

Committee on Ending Homelessness Meeting February 4, 2004

Present at the meeting were: Eileen Brady, Lisa Christie, Alphonse Haettenschwiller, Linda Jeynes, Donna Juskiewicz, Peter Kelleher, Bob Mack, Bob Marks, and Klaas Nijhuis.

K. Nijhuis lead a discussion around whether to show the film “Home for Winter” at the upcoming retreat on March 3rd. After much discussion it was decided to show the film at the end of the meeting, but not to promote it in the brochure or registration form.

K. Nijhuis then directed the committee to discuss possible questions to be asking of the focus groups during the retreat. He recorded the suggestions on flip charts (see attachment)

Peter Kelleher agreed to prepare a draft Good Neighbor Agreement. Klaas would prepare and distribute the draft focus group questions.

The next meeting will be February 18, 2004 at 8:00 am in room 208 of the Nashua City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Transcript of Flip Charts 2/4/04 Ending Homelessness Committee

The focus groups questions: What will stimulate the conversation and draw out ideas from agency decision makers as to what agencies can commit to for ending homelessness in the Greater Nashua area in the near-, mid- and long-term? And how could individual attendees at the conference work towards getting their agencies to sign on to the needed services?

(Start on a positive note)

- 1) What is your agency presently doing to help end homelessness?
- 2) What is your agency currently planning to do to end homelessness?
- 3) What else is needed to end homelessness from your focus group's perspective?
- 4) What specific activities do you think you can get your agency to sign on to in a Good Neighbor Agreement with the Continuum of Care?

Strategy for getting the participants there. Draft of the GNA.

Targeted municipalities?

- Nashua
- Hudson
- Merrimack
- Milford

Characteristics of these municipalities:

- Substantial number of rental housing units
- Higher total population
- Abutting the City of Nashua

Demonstrate to surrounding communities that the CoC's agencies though generally located in Nashua do serve their residents

Concentrate to maximize return on effort – important stakeholders