

Committee on Ending Homelessness
Minutes of the July 28, 2005 Meeting
Room 208, Nashua City Hall

Present at the meeting were: Mary Andosca, Wendy Furnari, Donna Juskiewicz, Tony Epaphras, Alphonse Haettenschwiller, Linda Jeynes, Bob Mack, Germano Martins, Gene Murray, Klaas Nijhuis, and Jennifer Spencer.

B. Mack called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. The minutes of the July 6th meeting were reviewed. T. Epaphras motioned to accept the minutes, W. Furnari seconded and the motion carried.

Prevention Strategy - Landlord/Tenant Tool Kits: The committee discussed which landlords have been invited to attend the EHC meeting on August 3rd when the tool kit will be presented to them for their use. W. Furnari offered to contact some other landlords that may not have been contacted and invite them as well. A. Haettenschwiller suggested we have a Power Point presentation prepared for them with handouts available at the meeting. B. Mack said he would prefer to keep it less formal, show them our suggestions and ask for their input. Give them the tool kits, give them information of the revolving loan fund, tell them about the various types of assistance offered by different agencies in the city to help with rent, security deposits, social services, etc., and generally let them know what we are doing. Mack will look into gathering a list together for them of places to look for help in preventing evictions.

D. Juskiewicz reported that the Tool Kits were not quite finished, but should be ready for anyone to look at early next week. It was agreed that this kit could be offered as a rough draft and that this kit and the list of resources would be an ongoing process.

B. Mack suggested we ask the Landlords if they could give the EHC a list of landlords for use by the agencies.

Rapid Re-house Strategy: The committee discussed the problems with re-housing people in crisis, especially those who have gone to another town or state. The problem is with people losing contact with the resources available to help them. We need to help re-connect them to these interstate or intrastate resources. B. Mack referred to the e-mail example of how San Francisco, CA tackled this problem with a one-day project of having all the agencies and service providers set up tables under a tent for the day and invited all the homeless to come and talk with them.

G. Martins said he would contact Patrick Herlihy from the state to find out how they could help with this problem. He reported the Harbor Homes met on July 11th with members from ICH and are already working on this issue. They will be meeting again at Harbor Homes on August 1st and Martins will attend this meeting.

B. Mack reminded everyone of the upcoming Service Providers Conference in Concord, NH on August 28th. This is another opportunity to connect with other agencies. He also said that J. Spencer has been working on the revolving loan fund and they will set up meetings regularly.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 3, 2005 at 9:00 am in Room 208 at Nashua City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

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