

## **GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting**

Minutes

July 20, 2005

Harbor Homes, 78 Main Street

**PRESENT:** Klaas Nijhuis, Urban Programs, Chairperson  
Miles Pendry, Harbor Homes, Inc.  
Linda Jeynes, Urban Programs  
Donnalee Lozeau, Southern NH Services, Inc.  
Bob Mack, Nashua City Welfare  
Sandra Hurd, Keystone Hall

The Chair provided an agenda and started discussions at 8:10 am. Minutes of the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed. There were not enough people to make up a quorum. The chairman accepted the minutes without objection.

### **New Business**

**Request for Letter of Support:** L. Jeynes asked about the possibility of obtaining a letter of support for the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network for their grants applications. The members shared information on how best to request such letters when needed for specific grant applications/projects.

### **Old Business**

**Guidelines:** K. Nijhuis opened the discussion by saying that he had talked with chairs of the other two NH COC's about the possibility of ranking each other's SuperNOFA applications as a possible solution to any "conflict of interest" issues surrounding the way the GNCOC has been doing their ranking thus far, and as a mechanism for closer cooperation/coordination between the three COCs. He explained that the Executive Committee would package the projects/proposals. A Memorandum of Agreement could be designed for the parties involved to sign. B. Mack expressed a concern that local people might be better informed and have a better understanding of the community's needs to do the ranking for projects in our area.

D. Lozeau suggested the possibility of using members of our Executive Committee (not connected to any project application) with members of the two other CoC's Executive Committees to form a Ranking Committee for all three CoCs. K. Nijhuis stated that along with those seeking to address conflict of interest issues, there are also those looking for informed decision-making. By combining the three groups, such a solution might well serve both objectives. There was general agreement by all present that this might be a better solution for everyone. D. Lozeau suggested he find out how the other CoC's are structured for their voting process. K. Nijhuis agreed to try to convene a panel discussion about ranking with all three CoC's sometime in September.

D. Lozeau suggested two minor corrections to Article 6 (names of committees) of the Guidelines and those present agreed that only Article 4 needed to be resolved before the GNCOC could vote to accept the new Guidelines. This will be taken up again at the next Executive Committee meeting.

### **COC ListServ:**

K. Nijhuis reported that some members have complained about the amount and type of e-mails they have received through the GNCOC membership e-mail list. A discussion of the pros and cons ensued as to various approaches to address the problem. It was agreed that a policy would

be incorporated in Article 8 of the Guidelines stating that the GNCOC e-mail list could only be used for specific GNCOC business or non- political information of general interest to the membership. Anyone who repeatedly violates this policy would be blocked access to the list. This will be brought up at the next Executive Committee Meeting. The clerk was charged to draft the policy.

**Ending Homelessness Committee:**

B. Mack reported that this committee has continued to work on updating the Plan and has made progress with the Revolving Loan Fund and with the Tenant/Landlord Toolkits. They have invited some Landlords and Property Managers to their next meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to talk with the committee members.

**Survey at September GNCOC Meeting:**

K. Nijhuis announced that Jack Cambell of the Veteran's Administration wants to do a survey on the VA Challenge Program at the September GNCOC meeting. Those in attendance agreed to add it to the agenda. (Information on the Challenge Program was provided in the handouts to the committee.)

**GNCOC Agenda:**

K. Nijhuis passed out copies of the proposed agenda. A few corrections were noted and those present then approved the agenda.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be **August 17, 2005**, 8:00 am, at Harbor Homes Inc., 78 Main Street. The GNCOC will meet August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am in the City Hall Auditorium.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10.