor Homes, 45 High Street.
 - c. GAPS Committee Meeting – February 15, 2006, 1:00 pm, Room 208, City Hall.
 - d. General Meeting GNCOC – March 1st, 8:00 am, City Hall Auditorium.
11. Announcements: L. Christie announced that the Soup Kitchen’s annual Empty Bowls fund raising event will take place on February 22nd from 6-8 PM at Nashua South High School. Tickets will be \$12.00 each.
- T. Epaphras announced that Manchester held a very successful homeless seminar which brought together people from the business, government and non-profit sectors. There were 110 people in attendance. So. NH University worked with them; K. Nijhuis in particular.
- B. Belton-Jette introduced the new Director of Development for Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., Janice Hill and their person in charge of the Home Ownership Program, Angelica Weathersby.
- P. Kelleher announced that Harbor Homes hopes to complete their move into 45 High St. by the end of February. The Gathering Place will remain at 78 Main Street.
12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

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